

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER  
October 6, 2022 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.

**Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence**

**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, 2021 by email in which the time, place and purpose of the meeting was set forth.

Mayor Minichetti read the following proclamation at this time:

**Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day – October 10, 2022**

**RULE 1. ROLL CALL**

Mayor	Joanne L. Minichetti	Present
Council Member	Steven DiMartino	Present
Council Member	Jonathan Ditkoff	Absent
Council Member	Sarah Drennan	Present
Council Member	Arman Fardanesh	Present
Council Member	Joanne Florio	Present
Council Member	Roger Masi	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 Florio, seconded by Council Member Drennan.

- ❖ September 1, 2022: Executive, Closed & Regular Meetings
- ❖ September 15, 2022: Special 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 August 2022 and deposited them with the Collector/Treasurer:

Landscaper Licenses	\$ 100.00
Garage Sales	\$ 4.00
200 Foot List	\$ 10.00
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	<b>\$ 104.00</b>

The Borough Clerk's office issued 2 licenses for the month of September 2022; **\$2.40** was forwarded to the NJ department of Health for the Pilot Clinic and Animal Control Fund.

**Proof of publications received:**

**Introduction of Ordinance #07-22:** BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AND A NEW FIRE ENGINE, 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 \$2,012,500 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.

**Introduction of Ordinance #08-22:** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #6-22 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER, COUNTY OF BERGEN , STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**Introduction of Ordinance #09-22:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 145 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND MORE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 145-23.2, SCHEDULE XI, ENTITLED MID-BLOCK CROSSWALKS

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**

**Approval of Bills:** A motion by Council Member DiMartino, seconded by Council Member Masi to pay bills in amount of **\$4,034,066.51** was unanimously approved and Mayor Minichetti declared bills approved for payment and ordered checks drawn.

**Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous**

**Communications:**

**RULE 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Public Hearing on the following Ordinance was held at a Special Meeting on September 15, 2022; no Roll Call Vote was taken at that time.

**Roll Call Vote Only**

**Ordinance #07-22**

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Motion Offered by Council Member DiMartino  
Seconded by Council Member Florio

**Roll Call Vote:**  
**AYES:** DiMartino  
Drennan  
Florio  
Masi  
**ABSENT:** Ditkoff  
**ABSTAIN:** Fardanesh

## **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.

Open to the Public: (For Consent Agenda Items Only) No one wished to be heard.

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| *1   | Resolution #140-22 | Appoint Mun. Rep. to BC Dev. Comm. T. Preusch     |
| *2.  | Resolution #141-22 | Settlement of Tax Appeal Blk. 1201 Lot 7.01       |
| *3.  | Resolution #142-22 | Tax Appeal Refund Blk. 1203 Lot 14.08             |
| *4.  | Resolution #143-22 | Tax Appeal Refund Blk. 1217 Lot 14 (2021)         |
| *5.  | Resolution #144-22 | Tax Appeal Refund Blk. 1217 Lot 14 (2022)         |
| *6.  | Resolution #145-22 | Tax Appeal Refund Blk. 810 Lot 7.10               |
| *7.  | Resolution #146-22 | Dedication by Rider – Police Department Equipment |
| *8.  | Resolution #147-22 | Chapter 159- Bergen Co DMHAS Grant                |
| *9   | Resolution #148-22 | Approving 2021 Audit Corrective Action Plan       |
| *10. | Resolution #149-22 | Return of Escrow Funds                            |
| *11. | Resolution #150-22 | Sale of DPW Property on GovDeals                  |

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items offered by Council Member Masi  
Seconded by Council Member Drennan

**Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous**

### **\*Approval of Raffle License #417 Woman’s Club of Upper Saddle River – February 14, 2023**

Motion Offered by Council Member Drennan  
Seconded by Council Member Florio

**Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous**

## **RULE 7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jennifer Trobiano Ahearns, 11 Lillane Lane stated that she is concerned about all the recent development in the Borough. Additionally, she stated that there is runoff due to this construction. She addressed environmental accountability and encouraged the Mayor and Council to make this a priority.

Erik Friis, 4 Sparrowbush Road, addressed a specific lot on West Saddle River Road that has been clear cut, including a heritage tree. He further stated that a member of the Upper Saddle River Shade Tree Commission also owns a tree business and he was involved with this property, which he feels is a conflict of interest.

He addressed a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council, held on September 15, 2022 in order to conduct public hearings on Ordinances #07-22, 08-22 and 09-22. He stated that he was not aware of this meeting and he asked specifically about bond ordinance #07-22.

**RULE 8. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Masi responded to Ms. Ahearn’s comments about the development in Upper Saddle River, explaining that there is an affordable housing obligation mandated by the State. He further stated that the Mayor and Council have optimized the balance between meeting this housing obligation while attempting to keep the bucolic nature of Upper Saddle River.

The purchase of a new pumper truck was discussed; this will be partially funded within Bond Ordinance #07-22 and has become a necessary purchase as the current pumper truck has aged out and is unreliable.

**RULE 9. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joy C. Convertini, RMC  
Municipal Clerk