

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
March 5, 2020 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 December 19, 2019 by email in which the time, place and purpose of the meeting was set forth.

- ❖ **Motion to Appoint Council Member DeFuccio offered by Council President Durante. Seconded by Council Member DiMartino. Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous**

Mayor Minichetti swore in Council Member DeFuccio at this time.

- ❖ **Recognition of Women’s Club Essay & Poetry Winners**

The topic of this year’s contest was a time capsule in honor of the 125th Anniversary of the Borough of Upper Saddle River. There were 377 entries; the winners are as follows:

ARIANNA GULLER	ESSAY	MRS NICHOLSON	GRADE 2
SAM SIMON	POEM	MS VEGA	GRADE 2
ZOYA BATLA	POEM	MS CASEY	GRADE 3
NICOLE LEVINSON	POEM	MS CONNERS	GRADE 6
HAILEY GORIS	POEM	MS CONNERS	GRADE 6
ARABELLA GO	ESSAY	MRS ZECCARDI	GRADE 5
HANNAH BROWN	ESSAY	MRS BRAUSE	GRADE 6
CANON CHIU	POEM	MRS GOODMAN	GRADE 7
MADELINE NORIAN	POEM	MRS NICHOLAS	GRADE 8
VIDHI BANSAL	ESSAY	MRS GOODMAN	GRADE 7

All winners read their submissions at this time.

Proclamation to Celebrate “Read Across America” and “Read Across America- NJ”

Mayor Minichetti read this proclamation, declaring “Read Across America” and Read Across America- NJ” will begin on March 2, 2020.

RULE 1.

ROLL CALL

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

RULE 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following minutes were delivered to all members of the governing body, posted on the bulletin board and were unanimously approved following a motion by Council President Durante, seconded by Council Member DiMartino

- February 6, 2020: Regular Meeting
- February 6, 2020 Closed Meeting
- February 6, 2020 Executive Meeting

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

RULE 3. BOROUGH CLERK’S REPORT

The Borough Clerk’s office received the following fees for the month of February 2020 and deposited them with the Collector/Treasurer:

Landscaper Licenses	\$895.00
Copies	<u>\$ 62.15</u>
Total	\$957.15

The Borough Clerk’s office issued 41 licenses for the month of February 2020; **\$52.20** was forwarded to the NJ Department of Health for the Pilot Clinic and Animal Control Fund.

Proof of publications received:

- 1) Public Notice of “Fairness and Compliance Hearing” to Approve Settlement of Mount Laurel Litigation

The following reports were received and are on file for the month of September:

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| 1) Police Report | 4) Construction Report |
| 2) DPW Report | 5) Municipal Court Report |
| 3) Fire Department Report | |

RULE 4. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND BILLS

Communications: NWBCUA: Meeting Minutes 1/13/2020, Agenda & Work Session Agenda 2/18/2020, 2020 Meeting Schedule.

Approval of Bills: A motion by Council Member DiMartino, seconded by Council Member Durante to pay bills in amount of \$3,460,953.07 was unanimously approved and Mayor Minichetti declared bills approved for payment and ordered checks drawn.

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous.

RULE 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RULE 6. NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda:

All items listed hereunder are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Council and shall be so approved. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member or citizen so requests, in which case the item will be considered in its normal sequence.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items offered by Council Member Rotella. Seconded by Council Member DiMartino.

- *1. Resolution #51-20: Authorize Ground Lease Option Agreement**
- *2. Resolution #52-20: Transfer of Funds**
- *3. Resolution #53-20: Appointment of Part Time Dispatcher Sean Davis**
- *4. Resolution #54-20: No Cash Tax Payment Policy**
- *5. Resolution #55-20: Property Tax Refund Blk. 916 Lot 30**
- *6. Resolution #56-20: Authorization to Submit COPS Hiring Grant**

- *7. Motion to Appoint Sofia Kotsopolous to the Environmental Committee, term to expire 12/31/2020**
- *8. Motion to Appoint Tim Stoller to the Environmental Committee, term to expire 12/31/2020.**

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

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

- 9. Motion to Appoint Council Member DeFuccio as a Class IIIC Member of the Planning Board was offered by Council Member DiMartino. Seconded by Council Member Rotella.**

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

RULE 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Zareh Beylerian, 242 West Saddle River Road asked about the status of Upper Saddle River's Master Plan. She was informed that the Planning Board is responsible for the adoption of the Master Plan; there is a 10-year time limit for municipalities to re-exam their Master Plan but Upper Saddle River re-exams more frequently. She also asked about Vision 2020, which is on the Borough website.

Marie Elena & Vincent DeGregorio, 32 Shadow Road wished to make a statement about construction work on a pool renovation, patio, pool house and fence, that has been ongoing on their property for some time. Several meetings and conference calls took place to attempt to rectify this matter, to no avail. All work has stopped on the property and the home and Ms. DeGregorio stated that she feels that they are being treated like they have done something wrong as it should have been simple and straightforward. The DeGregorio's were informed that the permit process was incomplete and direction from the Building Department was not followed. The conversation got heated and Mayor Minichetti intervened and stated that a meeting should be set up in order to attempt to seek resolution to this matter.

Eric Friis, 4 Sparrowbush Road gave an update on the idling issue at the Upper Saddle River schools while waiting for students to be dismissed. He met with the Board of Education to address this matter but the problem still exists. He further stated that the Borough of Saddle River is forming a committee in order to address local Affordable Housing obligations and he urged residents in Upper Saddle River to follow suit. He inquired if the position for Deputy Municipal Clerk, filled in April 2019, was properly advertised and he was informed that the proper hiring guidelines for this position were followed.

RULE 8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn by was made, seconded and was unanimously approved by all Council members present. (The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Joy C. Convertini, RMC
Municipal Clerk