

BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS
Borough Council Regular Meeting
MINUTES
December 27, 2021
VIA REMOTE MEETING ACCESS ONLY

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vallone called the remote meeting to order at 7:00 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, Council President David Karner, Councilman Ted McLean, Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, Councilman Kevin Welsh, Mayor Paul J. Vallone, MD

Absent, as Excused: Councilwoman Mary Chimenti

Absent:

Also Present: Borough Clerk Dorothy S. Hicks and Attorney Michael Silbert

REPORTS

Councilman Kevin Welsh – Fire, Water, Light, Buildings & Grounds

Councilman Welsh provided an update on the improvements to the Fairgrounds, noting the old backstop in front of the large grandstand had been removed. He also expressed appreciation on behalf of the Recreation Committee for the holiday tree donated by Mayor and Mrs. Vallone which will serve as a gathering point for a tree lighting ceremony in 2022.

Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie – Health/Sanitation

No report.

Councilman Ted McLean – Roads

No report.

Councilman Joseph Carty – Finance/Insurance

Councilman Carty reported preparations for the 2022 Budget were continuing.

Council President David Karner – Police

Council President Karner stated everything in the Borough was copacetic. He informed the Council of the installation of a large banner depicting the Far Hills logo on the small grandstand adjacent to Peapack Road. Council President Karner acknowledged the efforts of Mr. David Petersen for the logo design and Mr. Jerome Bird for the assistance with the installation.

Mayor Paul J. Vallone, MD

Mayor Vallone acknowledged the service of Class II Officer Jim Peslis who had recently tenured his resignation from the Far Hills Police Department. Mayor Vallone wished everyone a very healthy and prosperous New Year.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

12/13/21 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilwoman Tweedie, seconded by Councilman McLean was unanimously carried that these minutes be approved for content and release.

CONSENT AGENDA

The items listed within the Consent Agenda portion of the meeting have been referred to the Borough Council for reading and study and are considered routine and will be enacted with one motion of the Borough Council with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is required, the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by Borough Council action and placed on the Regular Agenda under New Business.

1. Resolution 21-149 – Acceptance of Resignation Class II Officer – Jim Peslis
2. Resolution 21-150 – Authorizing Acceptance of Donation – Holiday Tree
3. Resolution 21-151 – Authorizing Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual and Employee Handbook
4. Resolution 21 152 – Authorizing Acceptance of Maintenance Bond and Release of Performance Bond – Riverview Paving, Inc.
5. Resolution 21-153 – Cancellation of Current Fund 2021 Budget Appropriation Balances
6. Resolution 21-154 – Authorizing Transfer of Funds
7. Resolution 21-155 – Authorizing Payment of Bill List

Motion by Council President Karner, seconded by Councilman McLean that Resolutions 21-149 through 21-155 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Carty, Karner, McLean, Tweedie, Welsh

Nay:

Abstain:

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 McLean, was unanimously carried to open the meeting to public comment.

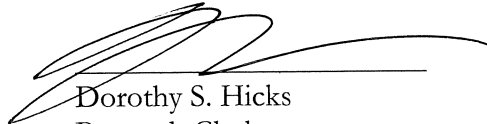
There were no comments from the public.

Motion by Council President Karner, seconded by Councilman Carty was unanimously carried to close the meeting to public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman McLean, seconded by Councilwoman Tweedie was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dorothy S. Hicks
Borough Clerk

APPROVED – 1/3/22