

BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 15, 2023

1. Captain Luciano 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 7:17 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members Cleary, Kaplan, Schultz-Rummel, Spina
Also Present: Attorney Diktas, Captain Luciano
Absent: Council Members Olmo, Savas
5. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Cleary to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of March 1, 2023.

All in Favor. None Opposed.

Motion adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. Minutes of the following meeting:

Planning Board

February 28, 2023

Filed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

7. Council Member Spina said the CEC has scheduled the shredding day for Saturday, April 29th, and the poster/essay contest submissions by the elementary school students are due by April 14th.

Council Member Schultz-Rummel said a Mommy and me gym will be going where The Peddler Restaurant on East Madison Ave. was located.

Council Member Kaplan said the Garden Committee is looking for members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE ON FINAL READING

Ordinance No. 23-06-1607 – Amend Salary Ordinance No. 23-01-1602 for the Year 2023.

8. Motion at 7:21 PM by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Spina to hear Ordinance No. 23-06-1607 on final reading by title only, An Ordinance to Amend Salary Ordinance No. 23-01-1602 to Fix the Salaries, Wages, Compensation and Other Terms of Employment of Certain Positions of the Borough of Cresskill for the Calendar Year 2023.

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

(Ordinance in full on pages 41A through 41E in Minutes of Regular
 Mayor and Council Meeting held March 1, 2023.)

9. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on March 5, 2023, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public.
10. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
11. No one wished to be heard.
12. Motion by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the public hearing.

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

13. Resolution by Council Member Schultz-Rummel 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. 23-06-1607, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 23-01-1602 TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES, COMPENSATION AND OTHER TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN POSITIONS OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL FOR THE CALENDAR 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, Schultz-Rummel, Spina
 No – None
 Absent – Council Members Olmo, Savas
 Abstain – None
 Resolution adopted.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolutions

15. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the Mayor be, and hereby is, authorized to execute an amendment to the Solid Waste Service Agreement with the Bergen County Utilities Authority for Cresskill's participation in the BCUA Solid Waste Cooperative Marketing Program for term ending May 31, 2024.
16. WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Cresskill was previously authorized to advertise for Bids for the Cresskill Fire Department Roof Replacement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Notice, the receipt and opening of Bids took place on February 22, 2023; at which time the following bid was received:

Company	Base Bid
Arista Builders and Designers, Inc.	\$ 72,000.00

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Cresskill has confirmed the availability of funds for the project; and

WHEREAS, Arcari & Iovino Architects PC has recommended acceptance of the Bid submitted by Arista Builders and Designers, Inc. as being the apparent low and most Responsible Bidder;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill does hereby award the Bid for the Cresskill Fire Department Roof Replacement to Arista Builders and Designers, Inc. in the amount of Seventy-Two Thousand Dollars (\$72,000.00); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough requires the submission of the following Original Documents: Performance Bond and Payment Bond, Certificate of Insurance, Affirmative Action Affidavit and Initial Project Workforce Report (Form AA-201) before the Contract is issued; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor Benedict Romeo is authorized to execute, on behalf of the Borough, the Approved Construction Contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Certified to be True copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Arista Builders and Designers, Inc.; Arcari & Iovino Architects PC; Francesca Maragliano, Borough Clerk and Christos J. Diktas, Esq., Borough Attorney.

17. WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$48,900.00 has been proposed by Vantage Health System, Inc. for VHS Preparation, Prevention and Response to COVID 19 #5 in the municipality of Cresskill, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Cresskill, and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid CD funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of Cresskill hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

18. WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development grant of \$15,200.00 has been proposed by Vantage Health System, Inc. for VHS Preparation, Prevention and Response to COVID 19 #7 in the municipality of Cresskill, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Governing Body, and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Cresskill, and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality

and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid CD funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of Cresskill hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

- 19. WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Cresskill was previously authorized to advertise for Bids for the Renovation of the Cresskill Public Library; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Notice, the receipt and opening of Bids took place on February 7, 2023; at which time the following bid was received:

Company	Base Bid
G. Meyer Group, Inc.	\$ 1,181,550.00

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Cresskill has confirmed the availability of funds for the project; and

WHEREAS, Lothrop Associates Architects, Inc. has recommended acceptance of the Bid submitted by G. Meyer Group, Inc. as being the apparent low and most Responsible Bidder;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill does hereby award the Bid for the Renovation of the Cresskill Public Library to G. Meyer Group, Inc. in the amount of One Million One Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,181,550.00).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough requires the submission of the following Original Documents: Performance Bond and Payment Bond, Certificate of Insurance, Affirmative Action Affidavit and Initial Project Workforce Report (Form AA-201) before the Contract is issued; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor Benedict Romeo is authorized to execute, on behalf of the Borough, the Approved Construction Contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Certified to be True copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to G. Meyer Group, Inc.; Lothrop Associates Architects, Inc.; Francesca Maragliano, Borough Clerk; Christos J. Diktas, Esq., Borough Attorney and Laura Chumas, Library Director.

- 20. WHEREAS, application has been made by New Jersey Package Store LLC, currently trading as Cresskill Liquors, located at 37 Union Avenue, Cresskill, New Jersey under License No. 0208-44-004-007; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, New Jersey Package Store LLC wishes to amend the trade name from Cresskill Liquors to Coasters; and

WHEREAS, the said applicant has complied with all applicable requirements of the Statutes of New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the following trade name amendment to license #0208-44-004-007 be approved:

<p><u>APPLICANT</u> New Jersey Package Store LLC License No. 0208-44-004-007</p>	<p><u>T/A</u> Coasters 37 Union Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626</p>
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21. BE IT RESOLVED, as recommended by the Municipal Pool Commission, that the following refund, be authorized from the Municipal Swim Club Account:

Joohee Lee
9 Lindley Avenue, Unit B
Tenafly, NJ 07670
Amount: \$696.00

22. WHEREAS, the 2023 Salary Ordinance No. 23-06-1607 was adopted on March 15, 2023 which indicates the minimum and maximum base salaries for job titles in the Borough of Cresskill; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor has made a recommendation to approve a schedule identifying the job title and corresponding base salary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill approve the schedule as indicated:

POSITION	2023 BASE SALARY
Borough Administrator	85,000.00
Borough Clerk/Election Official	110,000.00
Deputy Borough Clerk	84,000.00
Administrative Assistant – Full Time	45,000.00
Secretary - Part Time	39.67 Per Hour
Municipal Housing Liaison	5,000.00 Stipend
Municipal Housing Trust Fund Preparer	10,000.00 Stipend
Tax Assessor	32,235.00
Registrar/Billing Clerk	45,000.00
Deputy Registrar	1,500.00
Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer	90,000.00
Tax Collector- Part Time	22,000.00
Payroll Clerk	60,938.00
Accounting Clerk	73,927.00
Purchasing Agent	6,000.00
Construction Code Official	58,407.00
Fire Sub-Code	10,233.00
Plumbing Sub-Code	16,979.00
Electrical Inspector	11,950.00
Building Dept. Secretary	56,622.00
Property Maintenance Officer	31.00 Per Hour
Director of Human Services	15,155.00
Fire Marshall	18,278.00
Library Director	92,007.00
Librarian	50,527.00
Librarian	56,100.00
Librarian	60,000.00
Library - Accounting Clerk	16,778.00
Library - Recording Secretary	1,967.00
Judge	21,943.00
Violations Clerk	35,700.00
Court Administrator	33.12 Per Hour
Prosecutor	14,103.00
Public Defender	200.00 Per Session
Planning Board - Recording Secretary	15,575.00
Chief of Police	204,000.00
Deputy Chief of Police	191,017.00
Police Administrative Assistant	25.47 Per Hour

Dispatcher – Step 10	71,186.00
Dispatcher – Step 2	41,868.00
Dispatcher – Step 4	49,198.00
Dispatcher – Step 6	56,529.00
Buildings and Grounds	45,900.00
Fire Chief	174,639.00
Fire Department - Firefighter	135,302.00
Fire Department - Firefighter	135,302.00
Fire Department - Firefighter	135,302.00
Fire Department – Firefighter	46,517
Superintendent of Public Works	156,060.00
Superintendent of Public Works - C-2 License	2,500.00
Superintendent of Public Works - CPWM	10,000.00
Superintendent of Public Works - SWMC	3,500.00
DPW Administrative Assistant	60,000.00
Recycling Coordinator	9,400.00
Director of Parks and Recreation	79,384.00
Recreation Program Supervisor	50,000.00
Recreation Administrative Assistant	41,580.00
Recreation Secretary	23.96 Per Hour
Community Center Coordinator	51,640.00
Archivist	5,000.00
Newsletter Coordinator	6,000.00
Technology Officer	10,000.00 Stipend
Senior Citizens Director	64,849.00
Senior Citizen Van Driver	23.99 Per Hour
Swim Club Pool Manager	14,500.00
Swim Club Assistant Pool Manager	9,260.00
Swim Club Assistant Pool Manager	8,000.00
Swim Club Snack Bar Manager	10,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment Recording Secretary	31.45 Per Hour

23. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY
VIA ON-LINE AUCTION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill is the owner of certain surplus property which is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill is desirous of selling said surplus property in an “as is” condition without express or implied warranties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, as follows:

1. The sale of surplus property shall be conducted through GovDeals pursuant to State Contract A-70967/T2581 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals is available online at govdeals.com and also available from the Borough of Cresskill.
2. The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction is govdeals.com.
3. The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9.
4. A list of the surplus property to be sold is indicated on Schedule A attached hereto.
5. The surplus property as identified shall be sold in an “as is” condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a

Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said surplus property.

6. The Borough of Cresskill reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.
24. WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill, pursuant to Ordinance, has created the Cresskill Volunteer Ambulance & Emergency Services Company (hereinafter “CVAES”); and

WHEREAS, the CVAES Members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council; and

WHEREAS, fulfilling the Membership requirements, as established by the Mayor & Council and the Rules and Regulations of the Cresskill Fire Department and Cresskill Emergency Services Department, plus the requirements annotated in Ordinance §15-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the following individual:

Alexandra Stygar - EMS

has petitioned the Mayor seeking to become a Member of the CVAES; and

WHEREAS, each Petition/Application has been submitted to the Board of Fire Officers and approved by same, subject to the final approval and appointment by the Mayor and Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above individual is hereby appointed by Mayor Benedict Romeo and each respective appointment is confirmed by the Council, subject to the respective appointee complying with the Cresskill Revised General Ordinances, specifically, §15-1 et seq., specifically §15-5, Requirements of the Volunteer Division; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Certified to be True Copy of this Resolution be served upon each Appointee; Fire Chief Christopher Ulshoefer; Dianne Lavin, Administrator; Francesca Maragliano, Borough Clerk

25. 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:

Claire Gumus
(for: Emir Gumus)
52 Westervelt Place
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$25.00

Miscellaneous Business

26. Approve the following Raffle Licenses:

RL 1448	Bergen County Police Chiefs Association	July 10, 2023
RL 1449	Cresskill UNICO Carnival	May 3 – May 6, 2023

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

27. No one wished to be heard.

28. 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.

29. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Cleary 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.

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

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

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

(Resolution in full on pages 54A through 54I.)

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.]

32. Mayor Romeo said FEMA has paid all our claims relating to the flooding from Hurricane Ida. We are waiting to see how the BOE makes out.

No one else wished to be heard.

33. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the meeting to remarks from the public.

All in Favor. None Opposed. Motion adopted.

34. Resolution by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Schultz-Rummel:

RESOLVED that pursuant to Subsection 7(b) of the Open Public Meetings Act the public can be excluded from a public meeting so that proceedings can be conducted in closed session and the Mayor and Council now intending to discuss:

pending or anticipated litigation involving Cresskill;

personnel matters involving employment, appointment, termination, evaluation, discipline or promotion of Cresskill personnel;

negotiations involving employees of Cresskill;

protection of the safety of public property;

matters which, if disclosed, would work an unwarranted invasion of privacy;

purchase or lease of real property;

[] deliberations after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a penalty or loss or suspension of a license or permit;

[] matters which, if disclosed, would impair a right to receive United States Government funds;

[] matters rendered confidential by Federal or State law;

this meeting shall be continued in closed session and the discussion in closed session shall be disclosed to the public upon taking final action thereon, provided disclosure shall not release the attorney-client privilege or constitute an undue invasion of privacy.

RESOLVED further that although not now anticipated, the Mayor and Council reserve the right to return to open session upon conclusion of the closed session.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous. Resolution adopted.

35. Motion at 7:26 P.M. by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Cleary to adjourn the meeting.

All in Favor. None Opposed. Motion adopted.

Benedict Romeo
Mayor

Francesca Maragliano
Borough Clerk