

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
BOROUGH OF DEMAREST**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 30, 2021 7:30 PM

Mayor Iannuzzi opened the meeting at 7:32 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.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

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

3. Adoption of Agenda: Mr. Carroll moved to adopt the agenda, second Mrs. Hamilton.

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

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 \$3,914,164.00\*
6. Resolution accepting the bid for the fire rescue truck\*

7. Resolution approving the soil movement application for Brenner/Duane Lane (Sylco) project\*
8. Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of the developer's agreement for Brenner/Duane Lane project \*
9. Resolution approving the cancellation of taxes due for 129 Hardenburgh Avenue\*
10. Resolution approving the soil movement application for 26 Columbus Rd.\*
11. Resolution approving the soil movement application for 21 Christie St.\*
12. Resolution approving the soil movement application for 611 Piermont Rd.\*
13. Resolution approving the soil movement application for 3 Mountainview Ct\*
14. Resolution approving the appointment of a temporary Data Entry Clerk\*
15. Resolution approving the appointment of Conner Owens and Andrew Anavim as Special Police Class 1 Officers\*
16. Resolution appointing James Powderley, III, as part-time borough administrator\*
17. Motion to approve a raffle for the Police Chiefs Association\*
18. Resolution to honor Nancy Woods\*
19. Resolution awarding construction for the 2020 DOT\*

Request to remove items from Consent Agenda: Mr. Connelly requested that Item 18 for discussion and changed to Nancy Woods Peace Gazebo at the Pond. 18 was then returned to the Consent Agenda.

Discussion on items removed from Consent Agenda

Mr. Carroll made a motion to open the meeting to the Public, second Mr. Connelly. All in favor. Carried. Mayor Schooler wanted to know the reason if anyone was going to vote no on number 18.

Mr. Carroll made a motion 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 5-19, second Mrs. Hamilton.

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

Mrs. Kurys-yes  
 Mrs. LaPira-yes

Carried.

**New Business**

Mr. Carroll moved to approve the minutes of July 26, 2021 (JC, DF, RL), second Mrs. LaPira.

Mr. Carroll-yes  
 Mrs. LaPira-yes

Carried.

Mr. Carroll moved to INTRODUCE: ORDINANCE #1096-21 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REVISION AND CODIFICATION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF DEMAREST, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, second Mrs. Hamilton

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

Mrs. Kurys-yes  
Mrs. LaPira-yes

Carried.

**Mayor's Report** Mayor Iannuzzi spoke about the rise in numbers due to the Delta variant of COVID and that masks are required in the Borough Hall and the Library. She asked that everyone who has not yet been vaccinated get vaccinated soon. Miss Kate from the Library has taken a job in the Dumont Library. The Mayor thanked the Borough Clerk for her work on the eCode.

### **Council Committee Reports**

Police, Fire, and Public Events: Mr. Carroll reported that the Fire Truck has sold. The Police Chief will retire soon and be missed. There are 10 tickets left for the ballgame on September 10. The Mayor reported that the 9/11 ceremony will be at 1:00 on September 11th.

Ambulance and Recreation: Mrs. Kurys reported that the Rec program was very successful with the new director. The summer concerts went well and included hot dogs and other refreshments.

Management, Administrative & Communication Committee: Mrs. LaPira reported that the Fall newsletter is going out shortly. The Library is sponsoring an event for parents on the first day of school as well as other events. The Environmental Commission put in a new raingarden at the Demarest Middle School

Finance & Insurance Committee: Mr. Connelly thanked the Council for approving the Nancy Woods Gazebo. The Mayor said that there will be a gathering when the plaque is ready.

DPW, Public Buildings, Public Utilities & Recycling Committee: Mrs. Hamilton said that she connected with IWS and asked them to tighten up the collecting of trash vs. recyclables.

Real Estate & Ordinance Committee: no report

### **Reports of Borough Officials**

Borough Coordinator: The DPW did a great job of planting near the memorial. An email came in about the relocating of the fencing for the bees. The Mayor did not think putting

it next to the building was a good idea. The Mayor did not see an issue with storing the Garden Club sale items overnight at the RR Depot and then selling outside.

Borough Attorney: No additional report but an item for closed session

Borough Engineer: Updates were given on programs including: The 2022 municipal aid grant application was due in July. The 2021 Riverside Cooperative program is being coordinated with PSEG because PSEG is not done with their work. The first draft of the tax maps is anticipated at the end of September. A meeting was held about Safe Routes for Schools; a grant will be applied for. Mr. Carroll and the Mayor spoke about sidewalks on County Road. The Mayor will speak with the Property Maintenance Officer.

Borough Treasurer: Not present

Police Chief: PSEG replaced the gas line at the RR Depot. A temporary patch is being put on the sidewalk. A lot of school safety information has been put into the newsletter. Welcome to the two new officers and Joseph Solan who just graduated from the academy as a Class II. The Chief reminded everyone about SwiftReach and Nixel to keep up to date with emergency messages. Officers Dickman and Cameron met with the Crossing Guards to train them. Congratulations to Officer Schmidig who was selected for the Rapid Deployment Team. The Chief updated everyone on the training undertaken by the Department as well as new policies and directives. He reported that the Department responded to 755 calls. Mr. Carroll asked that the Police Chief close the parking lot at the bank so that those going on the 9/10 bus trip can park there.

Fire Chief: The Chief gave a report.

Ambulance: The president gave a report. Mr. Carroll wished her a happy birthday.

Mr. Carroll moved to open the meeting to the Public, second Mrs. Hamilton. All in favor. Carried. Mike Clarke asked what was happening with the bank property. The Mayor explained that the town owns the bank property. The Borough Attorney explained that it will be part of the affordable housing obligation. He also asked that masks and the 9/11 ceremony be on the signboard. The Mayor reported that we will utilize the signboard when it is repaired. The Mayor suggested that we upgrade the signboard. The Police Chief reported that the fiber optics were upgraded this week. Mayor Schooler asked why the Nancy Woods memorial had to be done by ordinance. The Attorney explained that an ordinance makes something permanent. Discussion. Tim Woods thanked everyone on his family's behalf. Dan Morrison (11 Maple Avenue) spoke about 38 Sunset Road. The Mayor asked that he speak to the Construction Officer about this situation. Mrs. LaPira said that she lives close to this property and has also spoken to the Building Department. Mr. Carroll moved to close the meeting to the Public, second Mrs. Kurys. All in favor. Carried.

Closed Session: Mr. Carroll moved to go into Closed Session, second Mr. Connelly. All in favor. Meeting went into Closed Session at 8:30 pm. Mr. Carroll moved to close Closed Session, second Mrs. Hamilton. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Carroll moved to adjourn at 9:10 pm, second Mr. Connelly. All in favor. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Crosman  
Borough Clerk