

BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 4, 2023

1. Council Member Spina 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 7:13 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members Cleary, Kaplan, Olmo, Savas, Schultz-Rummel, Spina
Also Present: Attorney Diktas, Administrator Lavin, Chief Domville
5. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Cleary to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of September 20, 2023.

All in Favor. None Opposed.

Motion adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. Minutes of the following meetings:

Board of Health
Planning Board

June 20, 2023
September 12 & 26, 2023

Filed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

7. Council Member Spina said despite the rain, the BOH sponsored 5k was a success last Sunday.

Council Member Savas said the library construction project is on schedule for completion in March 2024. We applied for the T-Mobile grant for the fire alarm and Wi-Fi work. We had the ribbon cutting for the United Way home. Thank you to Faye Graye who brought the need for this home to our attention. Also, to Tom Toronto of the United Way and everyone involved who helped with this project. Mayor Romeo said we also got COAH credits.

Council Member Olmo said the Swim Club had a successful season. The only issue is with the snack concession, which doesn't seem to make any money. The DPW will begin leaf pickup so be mindful of not parking your cars on the leaves. Also, Council Member Spina has mentioned Merritt field and turf in the past. Residents have expressed their desire for a turf field. The field is deeded to the Board of Education and I'm going to request that Borough Attorney Diktas send a letter requesting they deed

the property over to us so we can use our abilities to get grant money and work on getting a turf field.

Council Member Kaplan thanked the municipal employees who helped keep things in order during last week's very heavy rainstorms.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE ON FINAL READING

Ordinance No. 23-24-1625 – Amend Chapter 238-4 Swimming Pools Location Provisions

8. Motion at 7:19 PM by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Savas to hear Ordinance No. 23-24-1625 on final reading by title only, Amend Chapter 238-4 Swimming Pools Location Provisions.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

(Ordinance in full on page 154A in Minutes of Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held September 20, 2023.)

9. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on September 22, 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 Savas 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. 23-24-1625, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 238-4 SWIMMING POOL'S LOCATION PROVISIONS

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

Capital Ordinance No. 23-25-1626 – For Various Improvements to the Police Department Recording System, Borough Hall HVAC System and Technology Software Equipment

14. Motion at 7:21 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to introduce Ordinance No. 23-25-1626 on first reading by title only, Capital Ordinance of the Borough of Cresskill, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey Authorizing the Making of Various Public Acquisitions and Improvements in, by and for the Borough, Appropriating therefor the sum of \$100,000 and providing that such sum so Appropriated shall be raised from the Capital Improvement Fund of the Borough.

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

(Ordinance in full on page 163A.)

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance 23-25-1626 entitled:

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC ACQUISITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$100,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH.

heretofore introduced, does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 18th day of October, 2023, at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at the regular meeting place of the Mayor and Council, and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolutions

17. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the Tax Collector be, and hereby is, authorized to affect the following tax refunds for 2019 and 2020, payable to Valerie Hofer, Esq. Trust Account, due to Stipulation of Settlements on the property assessments for the following:

<u>2019</u>			<u>2020</u>	
<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>ASSESSMENT</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>
<u>ASSESSMENT</u>			<u>ADJUSTMENT</u>	
<u>ADJUSTMENT</u>				
211	11		211	11
Original Assessment:		\$1,804,700.00		\$1,764,400.00
Tax Court Judgment:		<u>\$1,700,000.00</u>		<u>\$1,550,000.00</u>
Decrease in Assessment:		\$ 104,700.00		\$ 214,400.00
Tax Rate:		<u>2.407</u>		<u>2.432</u>
Tax Refund:		\$ 2,520.13		\$ 5,214.21

Make Checks payable to: Check refund amount \$7,734.34.
 Payable to:
 Valerie Hofer, Esq. Trust Account
 P.O Box 787
 Montville, NJ 07045

18. 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:

Eviator Yosef <i>(for: Anne Yosef)</i> 145 Hillside Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$148.00	Ron Arad <i>(for: Adam Arad)</i> 6 Churchill Road Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$150.00	Desiree Damiron <i>(for: Olivia & Alex Damiron)</i> 62 Willis Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$175.00
Aron Avitzur <i>(for: Aron Avitzur)</i> 166 12 th Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$180.00	Ertunc Basar <i>(for: Muhammed Basar)</i> 566 Knickerbocker Road Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$150.00	Sang Hywang Han <i>(for: Sang Hywang Han)</i> 48 Park Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$55.00
In Joon Park <i>(for: In Joon Park)</i> 51 Pierce Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$55.00	Andy Park <i>(for: Andy Park)</i> 5 Maple Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$55.00	Ana Mitovski <i>(for: Lana & Noah Mitovski)</i> 30 Florence Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$224.00
Barbara Schultz <i>(for: Barbara Schultz)</i> 41 Delmar Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$115.00	Jessica Sinai <i>(for: Jacob Sinai)</i> 118 Lexington Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$140.00	Vincent Tong <i>(for: Vincent Tong)</i> 7 Churchill Road Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$55.00
Christine Yang <i>(for: Lincoln Yang)</i> 182 4 th Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$120.00		

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

19. No one wished to be heard.
20. 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.

21. 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.

22. 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.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

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

(Resolution in full on pages 165A through 165H.)

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.]

24. Anthony Barbarise, 240 County Road said there's an accumulation of garbage in the gutter along Union Avenue that never gets cleaned. Due to the parked cars, the street sweeper cannot get to the curb. The trash in the gutters eventually feeds into the Haworth Reservoir which is where we get our drinking water. The microplastics that get into the drinking water get ingested because they cannot be filtered out. Our community deserves to have clean drinking water and cleaning the gutters is a part of the solution. The overflowing garbage cans are contributing to the problem. Mayor Romeo said Chief Domville and Supt. Noseworthy are taking measures to deal with the problem. We're also contacting the GRK Grill landlord to clean up their property.

Bill Celentano of the CEC said the NJEPA recently did an environmental study and Veolia has not been the most egregious dealing with chemicals in the water, but the water quality is still above board. Also, the CEC has reached out on social media to remind everyone that this is your town, and you should clean up after yourselves.

Carole Sommer, 262 Piermont Road thanked all the municipal departments that kept the area from flooding after this last big storm.

No one else wished to be heard.

25. Motion at 7:34 P.M. by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Savas to close the meeting and adjourn.

All in Favor. None Opposed.

Motion adopted.

Benedict Romeo
Mayor

Francesca Maragliano
Borough Clerk