

BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 6, 2023

1. Councilman-Elect Arthur McLaughlin led the Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. The Borough Clerk announced that this is a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of which at least 48 hours' notice has been given by posting in the Borough Hall, publication in The Record and delivery to all members of the governing body.
3. Mayor Romeo called the meeting to order at 7:09 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members Cleary, Kaplan, Olmo, Savas, Schultz-Rummel, Spina
Also Present: Attorney Diktas, Administrator Lavin
5. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Schultz-Rummel to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of November 20, 2023.

All in Favor. None Opposed.

Motion adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. Minutes of the following meetings:

Board of Health
Planning Board

September 18, 2023
November 14, 2023

Filed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

7. Council Member Spina said the BOH sponsored 5k race was good. They want to line it up with the fall festival next year.

Council Member Schultz-Rummel said despite the weather this past Sunday, the tree lighting was a very nice event. Thank you to Recreation Director Jason Mitchell.

Council Member Olmo said tomorrow is Pearl Harbor Day. Please keep the veterans and those who lost their lives in your thoughts.

Council Member Kaplan said we have been faced with a flood of students to our schools caused by the influx of refugees from the Middle East. This is a potential undue burden to our schools and town. I've contacted Congressman Gottheimer's office requesting help for a solution to this problem.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE ON FINAL READING

Ordinance No. 23-26-1627 – Amend Chapter 275, Art. II – Definitions - Building Coverage.

8. Motion at 7:12 PM by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Savas to hear Ordinance No. 23-26-1627 on final reading by title only, Amend Chapter 275, Art. II – Definitions – Building Coverage.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

(Ordinance in full on pages 174A in Minutes of Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held November 1, 2023.)

9. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on November 7, 2023, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public. Planning Board approval has been received.
10. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
11. Mayor Romeo said this series of ordinances are just tightening up some that are a bit antiquated.

No one else wished to be heard.

12. Motion by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Olmo to close the public hearing.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

13. Resolution by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Savas:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that Ordinance No. 23-26-1627, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER §275 ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS-
BUILDING COVERAGE

pass its second and final reading, is hereby adopted and shall be published according to law.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

Ordinance No. 23-27-1628 – Amend Chapter 275-35, R-40, R-15, and R-10 One Family Residence Zones - Building Coverage.

14. Motion at 7:14 PM by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Savas to hear Ordinance No. 23-27-1628 on final reading by title only, Amend Chapter 275-35, R-40, R-15, and R-10 One Family Residence Zone - Building Coverage.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

(Ordinance in full on pages 174B in Minutes of Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held November 1, 2023.)

15. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on November 7, 2023, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public. Planning Board approval has been received.
16. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
17. No one wished to be heard.
18. Motion by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Olmo to close the public hearing.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

19. Resolution by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Savas:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that Ordinance No. 23-27-1628, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER §275-35 R-40, R-15 AND R-10 ONE
FAMILY RESIDENCE ZONE- BUILDING COVERAGE

pass its second and final reading, is hereby adopted and shall be published according to law.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

Ordinance No. 23-28-1629 – Amend Chapter 275, Art. XI - Supplementary Regulations: R-40, R-15, and R-10 Single Family Residence Zones - Exception to Building Coverage.

20. Motion at 7:16 PM by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Savas to hear Ordinance No. 23-28-1629 on final reading by title only, Amend Chapter 275, Art. XI - Supplementary Regulations: R-40, R-15, and R-10 Single Family Residence Zones - Exception to Building Coverage.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

(Ordinance in full on pages 174C in Minutes of Regular
Mayor and Council Meeting held November 1, 2023.)

21. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on November 7, 2023, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public. Planning Board approval has been received.
22. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
23. No one wished to be heard.
24. Motion by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Olmo to close the public hearing.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

25. Resolution by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Olmo:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that Ordinance No. 23-28-1629, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER §275 ARTICLE XI
SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS: R-40, R-15, R-10 SINGLE FAMILY
RESIDENCE ZONES, §275-47.2

pass its second and final reading, is hereby adopted and shall be published according to law.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

Ordinance No. 23-29-1630 – Amend Chapter 275, Art. II, Definitions - Height.

26. Motion at 7:17 PM by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Savas to hear Ordinance No. 23-29-1630 on final reading by title only, Amend Chapter 275, Art. II – Definitions – Height.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

(Ordinance in full on pages 174D in Minutes of Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held November 1, 2023.)

27. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on November 7, 2023, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public. Planning Board approval has been received.
28. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
29. Mayor Romeo thanked Planning Board members Simone Tsigounis and Robert Rummel for their input on this ordinance.

No one else wished to be heard.

30. Motion by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Olmo to close the public hearing.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

31. Resolution by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Olmo:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that Ordinance No. 23-29-1630, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER §275 ARTICLE II
DEFINITIONS - HEIGHT

pass its second and final reading, is hereby adopted and shall be published according to law.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

Ordinance No. 23-30-1631 – Amend Chapter 275-35, R-40, R-15, and R-10 One Family Residence Zones - Building Height.

32. Motion at 7:19 PM by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Olmo to hear Ordinance No. 23-30-1631 on final reading by title only, Amend Chapter 275-35, R-40, R-15, and R-10 One Family Residence Zones – Building Height.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

(Ordinance in full on pages 174E in Minutes of Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held November 1, 2023.)

33. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on November 7, 2023, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public. Planning Board approval has been received.
34. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
35. No one wished to be heard.
36. Motion by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the public hearing.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

37. Resolution by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Savas:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that Ordinance No. 23-30-1631, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER §275-35 R-40, R-15 AND R-10
ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE ZONES – BUILDING HEIGHT

pass its second and final reading, is hereby adopted and shall be published according to law.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

Ordinance No. 23-31-1632 – Amend Chapter 218, Article I – Definitions - Height.

38. Motion at 7:20 PM by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Savas to hear Ordinance No. 23-31-1632 on final reading by title only, Amend Chapter 218, Article I – Definitions – Height.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

(Ordinance in full on page 174G in Minutes of Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held November 1, 2023.)

39. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on November 7, 2023, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public. Planning Board approval has been received.

40. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]

41. No one wished to be heard.

42. Motion by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Olmo to close the public hearing.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

43. Resolution by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Savas:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that Ordinance No. 23-31-1632, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 218 ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS - HEIGHT

pass its second and final reading, is hereby adopted and shall be published according to law.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

Ordinance No. 23-32-1633 – Amend Chapter 275, Art. XI - Supplementary Regulations: R-40, R-15, and R-10 Single Family Residence Zones - Construction of Garages.

44. Motion at 7:22 PM by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Savas to hear Ordinance No. 23-32-1633 on final reading by title only, Amend Chapter 275, Art. XI – Supplementary Regulations: R-14, R-15, and R-10 Single Family Residence Zones – Construction of Garages.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

(Ordinance in full on pages 174F in Minutes of Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held November 1, 2023.)

45. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on November 7, 2023, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public. Planning Board approval has been received.
46. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
47. Mayor Romeo said this ordinance prohibits the construction of garages at or below basement level.

No one else wished to be heard.

48. Motion by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Savas to close the public hearing.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

49. Resolution by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Savas:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that Ordinance No. 23-32-1633, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER §275 ARTICLE XI SUPPLEMENTARY
REGULATIONS: R-40, R-15, R-10 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE ZONES –
CONSTRUCTION OF GARAGES

pass its second and final reading, is hereby adopted and shall be published according to law.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

Ordinance No. 23-33-1634 – Amend Chapter 275, Article II – Definitions – New Construction.

50. Motion at 7:24 PM by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Savas to hear Ordinance No. 23-33-1634 on final reading by title only, Amend Chapter 275, Article II – Definitions – New Construction.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

(Ordinance in full on page 179A in Minutes of Regular
Mayor and Council Meeting held November 20, 2023.)

51. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on November 21, 2023, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public. Planning Board approval has been received.
52. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
53. No one wished to be heard.
54. Motion by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Olmo to close the public hearing.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

55. Resolution by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Savas:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that Ordinance No. 23-33-1634, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 275 ARTICLE II DEFINITIONS - NEW CONSTRUCTION

pass its second and final reading, is hereby adopted and shall be published according to law.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 23-34-1635 – An Ordinance to Rename the Cresskill Community Center

56. Motion at 7:25 PM by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Olmo to introduce Ordinance No. 23-34-1635 on first reading by title only, An Ordinance to Rename the Cresskill Community Center.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

(Ordinance in full on page 192A.)

57. Resolution by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Olmo:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that the following Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE TO RENAME THE CRESSKILL COMMUNITY CENTER

now pass on first reading and remain on file with the Borough Clerk for public inspection until public hearing thereon and further consideration thereof.

Such hearing shall be held at the Borough Hall in Cresskill on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as it can be reached, at which time and place all persons interested in said ordinance will be heard.

The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish said ordinances with the notice of hearing thereon, in an official newspaper according to law, also to mail copies of said ordinance when and as required by law.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

Ordinance No. 23-35-1636 – An Ordinance to Fix the Salaries, Wages and Compensation of the Officers and Employees of the Borough of Cresskill – Year 2024.

58. Motion at 7:27 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to introduce Ordinance No. 23-35-1636 on first reading by title only, An Ordinance to Fix the Salaries, Wages and Compensation of the Officers and Employees of the Borough of Cresskill – Year 2024.

Roll Call: Yes – Council Members Cleary, Kaplan, Olmo, Savas, Schultz-Rummel, Spina
No – None
Absent – None
Abstain – None
Motion adopted.

(Ordinance in full on pages 192B through 192F.)

59. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that Ordinance No. 23-35-1636, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL - YEAR 2024

does now pass on first reading and remain on file with the Borough Clerk for public inspection until public hearing thereon and further consideration thereof.

Such hearing shall be held at the Borough Hall in Cresskill on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as it can be reached, at which time and place all persons interested in said ordinance will be heard.

The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish said ordinance in full, with the notice of hearing thereon, in an official newspaper according to law, also to mail copies of said ordinance when and as required by law.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

60. Borough Clerk Maragliano explained all items on the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolutions

61. WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 78 had a sunset provision on the required healthcare contributions; and

WHEREAS, after the full implementation of contribution set forth in section 39 healthcare contributions becomes a negotiated item; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill has negotiated with the contracting units for the healthcare contributions and all parties have agreed on the following:

SINGLE COVERAGE

	% Jan-Dec Year 2024	% Jan-Dec Year 2025	% Jan-Dec Year 2026	% Jan-Dec Year 2027
	<u>YEAR 1</u>	<u>YEAR 2</u>	<u>YEAR 3</u>	<u>YEAR 4</u>
SALARY				
less than 20,000	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
20,000 - 24,999	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50
25,000 - 29,999	7.75	7.75	7.75	7.75
30,000 - 34,999	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.25
35,000 - 39,999	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
40,000 - 44,999	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
45,000 - 49,999	11.75	11.75	11.75	11.75
50,000 - 54,999	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50
55,000 - 59,999	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50
60,000 - 64,999	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
65,000 - 69,999	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25
70,000 - 74,999	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00

75,000 - 79,999	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
80,000 - 94,999	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
95,000 and over	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00

**FAMILY
COVERAGE**

	% Jan-Dec Year 2024	% Jan-Dec Year 2025	% Jan-Dec Year 2026	% Jan-Dec Year 2027
	<u>YEAR 1</u>	<u>YEAR 2</u>	<u>YEAR 3</u>	<u>YEAR 4</u>
SALARY				
less than 25,000	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
25,000 - 29,999	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50
30,000 - 34,999	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25
35,000 - 39,999	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75
40,000 - 44,999	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50
45,000 - 49,999	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75
50,000 - 54,999	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
55,000 - 59,999	11.75	11.75	11.75	11.75
60,000 - 64,999	13.75	13.75	13.75	13.75
65,000 - 69,999	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
70,000 - 74,999	16.75	16.75	16.75	16.75
75,000 - 79,999	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50
80,000 - 84,999	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
85,000 - 89,999	19.25	19.25	19.25	19.25
90,000 - 94,999	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50
95,000 - 99,999	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25
100,000-109,999	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
110,000 and over	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00

**MEMBER/SPOUSE OR PARENT /CHILD
COVERAGE**

	% Jan-Dec Year 2024	% Jan-Dec Year 2025	% Jan-Dec Year 2026	% Jan-Dec Year 2027
	<u>YEAR 1</u>	<u>YEAR 2</u>	<u>YEAR 3</u>	<u>YEAR 4</u>
SALARY				
less than 25,000	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.25
25,000 - 29,999	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
30,000 - 34,999	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75
35,000 - 39,999	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50
40,000 - 44,999	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
45,000 - 49,999	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.25
50,000 - 54,999	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50
55,000 - 59,999	13.75	13.75	13.75	13.75
60,000 - 64,999	16.25	16.25	16.25	16.25
65,000 - 69,999	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50
70,000 - 74,999	19.25	19.25	19.25	19.25
75,000 - 79,999	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
80,000 - 84,999	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50
85,000 - 99,999	21.75	21.75	21.75	21.75
100,000 and over	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the above captioned contribution percentages be approved and applicable to all contracting units and non-contracting employees for years 2024 through 2027.

62. WHEREAS, the Borough has currently employed Christopher S. Ulshoefer, as the Fire Chief of the part-time paid Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Borough officials have met with Chief Ulshoefer, and have engaged in ongoing negotiations of the Amended Financial Conditions to the Employment Agreement with Chief Ulshoefer's Employment Contract; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Amended Financial Conditions to the terms of the Contract have been reviewed by the Finance Committee, who are of the opinion that the Municipality has adequate finances to enter into the Amended Employment Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council does hereby accept the recommendation presented and does hereby Authorize Mayor Benedict Romeo to execute the Contract between the Borough of Cresskill and Chief Christopher S. Ulshoefer,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified to be true copy of this Resolution be tendered to Chief Christopher S. Ulshoefer, Dianne Lavin, Acting CFO/Borough Administrator, Borough Attorney Christos J. Diktas, and Francesca Maragliano, Borough Clerk

63. WHEREAS, the contract with the Borough of Cresskill and the Collective Bargaining Agreement ("CBA") with the PBA 180 will expire on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Borough officials and the representatives of the PBA 180 have met and engaged in ongoing negotiations for the terms and provisions to be contained in the CBA; and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Agreement has been presented, which has been accepted by the PBA 180, subject to Acceptance by the Municipality and Execution by Mayor Benedict Romeo; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Impact of the Memorandum of Agreement has been reviewed by the Finance Committee, who are of the opinion that the Municipality has adequate finances to enter into this Collective Bargaining Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council does hereby accept the negotiated recommendations presented and does hereby Authorize Mayor Benedict Romeo to execute the Memorandum of Agreement confirming same, subject to the inclusion of the Amended Financial Terms into the revised Collective Bargaining Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified to be true copy of this Resolution be tendered to the PBA Local 180, Dianne Lavin, Acting CFO/Borough Attorney Christos J. Diktas, Francesca Maragliano, Borough Clerk

64. WHEREAS, the contract with the Borough of Cresskill and the Collective Bargaining Agreement ("CBA") with the IAFF Local 4896 will expire on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Borough officials and the representatives of the IAFF Local 4896 have met and engaged in ongoing negotiations for the terms and provisions to be contained in the CBA; and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Agreement has been presented, which has been accepted by the IAFF Local 4896, subject to Acceptance by the Municipality and Execution by Mayor Benedict Romeo; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Impact of the Memorandum of Agreement has been reviewed by the Finance Committee, who are of the opinion that the Municipality has adequate finances to enter into this Collective Bargaining Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council does hereby accept the negotiated recommendations presented and does hereby Authorize Mayor Benedict Romeo to execute the Memorandum of Agreement confirming same, subject to the inclusion of the Amended Financial Terms into the revised Collective Bargaining Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified to be true copy of this Resolution be tendered to the IAFF Local 4896, Dianne Lavin, Acting CFO/Borough Attorney Christos J. Diktas, Francesca Maragliano, Borough Clerk

65. WHEREAS, the Recreation Committee has scheduled various programs; and

WHEREAS, the following participant was unable to attend;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the recreation fee be returned to:

Jinhee Seo
(for: Teakyun Kim)
 227 Grant Avenue
 Cresskill, NJ 07626
 Amount: \$96.00

Motions

66. Appoint Robert Ross to the Planning Board as Alt. II for term ending December 31, 2025.

67. Council Member Olmo advised that Resolution #1 (#61) cannot be done this year because it expires at the end of this year. It should be on the Reorganization meeting agenda. Attorney Diktas agreed.

68. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to carry Resolution #1 (#61) to the Reorganization meeting agenda.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CONCERNING THE CONSENT AGENDA ONLY [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]

69. No one wished to be heard.

70. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Olmo to close the meeting to remarks on agenda items.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

71. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Savas to consider all items, excluding Resolution #1 (#61), marked with an asterisk as a single question.

On the question: The Borough Clerk announced that copies of all items marked with an asterisk have been posted in the Borough Hall and made available to the public.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

72. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Savas to adopt all items with an asterisk, excluding Resolution #1 (#61), as a single question.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

73. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary:

(Resolution in full on pages 197A through 197G.)

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR THE GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE BOROUGH
[Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]

74. Council Member Savas congratulated Arthur McLaughlin for his win as Councilman in the general election. I want to thank Cougar's United Soccer for the lovely dinner celebrating their 30-year anniversary.

Council Member Olmo said we have increases in BCUA fees and employee health benefit costs, etc. for next year, making it challenging for us and Acting CFO Lavin in preparing for next year's budget because we base our numbers on the prior year's numbers. The state doesn't reward municipalities for being fiscally responsible. It's more like being penalized.

Mayor Romeo said when he began as Mayor, we were getting over \$1.3MM in state aid, this year it will be under \$900k. You get penalized being a well-run affluent town.

No one else wished to be heard.

75. Motion at 7:35 P.M. by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the meeting and adjourn.

All in Favor. None Opposed. Motion adopted.

Benedict Romeo
Mayor

Francesca Maragliano
Borough Clerk