

COUNCIL MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AGENDA MEETING OF AUGUST 2, 2022

I. INTRODUCTION

A. POSTING OF NOTICE:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law by filing the notice in the Office of the Township Clerk and by posting the meeting notice on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building on December 22, 2021 where it has remained posted since that date. A legal notice appeared in the *Daily Record* on December 28, 2021 and the *Newark Star Ledger* on December 27, 2021.

Note: Council Meetings are videotaped and aired on Cablevision, Public Access Channel 21, at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays and are also available for viewing at www.parsippany.net.

B. FLAG SALUTE

C. ROLL CALL

Council President dePierro, Council Member Gragnani, Council Member Carifi, Council Member Musella and Council Member Neglia. Other members of the Administration present at the meeting; Mayor James Barberio, Business Administrator Frederick Carr, Township Attorney Michael Lavery and Township Clerk Khaled Madin.

D. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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| 1. 8/16/22 @ 7:00 p.m. | Regular Meeting |
| 2. 9/6/22 @ 7:00 p.m. | Agenda Meeting |

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Agenda Meeting – 7/5/22
2. Regular Meeting – 7/19/22

II. PRESENTATION(S)/REPORTS

A. MAYOR – No Report

B. TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Mrs. Gragnani announced Mrs. Dee dePierro will be receiving the first Woman of the Year Award granted by the Morris County Women's Republican Club

Mr. dePierro asked again about the naming of Lee Keimel Street. The Mayor responded he would be talking to Engineering Department about it and will get back to Mr. dePierro about it.

C. TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY – No Report

D. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR – No Report

E. TOWNSHIP CLERK – No Report

F. TOWNSHIP OFFICES COMMITTEES/REPORT

Mr. Musella said he met with the Municipal Transparency Committee and they will be sending the minutes to Administration soon.

Mr. Neglia said he met with the Library Committee and will be coming to the next meeting regarding their needs for the Lake Hiawatha Library.

G. CORRESPONDENCE – No Report

III. BIDS

A. Taken

1. 7/20/22 - Base Bid – Well Redevelopment Services for Wells 10, 4 & 4A and Pumping System Replacements for Wells 10, 4 & 4A and Supplemental Bid – Well Redevelopment Services for Well 17 and Pumping System Replacements for Well 17

B. To Be Taken

1. 8/4/22 – One 2023 or Newer Freightliner S2C Medium-Duty Bus or Equivalent with Ambulatory Seats
2. 8/16/22 – Well 1A Replacement

C. Quotation(s)/Proposal(s)/Qualification(s)

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

OPEN: I'd like to entertain a motion to open the public hearing. Motion to open the public hearing by Mrs. Gragnani Seconded by Mr. Carifi

ROLL CALL: with all Council Members answering YES

Judith Hernandez, 5 Moraine Road, asked about the environmental resources inventory and wanted to know if there was any movement on that. She also has comments on the last meeting. She felt there were unfair and negative comments made

about the budget and the previous Administration. She questioned surplus and revenues used by the Barberio administration in the past.

Mayor Barberio responded to her stated that she herself had called him a crook and criminal and that consisted of negative comments. He stated in 2019 and 2020 there was a significant amount of surplus that was withdrawn more than he ever used. Mayor Barberio gave specific facts regarding the debt of the previous administration to support his statement.

Steve Mardel, 29 Lord Stirling Drive, commented on the statements of defunding the police and crime in Parsippany. He stated that crime has decreased in Parsippany. He wanted to know how the Township will replace the ARTHUR money.

Mayor Barberio responded said the past administration used that money as revenue. He stated that this year it has to be used as revenue as well. Hopefully next year this will not happen. He also stated that there are only 81 deployable police officers currently. He stated that in the new budget they will be replacing some of the officers that had left under the previous administration to bring the force back up. The Mayor stated that he is concerned about the safety of residents. He also stated the budget is so bad they can't cut their way to prosperity. He does not want to make any cuts to services.

Nick Homyak, Lake Hiawatha, commented on the Water/Sewer surplus and that the water infrastructure collapsed. Many wells have been breaking. He said the water held in surplus was a trust in case something went wrong. He stated the problem is not on a local level but on a higher level. He also spoke about the re-snagging of the Rockaway River and that the contractor the town hired did not have the proper permits. The bat population is affected by over development. He would like an ordinance that protects the time period for the bat to migrate when they are taking the trees down.

Bernie Clarkin, 31 Flintlock Road., spoke about his concerns for the 2022 budget. He read that it was a 3.3% tax increase and says it is actually a 14.3% increase. He questioned how they can say this is only a 3.3 % increase and that 1.5 million dollars was taken out of the water surplus.

Mayor Barberio said the 14.6% increase is the tax levy increase but the tax rate to the residents is only 3.3%.

Mr. dePierro expanded on what Mayor Barberio explained.

Bob Venezia, 102 Brooklawn Drive, spoke about the budget. He stated Mayor Soriano stated the same thing when he entered office that it was the previous administration that caused the issues and that Mayor Barberio is doing the same. He stated all had a hand in the condition of the budget and that there should be no more finger pointing.

Mayor Barberio stated that moving forward the town needs to bring in commercial businesses. The town needs to bring in ratables. He is attempting to do this by meeting with people that can bring commercial business to the town. He can also prove the

previous administration was at fault for this years budget but the next years will be on him.

The Mayor also said that crime went down because of Covid and because of the men and women of the police force.

CLOSE: I'd like to entertain a motion to close the public hearing. Motion to close the public hearing by Mrs. Gragnani Seconded by Mr. Carifi
ROLL CALL: with all Council Members answering YES

V. BUDGET

A. SECOND READING

1. ORDINANCE 2022:21

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022 PURSUANT TO (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)-ON*

VI. ORDINANCES

A. INTRODUCTION

1. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REPEALING CHAPTER 12, CONTRACTS, ARTICLE I, PROHIBITIONS ON CONTRACT AWARDS, OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, AND ADOPTING THE NEW JERSEY PAY TO PLAY LAW-ON***
2. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 91, ANIMALS, SECTION 91-2, LICENSING OF DOGS, OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE-ON***

B. SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

1. ORDINANCE 2022:20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE VII, ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND CHAPTER A445-47, FEES COMPILATION, OMNIBUS DRIVERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, OF THE CODE OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS-ON*

VII. NON-CONSENT AGENDA

A. RESOLUTIONS

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. RESOLUTIONS

1. **Terminating the Contract with Kulpekxa Land Improvement Corporation and Authorizing Termination Fee-ON***
2. **Authorizing Award of a Contract to A.C. Schultes, Inc. for Well Redevelopment Services for Wells 10, 4, 4A & 17 and Pumping System Replacement for Wells 10, 4, 4A & 17-ON***
3. **Granting a Major Soil Moving Permit to New York Renaissance Group, LLC: Block 199 Lot 48.1-ON***
4. **Granting a Major Soil Moving Permit to Parsippany Littleton, LLC: Block 181 Lot19-ON***

B. APPLICATIONS

C. APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND BILLS LIST

CFO Juan Uribe recommends authorization for payment:

1. Authorize payment of the 8/5/22 regular payroll estimated at \$1,650,000.00
2. Payment of bills from voucher list of 8/1/22 through 8/3/22 estimate totaling \$1,422,213.28

Motion to approve the authorization for payment above by Mr. Neglia, seconded by Mr. Musella.

ROLL CALL: with all Council Members answering YES

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting by Mr. Neglia Seconded by Mr. Carifi

ROLL CALL: with all Council Members answering YES

Respectfully submitted,

Khaled Madin, Township Clerk

Michael J. dePierro, Council President

Minutes Approved: September 20, 2022