

BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS
Borough Council Regular Meeting
MINUTES
July 26, 2021
VIA REMOTE MEETING ACCESS ONLY

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vallone called the remote meeting to order at 7:02 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: Councilwoman Mary Chimenti, Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, Councilman Kevin Welsh, Mayor Paul J. Vallone, MD

Absent, as Excused: Councilman Joseph Carty, Council President David Karner, Councilman Ted McLean

Absent:

Also Present: Borough Clerk Dorothy S. Hicks, Borough Attorney Joseph Sordillo, Chief of Police Michael DeCarolis

REPORTS

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

Councilman Welsh reported the ballfield at the J. Malcolm Belcher Fairgrounds has been groomed by Somerset County who will also be maintaining the field on an ongoing basis.

Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie – Health/Sanitation

No report.

Councilwoman Mary Chimenti – Laws and Ordinances

Councilwoman Chimenti reported the June 2021 Municipal Court deposits totaled \$3,221.68.

Chief Michael DeCarolis

Chief DeCarolis reported Lieutenant Kocur supervised the Essex Horse Trial Event which took place on July 16, 17 and 18, 2021 and there were no police related incidents.

He noted that Somerset County had begun to make road repairs throughout the Borough.

Chief DeCarolis apprised the Borough Council of a joint effort between the Far Hills, Bedminster and Peapack & Gladstone Police Departments regarding a vehicular theft that occurred this morning.

Councilwoman Tweedie expressed her appreciation for the prompt response from the Far Hills Police Department to a recent issue at her home.

Mayor Paul J. Vallone, MD

Mayor Vallone acknowledged the efforts of those involved with the success administration of the Essex Horse Trials event. He noted the Far Hills Race Meeting event would be held on October 16,

2021 and the VNA Rummage Sale was also planned to be held at the J. Malcolm Belcher Fairgrounds on October 1-3, 2021 with the collection of donations occurring September 4-21, 2021. A meeting with the representatives from the VNA would be scheduled next month.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

07/12/21 – Regular Meeting Minutes

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

07/12/21 – Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Councilwoman Tweedie, seconded by Councilman Welsh, was unanimously carried that these minutes be approved for content only.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 21-109 – Authorizing Special Item of Revenue - 2021 Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Grant

Motion by Councilwoman Chimenti, seconded by Councilman Welsh that Resolution 21-109 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Chimenti, Tweedie, Welsh, Vallone

Nay:

Abstain:

Recused:

Motion Carried.

Resolution 21-110 – Authorizing Payment of Bill List

Motion by Councilwoman Tweedie, seconded by Councilwoman Chimenti that Resolution 21-110 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Chimenti, Tweedie, Welsh, Vallone

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.*

Ms. Hicks informed members of the public that the Borough Council would be adhering to the five-minute time limit for public comment. Members of the public would be advised when one minute remained; and again when thirty seconds remained.

Motion by Councilwoman Chimenti, seconded by Councilwoman Tweedie, was unanimously carried to open the meeting to public comment.

Karen Reilly, 7 Fox Hunt Court, Far Hills inquired as to the amount of the Coronavirus Relief Fund being received by the Borough of Far Hills.

Clerk Hicks responded the total amount of the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the Borough of Far Hills was \$94,515.70.

There were no further comments from the public.

Motion by Councilwoman Chimenti, seconded by Councilwoman Tweedie, was unanimously carried to close the meeting to public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dorothy S. Hicks', written over a horizontal line.

Dorothy S. Hicks
Borough Clerk

APPROVED – 8/9/21