

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
December 5, 2019 7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor Minichetti, Council Members DeBerardine, DiMartino, Ditkoff, Durante, Florio and Rotella; Borough Administrator Preusch and Attorney Regan

ABSENT:

PRESIDING: Mayor Minichetti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the following statement:

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 December 2, 2019 by email in which the time, place and purpose of the meeting was set forth.

Bid Award for Improvements to Ware Road and Old Stone Church Road

Three bids were received for this project on November 13, 2019 and New Prince Concrete Construction Co. was the apparent low bidder in the amount of \$707,395.07. Paving will commence in the spring of 2020.

Rockland Electric Proposed Rate Increase

A public notice was distributed indicating that a proposed 9.6% increase in electric rates, and two orders from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities suspending increases in rates for service was discussed in detail by the Mayor and Council. The installation of solar panels on Borough owned buildings was also discussed.

Public Sale of Sewer Allocation:

A public sale for sewer allocation took place on November 26, 2019 for the purchase of 3650 gallons per day. East Crescent Developers will be awarded this bid; a resolution is in the Consent Agenda for the Regular Meeting to follow.

DPW Contract

The contract has been revised to include eight steps and a 2% cost of living increase.

DPW Shed

The DPW has constructed a shed for fertilizer storage. This is a capital project and requires Mayor and Council approval. A voice vote was taken approving the construction of this shed.

End of Year Meeting – December 30, 2019

Council Members Ditkoff, DeBerardine and Florio can be present and Council Members DiMartino, Durante and Rotella will participate via teleconference.

Tree Lighting

The annual tree lighting will be held on December 7, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. All were encouraged to attend.

RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the members of the Upper Saddle River Mayor and Council deem it necessary to discuss certain actions under Section 7b of the Open Public Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, the discussions more specifically will involve:

1. Litigation
2. Personnel
3. Contracts

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that at 7:26 p.m. the Mayor and Council deem it necessary to exclude the public from discussion; a motion was made and seconded to go into Closed Session.

The Executive Session resumed at 7:57 p.m. and was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy C. Convertini, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk