



BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 09, 2022
TIME: 7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark was called to order at 7:06 P.M., 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.

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 Rose M. Evaristo
Council Member Kenneth J. Graham
Council Member Hans Peter Lucas
Council Chairman Christopher Reis

Absent:

Council Member Jessica Diaz
Council President Jeanne Zincavage

Also Present:

Michael Cifelli, Esq., Borough Attorney
Robert Dowd, Borough Administrator
Kevin F. Catrambone, Special Projects Manager
Lee Fleming, Municipal Planner



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Kevin D. Harris, Borough Clerk
Tatiana Da Costa, Mayor's Office

There were fifteen (15) members of the public present for the meeting this evening.

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

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

Borough Clerk Harris administered the oath of office to Volunteer Firefighter Brian Bernardo upon the Holy Bible which was held by his father.

Firefighter Bernardo then offered comments thanking everyone for supporting him.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

There were one (1) ordinance for consideration on first reading this evening as the second ordinance in the original agenda was withdrawn and returned to committee for future discussion.

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

02-2022 ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK ADOPTING A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR AREAS IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT

Borough Clerk Harris asked if there were any questions or comments from the Mayor or the Administration regarding the Ordinance; there were none.

Borough Clerk Harris next asked Council Members if they had any questions regarding the Ordinance.

Councilman Reis had a question regarding an area that he believed would be used as a park. Borough Planner Fleming replied that while the amendment was primarily dealing with the redevelopment of the St. Anthony's property, but she answered the Councilman's question regarding the specific property that was designated as a park due to provision of Open Public Space.

Councilman Reis next inquired as to the St. Anthony's property that there was language in place that called for a multi-unit apartment building with no setback on any side and how that did not seem appropriate to him. There was discussion among the Mayor and Council Members and Borough Planner Fleming and Borough Attorney Cifelli offered comments. It was agreed that proposed Amendment to the Plan would be modified with the reference to the apartment building being removed and Borough Planner Fleming working to incorporate setback on the property.

There were no further questions or comments from Council Members.



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Borough Clerk Harris asked if there was a motion regarding Ordinance # 02-2022.

Councilwoman Evaristo moved that Ordinance # 02-2022 be introduced on first reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lucas and approved for introduction on the following roll call vote subject to the proposed amendments that were made on the following prior to the motion.

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz						X
Evaristo	X		X			
Graham			X			
Lucas		X	X			
Reis			X			
Zincavage, Council President						X

Borough Clerk Harris announced the results of the vote and that the motion was carried. Ordinance # 02-2022 was approved for introduction subject to the proposed amendments that were raised on the floor prior to the motion to introduce were made and reflected in the minutes above.

Borough Clerk Harris announced that the matter would be referred to the Borough's Planning Board for a determination as to whether the Ordinance is consistent with the Borough's Master Plan and the earliest date for public hearing and consideration on second reading would be the Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2022, beginning at 7:00 PM.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

Borough Clerk Harris informed the Mayor and Council that there were no ordinances on the agenda for second reading this evening as Ordinance # 01-2022 which was introduced at the meeting of the Mayor and Council on Wednesday, February 09, 2022 was withdrawn and returned to committee and shall be reintroduced at a later date.

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA

Borough Clerk Harris informed the Council that there were eight (8) resolutions on the Consent Agenda for consideration this evening.

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

33-22 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 09, 2022 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

34-22 RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK FOR THE 2022 CALENDAR YEAR



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35-22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE NJ CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM, COMMUNITY ENERGY PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

36-22 RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION # 30-22 REGARDING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK, COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, NOT REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a), ET SEQ.

37-22 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF LARACY ASSOCIATES, LLC, A PRIVATE ENTITY FIRM TO ACT AS THE CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER IN THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK, IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

38-22 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE ENTIRE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK, IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO BE AN AREA IN NEED OF REHABILITATION

39-22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS TOPS DINER, 500 PASSAIC AVENUE, EAST NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, AT BLOCK 13, LOTS 1,2, AND 22

40-22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MARCH 09, 2022, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$302,980.69

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 2021 and/or 2022 appropriation for said purpose.

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 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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Bills List

(as approved on 3/09/2022, by Resolution No. 40-22)

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Account</u>
ACE COM	107.00	INVOICE NO. 11613	POLICE DEPT. OE
ALEX'S DELI	15,782.00	JANUARY & FEBRUARY	SR. CITIZENS OE
AMAZON CAPITAL	19.45	INVOICE NO.	ADM & EXEC O/E
AMAZON CAPITAL	40.59	INVOICE NO.	CELEB. PUB. EVENTS O/E
AMAZON CAPITAL	138.02	INVOICES 2/16 TO	ADM & EXEC O/E
AMAZON CAPITAL	165.99	INVOICES 2/16 TO	PKS & PLAYGRNDS O/E
ANTHONY MONTEIRO	30.00	PRESCRIPTION	INS. – E.G. HEA
BUG ELIMINATOR &	85.00	MARCH 2022	PUB BLDG & GRNS O/E
BUG ELIMINATOR &	65.00	MARCH 2022	SR. CITIZENS O/E
COMCAST	10.36	ACCT. NO. 8499 05 356	FIRE DEPT. O/E
CREAM-0-LAND	214.74	INVOICE NO. 4946005 &	SR. CITIZENS O/E
CREAM-0-LAND	87.64	INVOICE NO. 4965658	SR. CITIZENS O/E
CREAM-0-LAND	187.08	INVOICE NO. 4970663 &	SR. CITIZENS O/E
CUSTOM BANDAG INC.	734.08	INVOICE NO. 30253641	MTR. VEHICLE POOL OE
DISCOUNT MUGS	408.35	PICK IT UP POOCH BAG	CELEB PUB EVENTS OE
EAST NEWARK BD.	126,013.17	MARCH 2022	SCHOOL TAXES
ECONOMY SUPPLY	4.89	INVOICE NO. 251454	PUB BLDG & GRNS O/E
EDMUNDS GOVTECH	13,025.00	INVOICE NO. 22-IN2560	CAP. IMPROVE. FUND
EVENING JOURNAL	109.84	INVOICE # 0002842637	ADM & EXEC ADV O/E
EXELGENT	416.00	INVOICE NO. 22-7401 &	ADM & EXEC O/E
EXELGENT	352.00	INVOICE NO. 22-7411	ADM & EXEC O/E
FABIO RUAS	100.00	FIRETRUCK SPDWAY	MTR VEHICLE POOL OE
HEYER GRUEL &	375.00	INVOICE NO. 38162	LGL SVCS & COSTS OE
HEYER GRUEL &	67.50	INVOICE NO. 37640	LGL SVCS & COSTS OE
HOME DEPOT CREDIT	24.47	INVOICE NO. 4247796	FIRE DEPT O/E
HOME DEPOT CREDIT	209.97	INVOICE NO. 2584492	SR. CITIZENS OE
HOME DEPOT CREDIT	60.94	INVOICE NO. 3071325	PUB BLDG & GRNS O/E
HORIZON BCBSNJ	-11,357.54	INVOICE #: 298441428	INS. – E.G. HEA
HORIZON BCBSNJ	11,357.54	INVOICE #: 298441428	INS. – E.G. HEA
HORIZON BCBSNJ	11,357.54	INVOICE #: 298645005	INS. – E.G. HEA
HORIZON BLUE CROSS	3,835.71	MARCH 2022	INS. – E.G. HEA
HUDSON COUNTY	6,364.16	INVOICE NO. 18526	GARBAGE COLLECT OE
JAKE DELUCCY	-63.75	SNOW REMOVAL, 1/29/2022	SNOW REMOVAL OE
JAKE DELUCCY	30.00	SNOW REMOVAL, 1/29/2022	SNOW REMOVAL OE
JOSEPH SMENTKOWSKI	3,680.50	INVOICE #: 109173	MAND. RECYCLING O/E
JOSEPH SMENTKOWSKI	8,227.00	INVOICE #: 109173	GARBAGE COLLECT. O/E



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KENNETH M.	126.20	PRESCRIPTION	INS. – E.G. HEA
LITTLE FREE	827.80	LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES	CELEB PUB EVENTS OE
LUIS ARGUETA	195.00	ZUMBA CLASSES	CELEB PUB EVENTS OE
M. MATIAS TRUCKING	-21,557.50	INVOICE #: 2021-3129	SNOW REMOVAL OE
M. MATIAS TRUCKING	6,877.50	INVOICE #: 2021-3129	SNOW REMOVAL OE
METLIFE INSURANCE	5.16	MARCH 2022	INS. – EMP. GRP. HEA
MICHAEL A. CIFELLI	2,500.00	FEBRUARY 2022	LGL SVCS & COSTS O/E
MICHAEL A. CIFELLI	714.67	FEBRUARY 2022	LGL SVCS & COSTS O/E
MUNIDEX, INC.	254.51	INVOICE #: 991867	FINANCIAL ADMIN O/E
NJ ADVANCE MEDIA	214.00	2 ND ROUND SOLID	ADM & EXEC ADV O/E
NORA C. ADAMS	150.00	COURT INTERPRETER	MUN. COURT O/E
NORA C. ADAMS	150.00	FEB. 15 COURT	MUN. COURT O/E
ON SITE APPARATUS	2,560.50	INVOICE NO. 1622	FIRE DEPT. O/E
P.S.E.&G.	2,279.35	JANUARY 2022	UTILITIES – ELEC.
P.S.E.&G.	5,988.49	JANUARY 2022	UTILITIES – STR. LTNG.
P.S.E.&G.	513.05	FEBRUARY 2022 SR.	UTILITIES – ELEC.
P.S.E.&G.	256.30	FEBRUARY 2022 SR.	UTILITIES – STR. LTNG.
PASSAIC VALLEY	77,937.60	Q1 2022 PAYMENT &	SWR SYS OE – P.V.
PIC-NIC RESTAURANT	1,364.00	HOLIDAY DINNERS	CELEB PUB EVENTS OE
QUALITY	375.27	INVOICE NO. 5084	ADM & EXEC O/E
QUALITY	121.07	INVOICE NO. 5084	POLICE DEPT. O/E
QUALITY	28.26	INVOICE NO. 5084	SR. CITIZENS O/E
QUALITY	51.02	INVOICE NO. 5084	PKS. & PLYGRNS. O/E
SCOTTIE JIMENEZ	59.00	SPEEDWAY POLICE	MTR. VEH. POOL OE
SCOTTIE JIMENEZ	36.77	BJS REIMBURSE	ADM & EXEC O/E
SCOTTIE JIMENEZ	28.48	BJS REIMBURSE	PUB BLDG & GRNS O/E
SCOTTIE JIMENEZ	15.52	BJS REIMBURSE	CELEB PUB EVENTS OE
SOS CARFIX, LLC	300.04	INVOICE NO. 14714	MTR. VEH. POOL OE
SOS CARFIX, LLC	386.05	INVOICE NO. 14786	MTR. VEH. POOL OE
SPEEDWAY FLEET	2,285.51	INVOICE NO. 78817309	MTR. VEH. POOL OE
STAPLES CREDIT	319.93	INVOICE #: 3023948611	MUN. COURT O/E
THE HARTFORD	828.00	ACCOUNT 14013895	INS. – GEN. LIABILITY
TREASURER, STATE	571.00	DCA TRAINING ALL	CONSTR. OFFICIALS OE
TURN OUT FIRE &	18,999.75	QUOTE 233882	FIRE DEPT. OE
TURN OUT FIRE &	-9,082.05	TURNOUT GEAR	FIRE DEPT. OE
VERIZON	303.66	ACCT. NO.	ADM & EXEC O/E
VERIZON	135.40	ACCT. NO.	ADM & EXEC O/E
W.B. MASON	26.23	INVOICE #: 225869064	PUB BLDG & GRNS O/E
W.B. MASON	188.49	INVOICE #: 225869064	MUN. COURT O/E
W.B. MASON	39.98	INVOICE #: 227974429	ADM & EXEC O/E
W.B. MASON	76.99	INVOICE #: 227984006	ADM & EXEC O/E



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W.B. MASON	9.25	INVOICE #: 228047630	PUB BLDG & GRNS O/E
W.B. MASON	46.58	INVOICE #: 227791511	ADM & EXEC O/E
WASTE MANAGEMENT	1,803.36	INVOICE #: IAC2811406	MAN. RECYCLING OE
WILENTZ, GOLDMAN &	300.00	INVOICE #: 40813012	LGL SVCS & COSTS O/E
XEROX CORP.	83.09	INVOICE #: 015595315	ADM & EXEC O/E

TOTAL FUND 01 - \$ 301,958.50

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Account</u>
KEARNY WATER DEPT.	889.47	ACCT. #:	WATER O/E
ONE CALL CONCEPTS	5.72	INVOICE NO. 2025068	WATER O/E
PASSAIC VALLEY	567.00	INVOICE #: 16872	WATER O/E

TOTAL FUND 05 - \$ 1,022.19

TOTAL BILLS LIST: \$ 302,980.69

Borough Clerk Harris informed the Mayor and Council that Resolution # 35-22 would be removed for a separate vote so that the Mayor and Council could entertain public discussion on that resolution.

Borough Clerk Harris asked if Council Members wished to have any others of the above resolutions removed for separate vote.

There were no other requests to remove any other items for a separate vote.

Borough Clerk Harris asked if there were any questions regarding resolutions on the Consent Agenda. There were no questions from the Mayor or Council Members.

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.

Councilwoman Reis moved that the resolutions (with the exception of Resolution # 35-22) on the Consent Agenda be adopted. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Graham approved on the following roll call vote:



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Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz						X
Evaristo			X			
Graham		X	X			
Lucas			X			
Reis	X		X			
Zincavage, Council President						X

Borough Clerk Harris announced the results of the vote and that the motion carried. Resolutions numbered 33-22, 34-22, 36-22, 37-22, 38-22, 39-22 and 40-22 were all adopted.

RESOLUTION FOR SEPARATE VOTE

Borough Clerk Harris informed the Council that was one (1) resolution on for consideration for a separate vote that was moved from the Consent Agenda for this evening.

Borough Clerk Harris read the title for the following resolution on for separate vote.

35-22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE NJ CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM, COMMUNITY ENERGY PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

Public Comments

Borough Clerk Harris informed the Mayor and Council that as a condition of application for this grant; a public comment session is required to solicit public feedback as to how the grant funds should be used.

Borough Clerk Harris asked if there were any members of the public wishing to offer any comments regarding Resolution # 35-22.

There were no members of the public wishing to offer any comments regarding the Resolution and Borough Clerk Harris closed the public comments regarding this Resolution.

Questions of Comments from the Mayor, Council or Administration

Borough Clerk Harris asked if there were any questions regarding Resolution # 35-22. There were no questions from the Mayor, Council Members or members of the Administration.

There was no further discussion regarding Resolution # 35-22.

Borough Clerk Harris asked if there was a motion regarding Resolution # 35-22.



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Councilman Reiso moved that Resolution # 35-22 be adopted by title only. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lucas and approved on the following roll call vote:

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz						X
Evaristo			X			
Graham			X			
Lucas		X	X			
Reis	X		X			
Zincavage, Council President						X

Borough Clerk Harris announced the results of the vote and that the motion carried. Resolution # 35-22 was adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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.

None of the public members present wished to be heard and Borough Clerk Harris closed the public hearing.

OLD BUSINESS

Borough Clerk Harris asked if anyone had any old business they wanted to bring forward this evening. There were no old business items presented and the Borough Clerk closed this section of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Clerk Harris asked if anyone had any new business they wanted to bring forward this evening. Council Member Reis asked if Council Members could receive a listing of monthly summonses and arrests made by officers. Borough Administrator Dowd replied that the information requested shall be emailed.

There were no other new business items presented and the Borough Clerk closed this section of the meeting.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Borough Clerk Harris announced that he was in receipt of the following Department Reports for the month of February 2022 which have been provided to the Mayor, Council and Administration in their agenda packets.



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1. Construction Department – February 2022
2. Fire Department – February 2022
3. Fire Prevention Official – February 2022
4. Municipal Court – February 2022
5. Police Department – February 2022

Borough Clerk Harris announced that should any additional reports be received; they shall be provided to the Mayor and Council as soon as possible.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE BOROUGH

Borough Clerk Harris asked prior to entertaining a motion to adjourn if there was anything further anyone wanted to offer for the “good of the Borough”.

There were no items presented that were deemed “for the good of the Borough” and Borough Clerk Harris closed this portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to discuss for the evening.

Council Member Graham moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Evaristo and approved unanimously on voice vote. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

Borough Clerk Harris announced that the next meeting of the Mayor and Council would be the Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2022, beginning at 7:00 P.M., with the Pre-Caucus Meeting to begin at 6:30 P.M.

Borough Clerk Harris thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a good evening, a good remainder of the week and safe travels.

Respectfully Submitted,

KEVIN D. HARRIS
Borough Clerk

Dated: March 09, 2022

Accepted and approved by Council: April 13, 2022 by Resolution 41-22