



BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

***REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL***

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021`
TIME: 7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark was called to order at 7:01 PM , by Borough Clerk Kevin D. Harris .

MEETING NOTICE STATEMENT

Borough Clerk Harris read the following statement.

Open Public Meetings Act – This meeting is being held in accordance with the Public Laws of 1975, Chapter 231 and proper notification was issued to the Jersey Journal, Star Ledger and posted on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building and on the official Borough website. Official Action may be taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Grilo lead the Assembly present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Borough Clerk Harris conducted a roll call of the dais.

Present:

Mayor Dina M. Grilo
Council Member Jessica Diaz
Council Member Rose M. Evaristo
Council Member Kenneth J. Graham
Council Chairman Charles F. Tighe
Council Member Jeanne Zincavage

Absent:

Council Member Hans Peter Lucas



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Also Present:

John M. Johnson, Esq., Borough Attorney
Kevin F. Catrambone, Borough Administrator
Rosangela Zayas, Mayor's Office
Scottie Jimenez, IT
Kevin D. Harris, Borough Clerk

There were two (2) members of the public present in the Council Room and approximately five (5) present via the Zoom Audio/Video Conferencing System.

Borough Clerk Harris informed the Mayor and Council that a quorum had been established.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

Borough Clerk Harris informed the Mayor and Council that there was one (1) ordinance on the agenda for consideration this evening.

Borough Clerk Harris presented the following Ordinance for consideration on first reading:

01-2021 AN ORDINANCE TO FIX SALARIES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

Borough Clerk Harris asked Mayor Grilo or Borough Administrator Catrambone if they had any comments. Neither wished to make comment.

Borough Clerk Harris then asked Council Members if there were any questions or comments.

Council Member Diaz inquired as to whether there was a similar ordinance adopted last year that would make the Planning Board Secretary position hour. Mayor Grilo stated that it was; however, as the Borough shall be seeking the services of a new secretary before the end of the year that this is more consistent and competitive with other municipalities.

There were no other questions or comments from members of Council.

Borough Clerk Harris asked for a motion regarding Ordinance #01-2021. Council Member Evaristo moved that Ordinance # 01-2021 be introduced on first reading by title. The motion was seconded by Council Members Graham and approved on the following roll call vote.



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Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz			X			
Evaristo	X		X			
Graham		X	X			
Lucas						X
Tighe			X			
Zincavage			X			

Borough Clerk Harris announced the results of the vote, that the motion carried and Ordinance # 01-2021 was introduced on first reading.

Borough Clerk Harris announced that the public hearing and date for possible consideration shall be the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2021, beginning at 7:00 PM.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING:

Borough Clerk Harris presented the following Ordinance for consideration on second reading:

17-2020 AN ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, SECTION 31 (BOARD OF EDUCATION OF EAST NEWARK) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK SPECIFICALLY BY AMENDING § 2-31.3 TITLED “COMPOSITION OF BOARD” BY INCREASING THE BOARD MEMBERSHIP FROM FIVE (5) TO SEVEN (7) MEMBERS.

Borough Clerk Harris asked the Mayor and Borough Administrator if they had any comments regarding this Ordinance. Neither wished to make comment.

Public Hearing – Borough Clerk Harris asked members of the public if anyone wished to address the Mayor and Council regarding Ordinance # 17-2020.

There were no members of the public who addressed the Mayor and Council regarding Ordinance # 17-2020 and Borough Clerk Harris closed the public hearing regarding the ordinance.

Borough Clerk Harris then asked Council Members if there were any questions or comments.

Council Member Diaz asked that the record be adjusted from the Ordinance’s introduction in that she abstained from voting; and the Ordinance’s introduction vote has her voting yes. The Borough Clerk informed her that the record would be adjusted accordingly.

Borough Clerk Harris asked for a motion regarding Ordinance #17-2020. Council Member Evaristo moved that Ordinance # 17-2020 be adopted on second reading by title. The motion was seconded by Council Member Zincavage and approved on the following roll call vote



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Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz					X	
Evaristo	X		X			
Graham			X			
Lucas						X
Tighe			X			
Zincavage		X	X			

Borough Clerk Harris announced the results of the vote, that the motion carried and Ordinance # 17-2020 was adopted on second reading.

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA

Borough Clerk Harris informed the Mayor and Council that there were fourteen (14) resolutions on the Consent Agenda for consideration this evening.

Borough Clerk Harris read the titles for the following resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

10-21 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 9, 2020 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

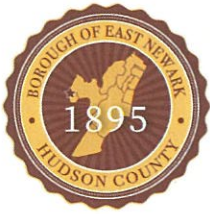
11-21 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2020 EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

12-21 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 29, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

13-21 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 6, 2021 ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

14-21 RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK FOR THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR

15-21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL TO PAY NECESSARY BILLS WITHOUT COUNCIL APPROVAL BETWEEN MEETINGS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK, IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY



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16-21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN APPROVED STATE CONTRACT AND COOPERATIVE PRICING VENDORS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 AND N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10

17-21 RESOLUTION RATIFYING AWARD OF EMERGENCY CONTRACT TO GHOST RECYCLING CORP., AND PAYMENT FOR EMERGENCY SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES RENDERED DURING THE DECEMBER 2020 WEATHER EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6

18-21 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION BY BASF CORPORATION OF ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION PROJECT

19-21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR, BOROUGH ENGINEER AND/OR BOROUGH'S CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO IDENTIFY AND APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING THAT WOULD BENEFIT THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

20-21 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TEMPORARY OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

21-21 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATIONS OF, AND AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR AND DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

22-21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF THE EAST NEWARK FIRE DEPARTMENT

23-21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH JANUARY 20, 2021 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$371,444.62

WHEREAS, certain bills which are contained on the bills list which is annexed hereto and incorporated herein have been submitted to the Borough of East Newark for payment, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5:16, it has been certified to the governing body that the goods or services for which said bills were submitted have been received by or rendered to the Borough of East Newark and;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of East Newark has certified to the governing body that there are funds legally appropriated and available in the budget for the payment of said bills and that the said payment will not result in the disbursement of public monies or in the encumbering of same in excess of the 2020 and/or 2021 appropriation for said purpose;

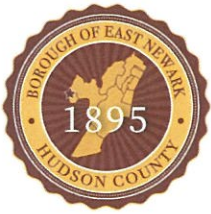


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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that it hereby authorizes the Acting Chief Financial Officer and the designated signatories to sign checks in payment of the bills set forth in the annexed schedule.

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<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Account</u>
ACE COM	\$ 96.50	11542	POLICE DEPT. O/E
AIR & GAS	1,440.00		FIRE DEPT. OE
ALEX'S DELI	7,754.50	00059797	SENIOR CITIZENS OE
BUG-ELIMINATORS	85.00	78711 & 78712 DEC 2020	PUBLIC BLDG & GROUNDS OE
BUG-ELIMINATORS	65.00	78711 & 78712 DEC 2020	SENIOR CITIZENS OE
CHIEFS OF POLICE	500.00	2021	POLICE DEPT. O/E
COMCAST	10.36	8499053560013062 DEC	SENIOR CITIZENS OE
COMCAST	61.44	8499 05 356 0119976 -	POLICE DEPT. O/E
CREAM-O-LAND	88.36	4551531 & 4560963	SENIOR CITIZENS OE
CREAM-O-LAND	92.46	4551531 & 4560963	SENIOR CITIZENS OE
EAST NEWARK BOARD	124,777.75	JAN 2021	SCHOOL TAXES
ECONOMY SUPPLY CO.	188.27	182067, 182064,	PUBLIC BLDG & GROUNDS OE
EFFECTIVE ALARM	720.00	12200283, 12200284 &	SENIOR CITIZENS OE
EFFECTIVE ALARM	1,050.00	12200283, 12200284 &	RECREATION OE
EXELEGENT	256.00	21-6371, 21-6444, &	ADMIN. & EXEC. O/E –
EXELEGENT	248.00	21-6371, 21-6444, &	ADMIN. & EXEC. O/E -
FORD MOTOR CREDIT	17,895.12	1763781	POLICE DEPT. O/E
GHOST RECYCLING	14,450.00	SNOW CLEANING UP 12/18	SNOW REMOVAL OE
GTBM	735.00	29397	POLICE DEPT. O/E
HAYS SAFE & LOCK	407.95	M-16993	ADMIN. & EXEC. O/E –
HORIZON BCBSNJ	10,373.92	295492483 - JAN 2021	INSURANCE – EMPLOYEE GROUP HEA
HUDSON COUNTY	10,690.35	17507	GARBAGE COLLECT CONTRACT OE
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	2,500.00	DEC 2020	LEGAL SERVICES & COSTS O/E
JOSEPH SMENTKOWSKI	4,560.60	106488 & 106489 DEC	MANDATORY RECYCLING OE



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JOSEPH SMENTKOWSKI	7,361.00	106488 & 106489 DEC	GARBAGE COLLECT CONTRACT OE
JUNIOR FIORI	70.00	COPAY REIMBURSEMENT	INSURANCE – EMPLOYEE GROUP HEA
JUNIOR FIORI	45.00	COPAY REIMBURSEMENT	INSURANCE – EMPLOYEE GROUP HEA
KENNETH M.	207.79	COPAY REIMBURSEMENT	INSURANCE – EMPLOYEE GROUP HEA
KEVIN F. LARACY ASSOCIATES	175.46 3,650.00	EMPLOYEE RELATIONS 1137	ADMIN. & EXEC. O/E – FINANCIAL ADMIN. O/E
MICHAEL A. CIFELLI	714.67	JAN 2021	MUNIC PROSECUTOR S&W
MILLENNIUM	1,080.00	10908	HC CARES ACT REIMBURSEMENT
MUNIDEX, INC.	3,020.00	CY 2021	FINANCIAL ADMIN. O/E
MUNIDEX, INC.	3,729.00	CY 2021	COLLECTION OF TAXES O/E
MUNIDEX, INC.	1,280.00	991320- REMOTE	FINANCIAL ADMIN. O/E
NEW JERSEY	7,680.89	0-226-001-768/000-00	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP
NEW JERSEY	325.00	2021	PLANNING BOARD OE
NJ CONFERENCE OF NJ LEAGUE OF PASSAIC VALLEY	295.00 356.00 77,104.94	2021247 118MLK21 2127851, Q1-2021	ADMIN. & EXEC. O/E – ADMIN. & EXEC. O/E – SEWER SYS OE PASSAIC VALLEY
PRIMEPOINT, LLC	4,598.95	453337	HC CARES ACT REIMBURSEMENT
QUALITY	380.95	3895 - JAN 2021	ADMIN. & EXEC. O/E –
QUALITY	122.45	3895 - JAN 2021	POLICE DEPT. O/E
QUALITY	28.69	3895 - JAN 2021	SENIOR CITIZENS OE
QUALITY	28.69	3895 - JAN 2021	RECREATION OE



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SOS CARFIX LLC	1,749.07	12846, 12840	MOTOR VEHICLE POOL OE
TREASURER, STATE	500.00	QUARTER 1 -4, 2020	Due NJ MARRIAGE
VERIZON WIRELESS	94.50	4136778218 -	POLICE DEPT. O/E
WASTE MANAGEMENT	2,097.35	M198177	MANDATORY RECYCLING OE
WEINER LESNIAK LLP	7,948.50	OCT 30, 2020	LEGAL SERVICES & COSTS O/E
WILLIAM H.	41,314.00	101307, 101308; 15611	INSURANCE - GEN LIABILITY
WILLIAM H.	200.00	101307, 101308; 15611	INSURANCE - GEN LIABILITY
Total	Fund 01	\$ 365,204.48	

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KEARNY WATER DEPT.	5,671.71	00307160000000 DEC	WATER SERVICES
ONE CALL CONCEPTS	1.43	0125070	WATER SERVICES
PASSAIC VALLEY	567.00	16011 - NOV 2020	WATER SERVICES
Total	Fund 05	\$ 6,240.14	

Total Bills List \$ 371,444.62

Borough Clerk Harris asked if Council Members wished to have any of the above resolutions removed for separate vote. There were no requests to remove any resolutions for a separate vote.

Borough Clerk Harris asked if there were any questions or comments from the Mayor and Council regarding items on the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Diaz asked about Resolution # 21-21 and that the Council did not receive copies of the resignations from both Mayor Grilo and Chief Monteiro. Borough Clerk Harris informed the Council that the resignations were received by Borough Clerk Harris from both via email. Borough Clerk Harris stated that he would make copies available if requested.

There was no further discussion regarding the Consent Agenda.

Borough Clerk Harris asked if there was a motion regarding the resolutions on the Consent Agenda.



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Council Member Zincavage moved that the resolutions on the Consent Agenda be adopted. The Motion was seconded by Council Members Evaristo, Graham and Tighe and approved on the following roll call vote:

Trustee Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz			X			
Evaristo		X	X			
Graham		X	X			
Lucas						X
Tighe		X	X			
Zincavage	X		X			

Borough Clerk Harris announced the results of the vote and that the motion carried. Resolutions numbered 10-21; 11-21; 12-21; 13-21; 14-21; 15-21; 16-21; 17-21; 18-21; 19-21; 20-21; 21-21; 22-21 and 23-21 were all adopted

OPEN MEETING OF PUBLIC CITIZENS

Borough Clerk Harris opened the meeting to the public and asked if there were any members of the public wishing to address the Mayor and Council on any issue.

Mark Balsam, a resident of East Newark addressed the Mayor and Council regarding a recent OPRA request where it appears that an email may have been sent either to, or from a personal email of the Mayor. Mr. Balsam stated that all emails should come from Borough email accounts.

Mr. Balsam further addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the Superintendent's salary and how it should be tied to performance as the students' testing performance has gotten better according to Mr. Balsam.

Mr. Balsam finally addressed Council and admonished them about merely "rubber-stamp" passing ordinances and resolutions. Mr. Balsam advised Council to vote their conscience and vote for what is right as opposed to being "yes" people.

There were no other members of the public wishing to address the Mayor and Council and Borough Clerk Harris closed the Public Hearing of Citizens.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

In response to comments raised during the Open Meeting; Council Members offered the following comments:

Council Member Evaristo stated that all one has to do is look at the record as to how she has voted during her time on Council. Council Member Evaristo stated that she stands on her commitment and service to the Borough and has always acted in the best interests of the residents.



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Council Member Zincavage informed Mr. Balsam that she has been on the Council for almost twenty (20) years and she has only seen Mr. Balsam at maybe 2 or 3 meetings. Council Member Zincavage stated that she has never been a “yes” person and if Mr. Balsam attended more meetings; he would know that.

Council Member Graham stated to Mr. Balsam that Mr. Balsam was wrong in his assertion that the Council were acting as “yes” people. Council Member Graham stated that every agenda item is vetted and discussed thoroughly before being put to a vote.

There were no further comments from the Mayor and/or Council Members.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business for the evening.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Clerk Harris asked if there was any new business for the evening. There was none presented.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Mayor and Council Members were in receipt of the December 2020 monthly reports from the Fire and Police Departments, and the Municipal Court; which had been previously provided to the Mayor and Council. Borough Clerk Harris represented that more would be provided upon receipt by the Borough Clerk. There were no questions or comments from the Mayor and Council regarding same.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business for the Mayor and Council to consider this evening; Borough Clerk Harris asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Council Member Graham moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tighe and approved unanimously on voice vote. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Borough Clerk Harris also announced that the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Council would be on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at 7:00 PM, with the Pre-Caucus Meeting beginning at 6:30 PM, in the Council Room, Borough Hall, 34 Sherman Avenue, East Newark, New Jersey 07029. The Pre-Caucus meeting would be closed to the public. As to the Regular Meeting; it shall be a live, in-person meeting; same would be subject to the COVID-19 emergency precautions in effect at the time. Therefore, there would most likely also be an option for those who wish to attend virtually through the Borough’s use of the Zoom Audio-Video Conferencing System. However, Borough Clerk Harris stated that at the Mayor’s discretion; the meeting could be changed to being all virtual depending on



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the severity of the COVID-19 pandemic and if changed to an “all virtual” meeting that information on how to access the meeting via Zoom shall be provided.

Respectfully Submitted,

KEVIN D. HARRIS
Borough Clerk

Dated: January 20, 2021

Accepted and approved by Council: February 10, 2021 by Resolution # 24-21.