

**BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS**  
Borough Council Regular Meeting  
**MINUTES**  
November 9, 2020  
VIA CONFERENCE CALL ONLY

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vallone called the conference call meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and read the open public meetings statement in accordance with the law.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Vallone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilman Joseph Carty, Councilwoman Mary Chimenti, Councilman Richard Hand, Council President David Karner, Councilman Ted McLean, Mayor Paul J. Vallone, MD  
Absent, as Excused: Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie  
Absent  
Also Present: Borough Clerk Dorothy S. Hicks, Borough Attorney Joseph Sordillo, and Chief of Police Michael DeCarolis

**REPORTS**

**Councilman Hand – Fire, Water, Light, Buildings & Grounds**

No report.

Council President Karner inquired as to the status of the tree work to be provided by Nelson Tree Service. Councilman Hand responded that he would be reaching out again to their representative to for a status of the tree work.

**Councilman McLean - Roads**

Councilman McLean provided an update on the status of the road projects in the Borough.

**Councilman Carty – Finance/Insurance**

No report.

**Councilwoman Chimenti – Laws, Ordinances & Elections**

Councilman Chimenti reported that the Court schedule remains full and deposits for the month of October 2020 were \$3,250.00.

**Council President Karner – Police**

Council President Karner reported that recruitment efforts for a Police Corporal had commenced and interviews were anticipated to begin in December.

He also provided an update on the Borough's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event and would be contacting local food vendors next week.

Council President Karner commented that the drainage project on Dumont Road was completed and

noted that while every attempt was made by the Borough to include the drainage from the private property where the Peapack Gladstone Bank was located, it was not financially feasible for the owner to do so.

**Chief DeCarolis**

Chief DeCarolis reported that Officer Andrew T. Perez had successfully completed his training and was now serving as a full-time officer with the Far Hills Police Department.

**Mayor Vallone**

Mayor Vallone reiterated the efforts made by the Borough to include the drainage from the private property in the Dumont Road drainage project; however, as reviewed by Council President Karner and Borough Engineer, Paul Ferriero it was not financially possible.

Mayor Vallone noted that although the 2020 Election results for the Borough of Far Hills would not be certified until November 23, 2020, he personally commended the efforts of Councilmen Carty and McLean, and Councilwoman Tweedie.

**REGULAR AGENDA  
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

10/26/20 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Council President Karner, seconded by Councilman Hand was unanimously carried that these minutes be approved for content and release.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION**

**ORDINANCE 2020-16 – AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$30,000.00 FOR FIRE COMPANY EQUIPMENT**

Mayor Vallone provided a brief overview indicating that the Borough of Far Hills and Bedminster Township share the services of the Far Hills Bedminster Fire Department. He detailed the proportionate share of the costs were 20% Far Hills and 80% Bedminster.

Councilman Carty inquired as to the number of calls the fire department responds to that are on the state highway vs in the local municipalities.

A brief discussion ensued with Mr. Sordillo advising that there was not a state mechanism in place to reimburse municipalities for calls to a state highway. However, he noted that provisions were in place for reimbursement to the municipality if the event involved hazardous materials.

Motion by Council President Karner, seconded by Councilman Hand that Ordinance 2020-16 be introduced.

Roll Call:

Aye: Carty, Chimenti, Hand, Karner, McLean

Nay:

Abstain:

Recused:

Motion Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA  
RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution 20-134 – Appointment Assistant to the Borough Clerk – Marina Yoler
2. Resolution 20-135 – Appointment Planning Board – Alternate #2 – Suzanne Humbert
3. Resolution 20-136 – Authorizing Issuance of Special Use Permit - Moorland Farm
4. Resolution 20-137 – Authorizing Change Order – Nisivoccia, LLP
5. Resolution 20-138 – Authorizing Change Order – Surenian, Edwards & Nolan, LLC
6. Resolution 20-139 – Award of Contract – Snow Removal – Baza Landscaping Services
7. Resolution 20-140 – Payment of the Bill List

Motion by Council President Karner, seconded by Councilman McLean that Resolutions 20-134 through 20-140 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Carty, Chimenti, Hand, Karner, McLean

Nay:

Abstain:

Recused:

Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – *The Mayor and Council welcome comments from any member of the public. To help facilitate an orderly meeting and to permit the opportunity for anyone who wishes to be heard, speakers shall limit their comments to 5 minutes.*

Motion by Council President Karner, seconded by Councilman Hand to open the meeting for public comment.

Richard Rinzler, 11 Hurlingham Club Road, Far Hills inquired if there were any coyote sightings in Far Hills.

Councilman Hand responded that he had seen coyotes as well as coyote-wolf breed near his home.

There were no further comments from the public.

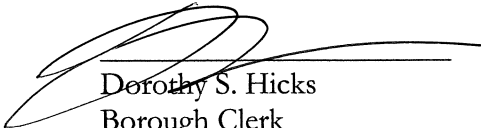
Motion by Council President Karner, seconded by Councilman McLean to close the meeting for public comment.

Council President Karner inquired if a wreath could be placed at the memorial to commemorate Veterans Day. There was a general agreement and Ms. Hicks was asked to make the arrangements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Council President Karner, seconded by Councilman McLean and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dorothy S. Hicks  
Borough Clerk

APPROVED - 11/23/20