

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

BOROUGH OF DEMAREST

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2022, 6:00 PM

Mayor Iannuzzi opened the meeting at 6:00 pm with the following announcement: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by notice of the date, time and place of this special meeting via email to the Record and Star Ledger on October 14, 2022, by posting of same at Borough Hall, and by filing with the Borough Clerk of Demarest pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(d).

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Mr. Carroll-present

Mrs. Fox-present

Mrs. LaPira-present

Mr. Connelly-present

Mrs. Hamilton-present

Mrs. Slowikowski-absent

Mayor Iannuzzi-present

Also present: Borough Administrator, Acting Deputy Borough Clerk, Borough Attorney

3. **Mrs. Fox moved to adopt the Agenda, seconded by Mrs. Hamilton.** All in favor.
Carried.

4. Introduction of ORDINANCE #1110-22, AUTHORIZING SALE OF BOROUGH OWNED REAL ESTATE KNOWN AS BLOCK 23 LOT 13 & 14 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF DEMAREST, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 127 HARDENBURGH AVENUE.

Mrs. Fox moved to introduce the ordinance, seconded by Mrs. Hamilton.

Mr. Carroll-yes

Mrs. Fox-yes

Mrs. LaPira-yes

Mr. Connelly-yes

Mrs. Hamilton-yes

Carried.

5. Introduction of ORDINANCE #1111-22, ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF DEMAREST AUTHORIZING REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 23 LOT 13 & 14 PURSUANT TO THE LONG-TERM TAX EXEMPTION LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1, ET SEQ.

Mrs. Fox moved to introduce the ordinance, seconded by Mrs. Hamilton.

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

Mr. Connelly-yes
Mrs. Hamilton-yes

Carried.

Resolutions:

6. Resolution ratifying hire of Adeline Hanna as Acting Deputy Borough Clerk
7. Resolution authorizing contract with Organic Recycling Inc. for leaf composting and front-end loader rental
8. Resolution approval for Soil Moving Application – 28 Ross Avenue
9. **Mr. Carroll moved to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mrs. Hamilton.**
All in favor. Carried.

Brian Bernstein, Van Horn St., requested a copy of the contract with Organic Recycling, Inc. There was discussion about the fact that the cost of leaf removal this year is extraordinary because of the compost/DEP situation, but there the cost will likely be much less in future years because we hope to be producing marketable compost. Mr. Bernstein noted that the property at 127 Hardenburgh Ave. is not currently on the tax rolls. Marian Hayden, Prescott St., noted as Chair of the Planning Board that there may be confusion about the street address for the affordable housing because United Way submitted preliminary paperwork indicating that it is 127-129 Hardenburgh Ave. Mr. Paster said it is 127 Hardenburgh Ave. only, and he will reach out to United Way.

10. **Mr. Carroll moved to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mrs. Hamilton.**
All in favor. Carried.
11. **Mrs. Fox moved to approved Resolutions 6, 7 and 8, seconded by Mrs. Hamilton.**

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

Mr. Connelly-yes
Mrs. Hamilton-yes

Carried.

12. **Mr. Carroll moved to go into closed session, seconded by Mrs. Hamilton.** All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Paster stated that action may be taken after the closed session.

13. **Mr. Carroll moved to reopen from the closed session, seconded by Mrs. Hamilton.** All in favor. Carried.

No action was taken following the closed session.

14. **Mr. Carroll moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Hamilton.** All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.