

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
BOROUGH OF DEMAREST  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 30, 2023  
7:30 PM**

At 7:32 pm Mayor Bernstein read the compliance statement and invited all present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Mayor Bernstein, Council President Slowikowski, Councilmember Fox, Councilmember Hamilton, Councilmember Marks, Councilmember Jiang

Absent: Councilmember LaPira

Also Present: Julie Falkenstern, Borough Administrator  
Deena Rosendahl, Borough Attorney

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**OPEN SPACE HEARING May 10, 2023**

A motion was made by Councilmember Fox and seconded by Council President Slowikowski to approve the minutes.

Ayes: Council President Slowikowski, Councilmember Fox, Councilmember Marks, Councilmember Jiang

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilmember Hamilton

Absent: Councilmember LaPira

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 1120-23**

**Ordinance 1120-2023 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND MODIFYING CHAPTER 40 POLICE DEPARTMENT, §40-3 DEFINITIONS; WORD USAGE AND §40-37 DEPARTMENT DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEMAREST BOROUGH CODE**

A motion was made by Council President Slowikowski and seconded by Councilmember Fox to introduce ordinance 1120-23 and that it be published in the Bergen Record with public hearing to be held June 12, 2023.

Ayes: Council President Slowikowski, Councilmember Fox, Councilmember Hamilton, Councilmember Marks, Councilmember Jiang

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember LaPira

### **Meeting Open to the Public**

A motion was made by Councilmember Hamilton, seconded by Councilmember Fox and approved by all members present to open the meeting to the public.

There being no members of the public wishing to speak, the meeting was closed.

### **Closed Session**

#### **Resolution 2023-008 Closed Session for personnel discussion**

A motion was made by Council President Slowikowski and seconded by Councilmember Fox to approve Resolution 2023-008 to adjourn to closed session for personnel update, no action will be taken when the meeting returns to open session.

Ayes: Council President Slowikowski, Councilmember Fox, Councilmember Hamilton, Councilmember Marks, Councilmember Jiang

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember LaPira

The meeting returned to open session at 7:58 pm.

A discussion ensued in regards to the next finance committee meeting and the status of the tree ordinance.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Hamilton and seconded by Councilmember Jiang to adjourn. The motion was approved by all members present and the meeting was therefore adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Julie Falkenstern  
Borough Administrator