

# MAYOR AND COUNCIL

## BOROUGH OF DEMAREST

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 22, 2021 7:30 PM

Mayor Iannuzzi opened the meeting at 7:35 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 ZOOM, 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 at 7:45 pm
Mayor Iannuzzi	

Also Present: Borough Attorney, Borough Engineer, CFO, Fire Chief, Ambulance President, Police Chief, Borough Clerk

Mr. Carroll moved to adopt the agenda, second Mrs. Hamilton.

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

Carried.

- 2. 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

3. Resolution approving authorizing claims in the amount of \$ 3,692,422.57\*

4. Resolution approving budget transfers in the amount of \$ 20,000.00\*
5. Resolution approving the temporary budget for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter\*
6. Resolution approving the hire of Martha Francis\*
7. Resolution approving the hire of Dory Kim\*
8. Resolution approving the soil movement for 23 Central Avenue\*
9. Resolution approving the soil movement for 32 Cypress Place\*
10. Resolution approving the soil movement for 20 Country Club Way\*
11. Resolution approving the soil movement for 48 Highland Avenue\*
12. Resolution authorizing an interlocal agreement for vehicle maintenance with the county\*
13. Resolution authorizing an interlocal agreement for road resurfacing with the county\*
14. Resolution entering into an agreement regarding short-term sharing of fire apparatus with Bergen County\*
15. Resolution authorizing an interlocal agreement for sharing county-owned emergency and non-emergency equipment\*
16. Resolution authorizing an interlocal agreement with the county for short-term rental of a street sweeper\*
17. Resolution authorizing an interlocal agreement with the county for ADA Cooperative engineering design\*
18. Resolution condemning hate against Asian and Pacific Islander Americans\*
19. Resolution ratifying contract with the PBA Local 350\*
20. Motion approving Damian K. Hunter as a volunteer firefighter\*

Mayor Iannuzzi read Item 18 into record. There was no request to remove items from Consent Agenda. Discussion on items from Consent Agenda: The CFO noted that 20 Country Club Way is delinquent in their taxes. It was agreed that permits would not be issued until the taxes were resolved. The Fire Chief asked for and received clarification on number 14.

Mr. Carroll moved to open the meeting to the Public, second Mrs. Hamilton. 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 4-21, second Mrs. Hamilton.

Mr. Carroll-yes

Mrs. Kurys-yes

Mrs. Fox-yes

Mr. Connelly -yes

Mrs. Hamilton-yes

Mrs. LaPira-abstain due to late arrival

Carried.

**New Business**

Mr. Carroll moved to approve minutes of February 22, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance no. 1088-21 – Stormwater Control: Mr. Carroll moved to open the meeting to the public, second Mrs. Hamilton. All in favor. Carried. Mr. Carroll moved to close the meeting to the public, second Mrs. Hamilton. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Carroll moved to approve, second Mrs. Hamilton.

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

Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance no. 1089-21 – ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 84, CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM, SPECIFICALLY, CHAPTER 84-3: FEES Porta Potties and dumpsters: Mr. Carroll moved to open the meeting to the public, second Mrs. Hamilton. All in favor. Carried. Mr. Carroll moved to close the meeting to the public, second Mrs. Hamilton. All in favor. Carried. Mr. Carroll asked whether there was a time limit for porta potties; yes there is. Dumpsters: 30 days; porta potties 90 days. Mr. Connelly asked who will monitor; the Property Maintenance Official will do so.

Mr. Carroll moved to approve, second Mrs. Hamilton.

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

Carried.

**Mayor's Report**

The Mayor voiced her concern about the rising number of COVID cases in town. She plans to speak with the Police Chief about reminders. Summer Rec is coming back. There will be a Memorial Day remembrance.

### **Council Committee Reports**

Police, Fire, and Public Events (Mr. Carroll): The CFO has received the Fire Department budget.

Ambulance and Recreation (Mrs. Kurys): The Rec Commission looks forward to spring and summer and hopes to hold concerts and sports. The NJ Fishing Challenge is planned for June.

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

Finance & Insurance Committee (Mr. Connelly): There are some budget issues. The CFO reported that the major budget ordinance adopted in December needs to be worked through via a vis the budget. The CFO has information from all departments.

DPW, Public Buildings, Public Utilities & Recycling Committee (Mrs. Hamilton): no report but she read a letter of gratitude to the DPW from the Superintendent of Schools. The Mayor noted that the Library also appreciates the DPW.

Real Estate & Ordinance Committee (Mrs. Fox) no report

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

The Police Chief congratulated Officer Del Greco on his appointment to the Detective Bureau. The Chief also updated the Council on trainings and other information within the Department.

The Fire Chief reported that the Department has received many compliments on the Firehouse construction; the Department appreciates the support of the Borough.

The Borough Clerk reminded everyone of the mandatory class from the JIF and asked everyone to email her when the class is completed. The Mayor reported that she took it at the League Convention. The email was sent to the Council on 3-17-21 from Marti Francis. The Mayor asked how many people have responded that they would like the newsletter mailed. The Borough Clerk reported that well over 125 people have requested it be mailed.

The Borough Engineer highlighted various projects that are underway, specifically Stormwater Management and the Riverside Cooperative.

Mr. Carroll moved to open the meeting to the Public, second Mrs. Hamilton. All in favor. Carried. Mr. Carroll thanked whoever coordinated the Zoom meeting for this evening. Mr. Carroll moved to close the meeting to the public, second Mrs. Hamilton. All in favor. Carried.

The Borough Attorney reminded the Council that Mr. O'Brien was online and waiting to discuss the updating of the Tax maps. This is not subject to the usual bidding process, as it is an exemption.

Mr. Obrien stated that the maps have been updated and digitized. Mr. O'Brien spoke about the ability to layer different types of information onto the maps. Mr. Carroll voiced the desire to correct old mistakes. Mr. O'Brien stated that they will be.

Mr. Carroll moved to open the meeting to the public, second Mrs. Hamilton. Mr. Carroll moved to close to the public, second Mrs. Hamilton. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Carroll moved to go into Closed Session for possible litigation, second Mrs. Hamilton. All in favor. Carried. The meeting went into Close Session at 8:22 pm. All council members were present. Mr. Carroll moved to close Closed Session, second Mrs. Hamilton All in favor. Carried. No action is expected after the Closed Session.

Mr. Carroll moved to adjourn the meeting, second Mrs. Hamilton. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Crosman  
Borough Clerk/Coordinator