

# MAYOR AND COUNCIL

## BOROUGH OF DEMAREST

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 22, 2021 7:30 PM

Mayor Iannuzzi opened the meeting at 7:50 pm with the following announcement: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was mailed to the Record and Star Ledger and was filed with the Borough Clerk of Demarest on January 19, 2021. This meeting will be held via means Microsoft teams which is also posted on the Demarest website, demarestnj.org.

### 1. Roll Call

Mr. Carroll-present	Mrs. Kurys-present
Mrs. Fox-present	Mr. Connelly-present
Mrs. Hamilton-present	Mrs. LaPira-present
Mayor Iannuzzi-present	

### 2. Adoption of Agenda: Mrs. Hamilton moved to adopt the agenda, second Mr. Connelly.

Mr. Carroll-yes	Mrs. Kurys-yes
Mrs. Fox-yes	Mr. Connelly-yes
Mrs. Hamilton-yes	Mrs. LaPira-yes

Carried.

3. **The Borough clerk read the following: Review of Consent Agenda Items:** All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

### Resolutions

4. Resolution approving authorizing claims in the amount of \$5,145,144.65\*
5. Resolution approving the tax appeal settlement for 3 Country Club Way\*
6. Resolution approving the tax appeal settlement for 186 Chestnut Street\*
7. Resolution authorizing to enter into a cooperative pricing agreement\*

8. Resolution approving Special Class I officer,\* George Baladi\*
9. Resolution approving the purchase of a Western Star dump truck\*
10. Motion approving the soil movement application for 5 Deerhill Rd.
11. Motion approving the treatment works approval for the Frick Estates Section 3\*

Discussion on items removed from Consent Agenda: Mrs. Fox asked for and received clarification on item 11.

Mr. Carroll moved to open the meeting to the Public, second Mrs. Fox. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Carroll moved to close meeting to Public on Consent Agenda items only, second Mrs. Hamilton. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Carroll moved to approve Consent Agenda items 4-11, second Mrs. Hamilton.

Mr. Carroll-yes	Mrs. Kurys-yes
Mrs. Fox-yes	Mr. Connelly-yes
Mrs. Hamilton-yes	Mrs. LaPira-yes

Carried.

**New Business**

Mr. Carroll moved to approve minutes of January 25, 2021 (JC, DF, MH, BC, JK, RL), second Mrs. Hamilton.

Mr. Carroll-yes	Mrs. Kurys-yes
Mrs. Fox-yes	Mr. Connelly-yes
Mrs. Hamilton-yes	Mrs. LaPira-yes

Carried.

Mr. Carroll introduced Ordinance no. 1088-21 – Stormwater Control, second Mr. Connelly.

Mr. Carroll-yes	Mrs. Kurys-yes
Mrs. Fox-yes	Mr. Connelly-yes
Mrs. Hamilton-yes	Mrs. LaPira-yes

Carried.

Mr. Carroll introduced Ordinance no. 1089-21 – ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 84, CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM, SPECIFICALLY, CHAPTER 84-3: FEES, second Mr. Connelly.

Mr. Carroll-yes  
Mrs. Fox-yes  
Mrs. Hamilton-yes

Mrs. Kurys-yes  
Mr. Connelly-yes  
Mrs. LaPira-yes

Carried.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Iannuzzi gave a remembrance to Senator Cardinale, who passed away recently, and stated that a formal tribute would be decided upon soon. The newsletter will be posted soon. The engineers will be giving reports in March and April on projects. She asked everyone to please keep wearing a mask, social distancing, and be vaccinated when possible.

### **Council Committee Reports**

Police, Fire, and Public Events (Mr. Carroll) gave thanks to the committee for good work on contract negotiations.

Ambulance and Recreation (Mrs. Kurys) reported that the joint rec committee met in January and is looking for cost-saving measures. The summer concert series is under discussion; the hope is to have a more regular schedule in 2021. The summer rec program will be held this summer.

Management, Administrative & Communication Committee (Mrs. LaPira) had no report

Finance & Insurance Committee (Mr. Connelly) thanked the Mayor and Council for the DPW dump truck approval.

DPW, Public Buildings, Public Utilities & Recycling Committee (Mrs. Hamilton) reported that the DAA is requesting that Wakelee field only be allowed to revert to pesticides to preserve the field. They are also requesting a fifth application (\$11,000) of pesticides. The other areas will use natural methods. The Mayor suggested deferring to the DPW about the fifth application question. The Council agreed to revert to pesticides for Wakelee Field only. Re the LGBTQ flag for June, the DPW superintendent has a contact. The flag will be flown at the Borough Hall.

Real Estate & Ordinance Committee (Mrs. Fox) reported on the tree ordinance. Mrs. Fox suggested \$750 for the removal of a minor tree and \$1500 for a major tree, unless the applicant wants to get a quote from a tree company. The funds should be placed in an escrow account and disbursed by agreement from the Mayor and Council. An annual resolution will be needed; it will be voted on next month. There are two contract issues for Closed Session.

**Reports of Borough Officials – all reports received are on file in the Borough Clerk's office.**

The Police Chief gave the department's condolences on the passing of Senator Cardinale. An officer will be posted at the services tomorrow. The Chief gave updates on policies. Two Class I officers are starting Class II academy tomorrow. Welcome to George Baladi, who is a trained officer. Additional training, calls for service, summonses, and arrests were outlined.

The Ambulance Corps, Fire Department, and CFO were not present.

The Borough engineer gave an update on various projects.

Mr. Carroll moved to open the meeting to the public, second Mr. Connelly. All in favor. Carried.

Michael Sutter (18 Pine Terrace) asked for an update on Pine Terrace. He stated that the road (an unimproved part) is terrible. The Mayor pointed out that the borough is working its way through paving the roads and invited Mr. Sutter to contact her; the Borough Clerk invited him to contact her about specific potholes.

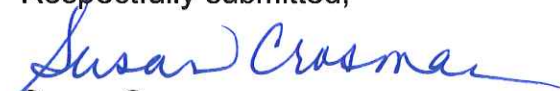
Lynn Paulison (Lois Lane) asked whether anyone contacted the Environmental Commission about the pesticide usage. No one has discussed it with them. The pesticides have been approved by the DEP, and the decision is for the Mayor and Council to make. Pesticides have been used to date at Wakelee.

The Clerk reported that post cards are being mailed asking residents if they would like the newsletter mailed. The eCode was mailed to the company last week. A new recording/microphone system/tv have been installed in the council chambers. Pet licenses processed to date: dog licenses: 133; cats 27. There have been 10 tree complaints. One inspection has been completed by Owen Fox.

Mr. Carroll moved to close the meeting to the public, second Mr. Connelly. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Carroll moved to go into Closed Session, second Mr. Connelly. All in favor. Carried. No further action will be taken. The meeting went into Closed session at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan Crosman  
Borough Clerk/Coordinator