

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
April 1, 2021 8:00 p.m.**

*Meeting held via teleconference
due to COVID19*

PRESIDING: Borough Administrator Preusch called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

Girl Scout Presentation by Elise Choi – Human Trafficking

Ms. Choi gave a very informative Power Point Presentation on Human Trafficking.

At this time, Mayor Minichetti read a letter of appreciation from the Center for Food Action for donations made by the Borough as a result of weekly food drives conducted on Saturdays at the Recycling Depot.

Arbor Day Proclamation: Mayor Minichetti read this proclamation at this time, recognizing April 30, 2021 as Arbor Day in Upper Saddle River.

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 15, 2020 by email in which the time, place and purpose of the meeting was set forth.

RULE 1. ROLL CALL

Mayor	Joanne L. Minichetti	Present
Council Member	DeAnne DeFuccio	Absent
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.

March 4, 2021: Executive, Closed and Regular Meetings

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

RULE 3. BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT

The Borough Clerk's office received the following fees for the month of January 2021 and deposited them with the Collector/Treasurer:

Landscaper Licenses	\$ 1230.00
Garage Sales	\$ 4.00
	\$ 1234.00

The Borough Clerk's office issued 20 licenses for the month of March 2021; **\$33.00** was forwarded to the NJ department of Health for the Pilot Clinic and Animal Control Fund.

Proof of publications received:

- ❖ Introduction of Ordinance #03-21 Bond Ordinance \$5,500,000 – Sports Complex

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

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

RULE 4. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND BILLS

Communications: NBCUA Minutes February 16, 2021
NBCUA Agenda March 16, 2021

Approval of Bills: A motion by Council Member DiMartino, seconded by Council Member Durante to pay bills in amount of **\$3,596,909.90** 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 #03-21

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE ONE LAKE STREET PARK ATHLETIC COMPLEX PROJECT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,500,000 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 Rotella

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No one wished to be heard

Roll Call: AYES, Unanimous

RULE 6. NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda:

All items listed with an asterisk (*) 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 Ditkoff
Seconded by Council Member DiMartino

- *1. Resolution #71-21: Revised Tax Appeal Settlement Block 1203, Lot 14.09
- *2. Resolution #72-21: Approval of Bond Anticipation Note \$3500
- *3. Resolution #73-21 2021 Temporary Budget
- *4. Resolution #74-21 Retroactive Appointment of Firefighter Anatoly Burman
- *5. Resolution #75-21 Ratifying Signature on BAN
- *6. Resolution #76-21 Return of Escrow Funds
- *7. Resolution #77-21 Authorizing Open Space Grant Contract
- *8. Resolution #78-21 Supporting Distracted Driving Crackdown

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

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

***Introduction of Ordinance #04-21**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 150 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER ENTITLED, “ZONING” TO PROVIDE THAT ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS ARE A PERMITTED ACCESSORY USE AND PERMITTED ACCESSORY STRUCTURE IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS IN THE BOROUGH.

Offered by Council Member Ditzkoff
 Seconded by Council Member Rotella

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

***Introduction of Ordinance #05-21**

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF ANY CLASS OF CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES AND AMENDING ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 150-39, PROHIBITED USES, OF THE BOROUGH CODE

Offered by Council Member Durante
 Seconded by Council Member DiMartino

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

***Introduction of Ordinance #06-21**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 211 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER ENTITLED, “SEWAGE DISPOSAL, INDIVIDUAL”

Offered by Council Member Rotella
 Seconded by Council Member Durante

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

***Motion to approve Raffle License # 405 & 406 – Upper Saddle River Educational Foundation**

Offered by Council Member DiMartino
 Seconded by Council Member Rotella

Voice Vote: All AYES

***Motion to approve Raffle License # 407 – Upper Saddle River Historical Society**

Offered by Council Member DiMartino
 Seconded by Council Member Rotella

Voice Vote: All AYES

RULE 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Friis, 4 Sparrowbush Road, Upper Saddle River, NJ stated that he is in strong support of prohibiting the sale of cannabis. He inquired if mail order businesses would be prohibited as well. Borough Attorney Regan explained that this ordinance prohibits every class of selling cannabis.

RULE 8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn by was made, seconded and was unanimously approved by all Council members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy C. Convertini, RMC
Municipal Clerk