

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

BOROUGH OF DEMAREST

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 2021 7:30 PM

Mayor Iannuzzi opened the meeting at 7:35 pm with the following public 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 as of 7:36 Mr. Connelly-present at 7:45
Mrs. Hamilton-present Mrs. LaPira-present
Mayor Iannuzzi-present

Also present: Police Chief, Borough Clerk, CFO, Borough Attorney, Borough Engineer

2. Mr. Carroll moved to adopt the Agenda, second Mrs. Hamilton.

Mr. Carroll-yes Mrs. Kurys-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 \$3,747,318.12*
5. Resolution approving the soil movement for 28 Donnybrook Drive*
6. Resolution approving Louis Buonomo as crossing guard*
7. Resolution approving Constant Contact for technology services*

8. Motion to approve a 50/50 Raffle for Spectrum for Living*
9. Motion to approve Colliers Engineering to prepare new tax maps*
10. Motion to approve Colliers Engineering to do the administrative services for the street paving of the Riverside Coop*
11. Motion to award the contract to D & L Paving to provide street paving from the bids collected by the Riverside Coop*

No request to remove items from Consent Agenda or discussion on items.

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 4-11, second Mrs. Hamilton.

Mr. Carroll-yes

Mrs. Kurys-yes

Mrs. Fox-yes

Mrs. LaPira-yes

Mrs. Hamilton-yes

Carried.

New Business

Mr. Carroll moved to approve the minutes of March 22, 2021 (JC, DF, MH, BC, JK, RL)

Mr. Carroll-yes

Mrs. Kurys-yes

Mrs. Fox-yes

Mrs. LaPira-yes

Mrs. Hamilton-yes

Carried.

Brian Alweiss from Care Cycle presented his proposal to put clothing bins at the DPW and possibly other locations down the road. The company has a bin at the Stop and Shop in Closter, The company would secure and maintain the bins. The bins are visited every other day, and the borough would have the representative's cell number. The company would make a donation to a borough concern. This is a for-profit organization working with nonprofits. There would be an agreement of permission but no contract. The borough can opt out in writing at any time. Mrs. LaPira spoke to the cleanliness of the bin at the Stop and Shop. The certificate of insurance would indemnify the borough. Mrs. LaPira suggested that the donation be alternated among borough organizations. The Committee will meet, decide, and report back to the Mayor and Council.

Mayor's Report

The Shade Tree celebrated Arbor Day last Saturday with free seedlings. The Nature Center had birdhouse building. The Library is open with special hours for seniors and still does curbside. New Bridge Medical Center is offering vaccinations. The Mayor will

discuss opening the Borough Hall with the Police Chief and Borough Clerk, as well as meeting in person. She encouraged everyone to get vaccinated. Mrs. Cardinale thanked everyone for the remembrances of her husband.

Council Committee Reports

Police, Fire, and Public Events (Mr. Carroll): There will be a Memorial Day ceremony at the duck pond. Social distancing will be in effect. The HS band will play, and Mayor Schooler will be the Master of Ceremonies. Mr. Connelly asked whether the police still speak to students about bike helmets. They do.

Ambulance and Recreation (Mrs. Kurys): Summer Rec registration has opened. Five summer concerts are lined up.

Management, Administrative & Communication Committee (Mrs. LaPira): Thanks to the Demarest Police for saving her dog. Someone from the Solar Power project would like to present in May.

Finance & Insurance Committee (Mr. Connelly): The Budget Committee has reviewed the budget requests. The numbers are currently high. There is nothing to present yet.

DPW, Public Buildings, Public Utilities & Recycling Committee (Mrs. Hamilton): Thanks to the DPW for planting trees purchased by the Shade Tree Commission.

Real Estate & Ordinance Committee (Mrs. Fox): The tree ordinance work is now going smoothly, Decisions have to be made about the sallyport.

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

The Fire Chief reported that department grants have been submitted. Every member of the department is vaccinated.

The Police Chief updated the Mayor and Council on tickets, arrests, and other calls for service. He reported on the many trainings his officers are taking and other activities of the department.

The Borough Engineer updated the Mayor and Council on various projects, including that the Riverside paving has been awarded to D & L paving. The paving will be coordinated with the utility companies to avoid newly paved roads from being opened. Mr. Paster reported that he submitted a road-opening ordinance that he would like to see reviewed at the next meeting. Mrs. Fox did not receive the ordinance. Mr. Paster would like to review a cannabis ordinance as well.

Mr. Carroll moved to open the meeting to the Public, second Mrs. Hamilton. All in favor. Carried. Lynn Paulison asked who is enforcing the tree ordinance. Mrs. Fox reported that

the police department and Shade Tree Commission are both enforcing this. If she sees something she should call Lee Campbell in the Health Department. Pat Barrow (Chestnut Street) followed up on the tree restoration at her curb. The Engineer will discuss this with the DPW superintendent. Howard Rifkind asked about the fungus on plum trees. He asked if he needs a permit to have a tree cut down. Mrs. Fox stated that he would need a permit and someone to come to verify that it is dead. Also, people are not properly picking up after their dogs. He would like to see an ordinance requiring people to curb their dogs. Mr. Paster will look into this. Mr. Rifkind also asked about the woman who runs through town throwing food; he asked her to stop throwing it on his property. The police has spoken to her and her husband but it has not stopped. Also, there is a house on Eastview Terrace with a converted garage. The occupants are loud and have not responded to police requests. The Police Chief will speak to Mr. Rifkind about these issues. Mr. Carroll moved to close the meeting to the public, second Mrs. Hamilton.

Closed Session on road paving and resulting possible litigation. No action is expected after the Closed Session.

Mr. Carroll moved to adjourn, second Mrs. Hamilton. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Crosman
Municipal Clerk