

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
July 2, 2020 8:00 p.m.**

*Meeting held via video conferencing
due to public health crisis – Covid19*

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

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.

Moment of Silence – In Memory of Pritam Grewal

Mr. Grewal, owner of three service stations in Upper Saddle River over the years, has made extremely generous donations to the Police Department. Donations include speed limit signs, patrol car lighting, defibrillator units and new embroidered uniforms for all officers. Mr. Grewal’s generosity has benefited not only the Upper Saddle River Police Department, but the tax payers as well.

Recognition of Home Town Hero Award Recipients: Mayor Minichetti recognized the following individuals for their extraordinary efforts in helping those during the stressful pandemic.

Erica Ruggieri - Erica stepped forward during the pandemic and quarantine and spearheaded a Meal Train program - collecting funds, purchasing meals from local restaurants that otherwise would be struggling during the closures, and delivering meals to local hospitals and those in need. With cafeterias closed for health care workers at local hospitals, they never had to worry about finding a meal during their long hours tending to the sickest of patients.

Erica also set up a meal train for a family in USR who were all sick, helped package and deliver gifts for USR seniors, and delivered meals and other needed supplies to the homeless in NYC.

Srinii Rao: Srinii, owner of Downtown Dhaba in NYC and Nirvana Indian Kitchen in Allendale, and longtime volunteer member of the USR FD, worked relentlessly, delivering free meals to hospitals in Bergen & Passaic Counties during the pandemic. He inspired members of the USRFD to assist him with his meal deliveries.

Under his leadership, Nirvana & Downtown Dhaba delivered over 1380 free meals to healthcare workers and Police departments.

He has been on the frontline of the USR Fire department as well - helping to respond to emergencies as well as donating his time to cheer residents up during the quarantine with birthday, holiday and other drive-bys.

Pledge of Allegiance

RULE 1. ROLL CALL

Mayor	Joanne L. Minichetti	Present
Council Member	DeAnne DeFuccio	Present
Council Member	Steven DiMartino	Present
Council Member	Jonathan Ditkoff	Present
Council Member	Vincent M. Durante	Present
Council Member	Joanne Florio	Present
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 Member Durante, seconded by Council Member DiMartino.

- June 4, 2020 Regular Meeting
- June 4, 2020 Executive Meeting
- June 4, 2020 Closed Session

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 2020 and deposited them with the Collector/Treasurer:

Landscaper Licenses	\$749.00
Copies	\$ 7.51
Garage Sales	\$ 10.00
Total	\$757.51

The Borough Clerk's office issued 7 licenses for the month of June 2020; **\$14.40** was forwarded to the NJ Department of Health for the Pilot Clinic and Animal Control Fund.

Proof of publications received:

- 1) Introduction of Ordinance # 2 Prohibiting Short-Term Rentals in Upper Saddle River
- 2) Introduction of Ordinance # 3 Multi-Purpose Bond Ordinance \$1,269,000
- 3) Introduction of Ordinance #4 Approving Standards for Sports Courts

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

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

RULE 4. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND BILLS

Communications: NWBCUA: Meeting Minutes 5/19/2020, Agenda & Work Session Agenda 6/19/2020

Approval of Bills: A motion by Council Member DiMartino, seconded by Council Member Durante to pay bills in amount of \$2,334,726.67 was unanimously approved and Mayor Minichetti declared bills approved for payment and ordered checks drawn.

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous.

RULE 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Public Hearing: **Ordinance # 2-20**

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT SHORT TERM RENTALS IN THE BOROUGH AND TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

Resolution Offered by Council Member Rotella
Seconded by Council Member Florio

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No one wished to be heard. **Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous**

Public Hearing: **Ordinance # 3-20**

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,269,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Resolution Offered by Council Member Durante
Seconded by Council Member DeFuccio

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No one wished to be heard. **Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous**

Public Hearing: **Ordinance # 4-20**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 150 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO PROVIDE STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE APPROVAL OF SPORTS COURTS

Resolution Offered by Council Member DiMartino
Seconded by Council Member Ditkoff

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No one wished to be heard. **Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous**

RULE 6. NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing on One Lake Street Park:

Borough Engineer Kevin Boswell outlined in detail the project at One Lake Street. In 2018, the Borough secured a Bergen County Open Space Grant for \$1.6 million dollars (80% of the purchase price). The acquisition of this property also protected the property from alternative types of development. The project is being designed to be constructed in phases to maximize grant opportunities. Phase I will include a walking path, multi-purpose field and foundations for sports field lighting. Future phases will include a concession building, bleacher seating and sports lighting poles and fixtures. Bid solicitation for Phase I will be in early 2021, with a proposed completion of this phase to be in the fall of 2021.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No one wished to be heard

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 Durante.
Seconded by Council Member DiMartino.

- *1. **Resolution #73-20** The Place for the Athlete - Authorization
- *2. **Resolution #74-20** Inclusion in the Bergen County Comm. Dev. Prog.
- *3. **Resolution #75-20** Authorizing Execution of Cooperative Agreement with County
- *4. **Resolution #76-20** Authorization to Sell DPW Equipment on GovDeals.
- *5. **Resolution #77-20** Ch. 159 Clean Communities Grant
- *6. **Resolution #78-20** Appt. of Municipal Rep
- *7. **Resolution #79-20** County Snow Plow Agreement 2020-2022
- *8. **Resolution #80-20** Bergen County CARES Reimbursement Agreement
- *9. **Resolution #81-20** Authorizing Establishment of Cap Reserve for Toll Brothers Pond Pond Restoration Project
- *10. **Resolution #82-20** Open Space Trust Fund Grant Application – One Lake Street Park

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

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

***Introduction of Ordinance #05-20**

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT AND THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$666,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Offered by Council Member DeFuccio
Seconded by Council Member Durante

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

RULE 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nvair Beylerian, 242 West Saddle River Road addressed live streaming public meetings moving forward due to COVID. Borough Administrator addressed this, explaining the technical aspects involved as well as the cost factor. Ms. Beylerian also stated that the information regarding COVID 19 on the Borough’s Facebook page is not current or accurate.

Justin Ginsberg, Hampshire Hill stated that the Borough should provide a COVID resource for residents that is up to date and accurate. He was advised that the ongoing Executive Orders by Governor Murphy were made available to residents through either social media, Swift Reach or the Borough website. To date there are 52 reported cases in the Borough.

Amela Radonic, 16 Ware Road addressed the installation of new guide rails on Ware Road and stated that residents were not notified and they are unattractive and will depreciate property values. Borough Engineer Kevin Boswell stated that these guide rails are required pursuant to NJDOT guidelines. He further stated that the fire hydrant adjacent to the rail will be moved in order for the rail to be shortened by 25 feet. Mr. Boswell offered to meet with Ms. Radonic to discuss this matter further.

Eric Friis, 4 Sparrowbush Road asked about a property on Parker Place being clear cut and asked if the Shade Tree Commission is still in existence. He was informed that this matter will be investigated. He also addressed the submission on Pleasant Avenue and was advised that this was approved by the Planning Board. Mr. Friis stated that "Black Lives Matter" signage should be removed from public property. He also asked if signage regulations will be enforced.

Anthony Tufano, Ware Road addressed the guide rails on Ware Road; Mr. Boswell will meet with him to discuss same.

RULE 8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn by was made, seconded and was unanimously approved by all Council members present.
(The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Joy C. Convertini, RMC, Municipal Clerk