

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
December 1, 2022 8:00 p.m.**

Meeting held via teleconference

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

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 15, 2021 by email in which the time, place and purpose of the meeting was set forth.

RULE 1. ROLL CALL

Mayor	Arman Fardanesh	Present
Council Member	Steven DiMartino	Present
Council Member	Jonathan Ditkoff	Absent
Council Member	Sarah Drennan	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 Drennan, seconded by Council Member Florio

❖ November 3, 2022: Executive, Closed & 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 November 2022 and deposited them with the Collector/Treasurer:

Landscaper Licenses	\$ 100.00
Garage Sales	\$ 2.00
	<u>\$ 102.00</u>

The Borough Clerk's office issued 0 licenses for the month of November 2022; No funds were forwarded to the NJ department of Health for the Pilot Clinic and Animal Control Fund.

Proof of publications received:

- Request for Qualifications for 2023

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

- 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 **\$3,888,556.30** was unanimously approved for payment.

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Communications:

RULE 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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)

- *1 Resolution #164-22 Tax Appeal Refund Blk. 1201 Lot 7.01 (2021)
- *2. Resolution #165-22 Tax Appeal Refund Blk. 1201 Lot 7.01 (2022)
- *3. Resolution #166-22 Redeem Third Party Refund Blk. 712 Lot 18
- *4. Resolution #167-22 Transfer Resolution \$45,500

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

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

*Motion to approve Raffle License #418 Upper Saddle River Education Foundation
Offered by Council Member Drennan
Seconded by Council Member DiMartino

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

*Motion to Accept Best Practices Inventory as Submitted on November 3, 2022
Offered by Council Member Florio
Seconded by Council Member Drennan

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

*Motion to Reject All Bids Received on November 22, 2022 for the Retaining Wall Replacement Along the Pleasant Brook and Authorize the Rebidding of Same
Offered by Council Member Florio
Seconded by Council Member Drennan

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

RULE 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rue Eisen, 130 Lake Street asked about the resignation of Mayor Minichetti.

Erik Friis, 4 Sparrowbush Road read a statement regarding a social media post from former Mayor Minichetti.

RULE 8. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Acting Mayor Ditkoff stated that he did not want to speculate on why former Mayor Minichetti resigned and suggested that Ms. Eisen contact her directly.

Acting Mayor Ditkoff addressed Mr. Friis’ concerns about not having access to the Special Meeting on November 1, 2022. The doors to the building were open; most of Special Meeting was conducted in Closed Session in order to conduct interviews for mayoral candidates.

Acting Mayor Ditkoff stated that he could not comment on Mr. Friis’ statement but emphasized that in-person meetings will resume in January 2023 and this will hopefully continue to foster transparency.

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