

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
September 18, 2019 8:00 p.m.**

PRESIDING: Mayor Minichetti called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Moment of Silence - Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC NOTICE: Pursuant to the Open Sunshine Act P.L. 1975, c. 231, proper notice of this meeting has been provided by submitting appropriate notice to The Ridgewood News and The Record on August 20, 2019 by fax and mail in which the time, place and purpose of the meeting was set forth.

Presentation of Exceptional Duty Medals

Mayor Minichetti read letters of commendation for Officer Anthony Pulizzano and Dispatcher Gregory Pink and presented them with an Exceptional Duty Medal.

Swearing in of Police Officer Michael Riedel – Oath of Office

Mayor Minichetti performed the swearing in of Police Officer Michael Riedel.

RULE 1. ROLL CALL

Mayor	Joanne L. Minichetti	Present
Council Member	Roger DeBerardine	Present
Council Member	Steven DiMartino	Absent
Council Member	Jonathan Ditkoff	Absent
Council Member	Vincent M. Durante	Present
Council Member	Joanne Florio	Present
Council Member	Douglas Rotella	Present

RULE 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Executive Meeting and Closed Session (2) of August 1, 2019 were delivered to all members of the governing body and posted on the bulletin board and were unanimously approved following a motion by Council Member Durante, seconded by Council Member Florio. Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

RULE 3. BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT

The Borough Clerk's office received the following fees for the month of May, 2019 and deposited them with the Collector/Treasurer:

Copies	5.10
Landscaper License	106.00
Garage Sales	10.00
Total	\$121.10

The Borough Clerk's office issued 5 licenses for the month of August ; \$9.00 was forwarded to the NJ Department of Health for the Pilot Clinic and Animal Control Fund.

Resolution #90-19	Approve Fire Chief to attend State Firemen’s Convention
Resolution #91-19	Approve Lifetime Firemen to attend State Firemen’s Convention
Resolution #92-19	Approval of ABC License BESO XOXO – 2018-2019
Resolution #93-19	Approval of ABC License BESO XOXO – 2019-2020
Resolution #94-19	Comments & Recommendations for 2018 Audit
Resolution #95-19	Storm Drain Connection – 31 Dogwood Hill
Resolution #96-19	Dedication by Rider – Shade Tree
Resolution #97-19	Disposal of Police Department Equipment
Resolution #98-19	USRPD 1033 Program
Resolution #99-19	Bond Anticipation Note - \$ 1,970,700
Resolution#100-19	Property Tax Overpayment Refunds
Resolution#101-19	Purchase of 2018 Western Star #4800SB Vehicle
Resolution#102-19	Purchase of 4-Ton Falcon RME Asphalt Patcher Dump Trailer
Resolution#103-19	Prof Serv.– Boswell/Michael Burke, Esq. Traffic Study

- Motion to Approve Block Party Application – Cottage Lane – October 5, 2019**
- Motion to Approve Social Affairs Permit – Church of the Presentation Picnic September 22, 2019.**
- Motion to Appoint Amanda Pittman to the Mayor’s Wellness Committee – Student Member**
- Motion to Approve Raffle License – Saddle River Valley Jr. Woman’s Club**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (Consent Agenda Items Only): No one wished to be heard.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda items offered by Council Member Florio
 Seconded by Council Member Rotella
 Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

RULE 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Marshall Grupp, 27 Hidden Glen Road stated that he had several questions regarding the 2018 Municipal Audit. Mr. Paul Lerch, Municipal Auditor answered questions pertaining to the Audit as well as the Corrective Action Plan in detail at this time. Mr. Grupp stated that he believes the accounting practices in the Borough are substandard and do not meet accounting best practices. He asked if these practices should be reported to the Consumer Affairs Division of the Local Government Services.

Sheryl Romano, 421 West Saddle River Road asked about the town leasing the Cultural Center. She was informed that the town has an option to renew the lease on an annual basis.

Joseph Cassese, 41 Cottontail Trail asked if the governing has contemplated any vulnerabilities in the event of a class action suit regarding the potential contamination issue on Carlough Road. Borough Attorney Regan advised that the Borough has no liability pertaining to this matter.

Kelli Peters, 22 Rambling Brook Road asked how often bank reconciliations must be done and Mr. Lerch addressed this inquiry.

Eric Friis, 4 Sparrowbush Road asked Borough Engineer Kevin Boswell about the lifting of the Stop Work Order on the Orchard Ridge site. As there have not been any significant rain events, Mr. Friis asked how residents could be assured that the site would not flood. Mr. Boswell stated that the site is now stabilized and flooding should not occur. The site remediation was discussed and the DEP deemed it successful. 112 water samples were taken and 110 were below the NJ Drinking Water Standard at five parts per billion. The other two samples meet the USEPA Drinking Water Standard of 10 parts per billion.

Eric Buzzelli, 515 West Saddle River Road read a statement regarding a post on social media referencing his family. He stated that he has no intention of bringing legal action against the Borough or the Upper Saddle River Police Department, as the social media post alleged.

Mr. Grupp asked about the status of project at One Lake Street. Council Member Durante stated that work will commence in 2020 as additional funding will be needed. Mr. Boswell stated that there will be a multi-purpose field that will be set up around two regulation size soccer fields. Open Space Grants will be procured for this project for partial funding.

Mr. Grupp asked about the remediation of the Apple Ridge site. Mr. Boswell explained that the remediation was overseen and permitted by the State DEP; the Borough Engineer received monthly reports regarding the remediation to ensure compliance.

Roger Masi, 3 Windsor Gate inquired about the proposed commercial development on Hillside Avenue and the traffic impact of this project. He was informed that both traffic and environmental studies are being conducted and special counsel has been retained by the Borough to oversee this matter. Mr. Masi asked about the Council's intention regarding commercial development on vacant land and was informed that there is very little vacant land left within the Borough.

Zareh Beylerian, 242 West Saddle River Road asked if additional sports fields were needed at the One Lake Street site. Participation in sports is increasing within the Borough and there will be a need for more fields moving forward. She further stated that a refillable water station should be considered and she was informed that there will be one installed at Lion's Park shortly.

Leandra Gallaso, 15 Sunrise Lane asked when the Planning Board met and she was informed that they have not met through the summer as there was no agenda. She further asked about the development at One Lake street and the impact that this project could potentially have on the school system and home values. She was informed that the Planning Board addressed these issues when the matter was before the Board for the public hearing.

RULE 8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn by Council Member DeBerardine, seconded by Council Member Florio was unanimously approved by all Council members present. (Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Joy C. Convertini, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk