

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF DEMAREST**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 26, 2021 7:30 PM

Mayor Iannuzzi opened the meeting at 7:30 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.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call

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

3. Mr. Carroll moved to adopt the agenda, second Mrs. Fox. All in favor. Carried.
4. **The 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

5. Resolution approving authorizing claims in the amount of \$2,105,824.60*
6. Resolution accepting the police camera grant*
7. Resolution approving the soil movement application for 23 Anderson Avenue*
8. Resolution approving the hire of Janice Saponaro as Deputy CFO* *
9. Resolution approving the hiring of Joseph Luppino as an Interim CFO*
10. Resolution approving Debra Mati as the Certified Tax Collector*
11. Resolution approving Antonio Petryshyn as Mechanic/Laborer*

There was no request to remove items from Consent Agenda or discussion.

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

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

Mrs. Fox moved to approve Consent Agenda items 5-11, second Mr. Carroll.

Mr. Carroll-yes Mrs. LaPira-yes
Mrs. Fox-yes

Carried.

New Business

Mrs. Fox moved to approve the minutes of June 28, 2021 (MH, DF, BC, RL), second Mrs. LaPira.

Mrs. Fox-yes Mrs. LaPira-yes

Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance # 1093-21 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND ESTABLISH FEES FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL, FIRE PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL OFFICERS BY BUILDING AND UTILITY CONTRACTORS AND PRIVATE ENTITIES. Mr. Carroll moved to open the meeting to the public, second Mrs. LaPira. All in favor. Carried. Mr. Carroll moved to close the meeting to the public, second Mrs. LaPira. All in favor. Carried. Mrs. Fox moved to adopt the ordinance, second Mr. Carroll.

Mr. Carroll-yes Mrs. LaPira-yes
Mrs. Fox-yes

Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance # 1094-21 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN. Mr. Carroll moved to open the meeting to the public, second Mrs. Fox. All in favor. Carried. The Borough attorney explained the ordinance. Mr. Carroll moved to close the meeting to the public, second Mrs. Fox. All in favor. Carried. Mrs. Fox moved to adopt ordinance 1094-21, second Mr. Carroll.

Mr. Carroll-yes Mrs. LaPira-yes
Mrs. Fox-yes

Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance #1095-21 ORDINANCE NO. 1095-21 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF DEMAREST ADOPTING THE AMENDED LIMITING SCHEDULE OF THE BOROUGH OF DEMAREST. Mrs. Fox moved to open the meeting to the public, second Mr. Carroll. All in favor. Carried. Mrs. Fox explained that both Planning Board and Zoning Board approved this schedule. Mr. Carroll moved to close the meeting to the public, second Mrs. Fox. All in favor. Carried. Mrs. Fox moved to adopt Ordinance 1095-21, second Mr. Carroll.

Mr. Carroll-yes Mrs. LaPira-yes
Mrs. Fox-yes

Carried.

Mayor's Report The Rec camp opened nicely, and there have been a couple of nice concerts. The Library is getting ready to do some improvements. At Davies Arboretum a couple of trees have come down to prepare for some work on the dam.

Council Committee Reports

Police, Fire, and Public Events: Mr. Carroll reported that there will be a trip to the Mets/Yankees game on September 10. Thanks to the Engineers for sponsoring the bus. There will also be a trip to Radio City in December.

Ambulance and Recreation: Mrs. LaPira (for Mrs. Kurys) thanked the Borough clerk and Councilman Connelly for their payroll help. Summer Rec Camp ends this Friday. The Camp is on Instagram. There are two more summer concerts.

Management, Administrative & Communication Committee: No report

Finance & Insurance Committee: No report

DPW, Public Buildings, Public Utilities & Recycling Committee: Mr. Carroll (for Mrs. Hamilton) gave kudos to the DPW.

Real Estate & Ordinance Committee: Mrs. Fox asked whether we are able to hold engineering escrow, as it seems to be unclear in the ordinance. The response is that yes we can. She also brought up confusion within the fence ordinance, which needs clarification. The Borough Attorney will discuss the issue with the Zoning Official.

Reports of Borough Officials

Borough Coordinator: There is a roof leak in the railroad depot. It is not an easy roof to fix. The numbers of different types of permits, licenses, and inspections were read into the record. Mr. Carroll reported that a property on Belmar clear cut a lot of trees. The Clerk will follow up.

Borough Attorney: No report but one DOT litigation issue for Closed Session.

Borough Engineer: The engineer gave an update on items including the DoT projects, Riverside Cooperative, upcoming meeting with DEP concerning the compost site and thanks to the DPW Superintendent for the work he has done, the Tax Map and Limiting Schedule, and the Donnybrook Manor drainage. The Borough Attorney asked whether anything needed to be done for the compost site. We are waiting to hear from the DEP.

Borough Treasurer: Mr. Luppino introduced himself and gave a bit of his background. He thanked the Borough Clerk. The first installment of the American Recovery Act has come in. He will be in at least once or twice a week.

Police Chief: Chief Bianchi gave an outline of the calls from the last month. The Mayor reported that the Chief was honored last month as a hometown hero by Congressman Gottheimer.

Fire Chief: Karl Pavlik gave a report on the calls and training from the last month.

Ambulance: no report

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

Mr. Pugh came forward to follow up on a drainage issue. He also asked about the property on Donnybrook that emptied water into the municipal system without a permit. The Mayor asked Mr. Pugh to allow the engineers to look at the situation. Discussion.

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

Mrs. Fox moved to go into Closed Session for the presentation, second Mr. Carroll. Mrs. Fox moved to go out of Closed Session and into Open, second Mrs. LaPira. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Carroll moved to Adjourn, second Mrs. Fox. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Crosman
Borough Clerk/Coordinator