

## BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 1, 2023

1. American Legion Commander Joe Cutolo 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 7:11 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members Cleary, Kaplan, Olmo, Savas, Schultz-Rummel, Spina  
Also Present: Attorney Diktas, Chief Domville
5. Resolution by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Spina:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the position having been duly advertised, now in accordance with Borough Code Chapter 44, Section VI, Dianne Lavin is hereby appointed to the full-time position of Borough Administrator, effective February 2, 2023, to serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council does hereby authorize Mayor Benedict Romeo or his Designee to execute the Contract with Dianne Lavin, as Borough Administrator and that a Certified to be True Copy of this Resolution be served upon Dianne Lavin, Borough Administrator and Francesca Maragliano, Borough Clerk.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

6. Borough Clerk Maragliano swore in Borough Administrator Dianne Lavin.
7. Chief Domville thanked the Cresskill Police Department and the Mayor and Council. He also thanked the families of Lieutenants Jeremy Luciano and Jason Lanzilotti and gave a brief history of their service with the CPD.
8. Resolution by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Spina:

WHEREAS, Chief Domville met with the Police Committee regarding a police promotion; and

WHEREAS, the Police Committee reviewed his recommendation and agreed with the promotion proposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that Lieutenant Jeremy Luciano be promoted to the rank of Captain in accordance with Ordinance No. 20-09-1559, effective immediately.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

9. Borough Clerk Maragliano swore in Captain Jeremy Luciano.
10. Resolution by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Schultz-Rummel:

WHEREAS, Chief Domville met with the Police Committee regarding a police promotion; and

WHEREAS, the Police Committee reviewed his recommendation and agreed with the promotion proposed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that Lieutenant Jason Lanzilotti be promoted to the rank of Captain in accordance with Ordinance No. 20-09-1559, effective immediately.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

11. Borough Clerk Maragliano swore in Captain Jason Lanzilotti.
12. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Olmo to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of January 18, 2023.

All in Favor. None Opposed. Motion adopted.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

13. Minutes of the following meetings:

Planning Board	January 10, 2023
Board of Health	November 15, 2022

Filed.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

14. Council Member Savas said the Library is entering into a contract with Dr. Morgan for temporary space at the circle during their renovations.

Council Member Spina said the BOH newsletter has been mailed out. Dr. Morgan met with the Mayor's Wellness campaign and are setting up an assembly with the Middle/High School regarding mental health and drug & alcohol use. They also signed up for the Healthy Town designation as they did last year.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### ORDINANCE ON FINAL READING

#### Ordinance No. 23-01-1602 – An Ordinance to Fix the Salaries, Wages and Compensation of the Officers and Employees of the Borough of Cresskill- Year 2023

15. Motion at 7:31 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to introduce Ordinance No. 23-01-1602 on final reading by title only, An Ordinance to Fix the Salaries, Wages and Compensation of the Officers and Employees of the Borough of Cresskill – Year 2023.

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 17A through 17E in Minutes of Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held January 18, 2023.)

16. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on January 20, 2023, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public.

17. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
18. No one wished to be heard.
19. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the public hearing.

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

20. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Spina:

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. 23-01-1602, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES AND  
 COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES  
 OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL - YEAR 2023.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 23-02-1603 – Amend Chapter 53-19 - Article III Police Department Organization

21. Motion at 7:32 PM by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Spina to introduce Ordinance No. 23-02-1603 on first reading by title only, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 53-19 Police Department Composition of the Borough of Cresskill in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

(Ordinance in full on page 25A.)

22. 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 Ordinance No. 23-02-1603, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 53-19 POLICE DEPARTMENT  
 COMPOSITION OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL IN THE COUNTY OF  
 BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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.





WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure that the Annual Recycling Tonnage Grant is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill hereby endorses the services of the Bergen County Utilities Authority to certify the municipalities Annual Recycling Tonnage Report recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and designates James Noseworthy, 325 Piermont Road, to ensure that the said application is properly filed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the terms of this Service Agreement shall be for a term of one (1) year, commencing March 1, 2023.

30. WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill have designated the depository banks at the reorganization meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have appointed Dianne Lavin to the position of Borough Administrator.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, Bergen County, New Jersey that all drafts, checks, etc. shall be signed by Borough Administrator Dianne Lavin effective immediately.

31. WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has vacated the position, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have appointed Dianne Lavin as the Borough Administrator; and

WHEREAS, to preserve and maintain Borough business during the interim of replacing the Chief Financial Officer the Borough Administrator is authorized to make payments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, Bergen County, New Jersey that payments are authorized to be made by Borough Administrator Dianne Lavin effective immediately.

32. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the following January 2023 payrolls be ratified and approved:

<u>January 13, 2023</u>	
Current Fund	\$ 319,803.53
Community Center	2,103.48
Library	<u>15,300.82</u>
	\$ 337,207.83

<u>January 27, 2023</u>	
Current Fund	\$ 822,462.67
Community Center	7,756.31
Library	<u>21,687.33</u>
	\$ 851,906.31

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

WHEREAS, the following participants were unable to attend;

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

Tanya Puig (for: Ava Puig) 408 Lafayette Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$200.00	Orna Ben-Or (for: David Sofer) 80 Eisenhower Drive Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$200.00	Gilad Meushar (for: Yuval & Maayan Meushar) 67 Roosevelt Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$440.00
Alix Grubbs (for: Hudson Grubbs) 152 Madison Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$200.00	Gaby Wilner (for: Yotam Wilner) 65 Lexington Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$200.00	Ronit Bacalu (for: Adam Bacalu) 300 County Road Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$220.00
Michal Sabbag (for: Nadav Sabbag) 6 Oxford Place Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$200.00	Mikyoung Won (for: Logan Won) 112 Jefferson Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$200.00	Anat Haramati (for: Tom Haramati) 56 Churchill Road Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$200.00
Caroline Wein (for: Leo Wein) 476 12 <sup>th</sup> Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$200.00	Jinyoung Lim (for: Maxx Lee) 1305 Tenakill Park West Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$200.00	Jung Kang (for: San Kang) 5 Short Place Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$200.00
Keeyoung Lim (for: David Park) 6 Crest Drive South Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$220.00	Lior Rosenthal (for: Adam Rosenthal) 37 Buckingham Road Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$200.00	Liron Bensusan (for: Daniel Bensusan) 308 Grant Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$220.00
Mikyoung Shin (for: Aiden Kwak) 3 Burton Place Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$200.00	Minsik Kim (for: Dowon Kim) 10 Linwood Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$120.00	Roman Faynzilbert (for: Ryan Faynzilbert) 184 5 <sup>th</sup> Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$200.00
Shani Lotan (for: Erez Lotan) 63 Carleton Terrace Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$220.00	Zak Fox (for: Omer Fox) 131 4 <sup>th</sup> Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$200.00	Sarah Lee (for: James & Jian Kuk) 40 Park Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$400.00
Yuon Jin Jun (for: Ryan Chung) 26 Willis Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$200.00	Gloriann Daly (for: Andrew Daly) 7 Woodland Road Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$120.00	Paola Sayag (for: Eliav Sayag) 117 Park Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$220.00
Sebough Nahabedian (for: Alec Nahabedian) 16 Fairway Court Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$200.00	Sehee Kim (for: Lucas Chang) 73 Phelps Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$200.00	Kerri Levine (for: Chase Levine) 147 Truman Drive Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$200.00

34. BE IT RESOLVED that the following applications for Filling Station Licenses for the year 2023 be and hereby are granted, having been approved by the proper officials:

<u>OPERATOR</u>	<u>TRADING AS</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Lukoil, LLC Vijay Bawa	Circle Mart, Inc. Delta Fuel, Inc.	229 Knickerbocker Road 108 Piermont Road

- 35. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that Daniel Blackley be appointed as a School Crossing Guard at a salary of \$19.67 per hour, effective immediately.
- 36. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the Tax Collector be, and hereby is, authorized to effect the following tax refund due to overpayment of taxes:

<u>TAX PERIOD</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4 <sup>th</sup> qtr 2022	14.03	4	Stephanie & John Hronic 368 12 <sup>th</sup> Street Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$ 3,703.17

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

- 37. No one wished to be heard.
- 38. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the meeting to remarks on agenda items.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

- 39. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Savas to consider all items 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.

- 40. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Savas to adopt all items with an asterisk as a single question.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

- 41. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary:

(Resolution in full on pages 30A through 30I.)

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.]

- 42. Mayor Romeo said last week we received a letter from the Army Corp. of Engineers stating they have approved the approval to come and look at the problems with the brooks. This has been ongoing since October 2021, and they are going to start implementing the feasibility study soon.

Antonella Kozeradsky, 120 10<sup>th</sup> Street asked if residents should contact Rep. Josh Gottheimer about the flooding issues. Council Member Olmo said you can continue to write letters to our Senators and Congress.



Yvonne Callas, 15 South Pond Road asked if it's true there was so much flooding because there was a dam behind Holy Angels that burst. Mayor Romeo said it did and the water came down the Cresskill brook.

Ms. Kozeradsky asked if the Police cars need to idle for hours near the lead pipe replacement work on Magnolia Avenue. Chief Domville said we use our older, less reliable vehicles for traffic details, and if they are the closest officer and a serious incident occurs, we want to be sure they can get there right away.

Ms. Callas said there's been some burglaries in her area recently. As residents, is there anything we can do. Chief Domville said it's a regional problem, and since Christmas we've had several break-in attempts. We've identified the group you're referring to and we're working on warrants. Detective Sergeant Birnie said they targeted houses that were dark and looked empty. You can look out for your neighbors and if you see something, call the police. Chief Domville advised if they see a strange car in the neighborhood, call the police. That's what we're here for. We're also going to be more active in real time with information on social media.

Rick Gold, 9 South Pond Road said his house is in front of the retention basins and he had significant flooding after Hurricane Ida. There have been people surveying and some stakes placed in there. Is there a plan to do further remediation? Mayor Romeo said that's the Engineering firm we hired plotting everything out. Attorney Diktas said we are waiting for DEP approval on a lot of the issues. Also, landscapers have been dumping grass clippings in the basins over the years.

No one else wished to be heard.

43. Motion at 8:01 P.M. by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Olmo to close the meeting and adjourn.

All in Favor. None Opposed.

Motion adopted.

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Benedict Romeo  
Mayor

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Francesca Maragliano  
Borough Clerk