

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

-Meeting Called to Order by Mayor LaBarbiera at 8:10 P.M.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

-Led by Sam Casiello

3. **NOTICE OF MEETING:**

This is a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council and the notice requirements provided for in the "Open Public Meetings Act" have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given in the Annual Notice Resolution 13-1-01 which was adopted by the Borough Council on January 7th, 2013. Said Resolution was transmitted to the Record, filed with the Clerk of the Borough of Paramus and posted in the Borough Hall all on the 7th day of January, 2013.

4. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Lagana, Councilman Nazzola, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Warburton

Also Present: Mayor LaBarbiera, Joseph D'Arco - Borough Administrator, Annemarie Krusznis - Borough Clerk, Paul Kaufman - Borough Attorney

5. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

-None

6. **OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

Mayor LaBarbiera

Every month you hear about the good things going on in town. The Mayor and Council are proud to tell everyone about it. There are many good things happening in the month of July, such as, the completion of the Midland Ave and Farview Ave. intersection improvements which was all done with donations from various organizations throughout town. The Sunrise Rotary has donated \$1,000 to the bulletproof vest foundation fund, \$1,000 to the volunteer Fire Dept., \$1,000 to Rescue, and a television to the Senior Center. Thanks volunteer organizations for their generosity and participation in the community. Recreation summer camps are running well. Zero percent increase in spending in the municipal budget. Many good things happening at the Pool. Great job by the Golf Course for being female friendly. Farmer's market, discounts for veterans, cultural arts and children's events. A lot going on in town that we should be proud of. Quotes an article from The Record saying that Paramus is an up and coming town. Hard work is paying off and being recognized.

Councilman Amato

Shade Tree crews completed the first phase of improvements to the Farview and Midland triangle, the message board and Rescue monument. Crews set up and cleaned up the Sportsplex for the 4th of July fireworks and we are pleased with the work that Shade Tree, DPW and all involved did. Seasonal work continues, Shade Tree assisted the Recreation department with the moving of equipment and supplies to four schools for the summer programs. Paramus EMS responded to 275 calls for service of which 245 were patient contacts, 63.4% of those patients were transported to Valley Hospital, 19.2% transported to Hackensack University Medical Center. The average response time was 5.9 minutes. The national average standard time is 8 minutes. The EMS is excelling in that area. All PMS vehicles travelled a total of 5,658 miles during the month of June.

Councilwoman Bellinger

Summer Intern has developed a survey asking Seniors what kind of services they are looking for that can be provided through the Senior Center. More information to follow, please get the word out. Recreation registration continues for summer and fall, weekday afternoons from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Happy to report that Recreation was able to get all

the 7th and 8th graders that were on the wait list on the 2nd session for the summer trip camp. Registration numbers are very low in town for outdoor soccer. If you have children who are interested, please register them. Our Recreation department and our local parents met with our grant writers and are looking into the possibility of starting a day camp for autistic children next summer as a continuation of the school program. Environmental commission's Farmer's Market continues every Wednesday at Petruska Park from 2:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. through September 18th. If you haven't gotten there, please go for a sampling. Substance Awareness Committee will be at National Night Out on August 6th. Continuing to develop programs with the schools such as guest speakers and hoping to start doing work for kids within the summer months as well. Police report that the suspects from the T-Mobile robbery and the Smashburger robbery are in jail.

Councilman Lagana

On July 1st the Golf Course hosted the NJ State Golf Association Women's Public Links Championship. In 40 minutes, the Borough received 4.7 inches of rain and the tournament was delayed for approximately 4 hours. The maintenance staff did a great job cleaning up the course and the tournament was able to continue on the same day. Thank you letters were received from Happy Tails Animal Rescue, River Dell Regional High School and the NJ State Golf Association. Income is down approximately 5% due to the amount of rain received. Junior Golf Camps have started and will run until the 4th week of August. NJ Monthly Magazine rated Paramus Golf Course as one of the most female friendly golf courses in the state. In regards to the Budget, Mr. Lagana is proud to be a part of this Governing Body. By working together, the proposed budget has no increase in spending at the municipal level. Shows how government can be positive and thanks the Mayor and Council, the Budget Committee, Administration, CFO, Auditor, Dept. Heads and Employees for working together to get this done.

Councilman Nazziola

The Board of Health will be having free skin cancer screenings at the Paramus Municipal Pool on Tuesday, July 30th from 1:30 to 3:30 P.M. Health will also be holding its annual blood chemistry screening of Saturday, September 21st. Tests will be available at reduced prices to screen for things such as high cholesterol. The Bergen County Health Dept and Valley Hospital are sponsoring a food program called Take Control of Your Health workshop, held on Wednesdays starting Sept. 18th through Oct. 23rd at the Luckow Pavilion in Paramus.

Councilman Verile

Cultural Arts third concert is Tuesday. 4th of July committee is finishing up the largest parade that we have had. Successful fireworks night despite the rain. Planning Board will meet on July 18th.

Councilwoman Warburton

Paramus Pool season is in full swing. The pumps are working well. The electrical circuits were recently upgraded to accommodate the new pumps. The Commission has requested animal control to relocate duck families that have caused a mess overnight in the pools. Cleaning crews started this week to clean after the pool closes. The cleaning crew will power wash the grounds to ensure that the Pool complies with Health department codes. It has made an improvement in the cleanliness of the locker rooms. Swim team parent association hosted two very successful pre-teen nights to date. Additional pre-teen nights are scheduled for Thursday July 25th, August 1st and August 8th. Senior day at the pool is scheduled for Sunday, August 18th. There was an adult night at the pool that offered wonderful entertainment that was graciously donated by Pat Verile and Mark Delucia. Thank you for giving back to our community. The next adult night is scheduled for Saturday, August 3rd from 8:00 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. The Sunrise Rotary Club has donated \$1,000 to the Paramus Library and will be used for the purchase of early reader non-fiction books. The new school curriculum requires that elementary students read more non-fiction books and this grant comes just in time for the Library to build a non-fiction collection. Maintenance projects continue at Reid Library and are scheduled to be completed by the end of August. Renovations at the Main Library restrooms are scheduled to begin on August 19th. Replacement of the roof will begin on September 9th. Events scheduled for late July and August include the Library days at the mini golf course on July 31st AND August 21st. National Night Out is on August 6th and the summer reading parties are on August 14th and August 15th. At the last Tuesday concert, Berkeley College was honored for their contributions to the Paramus community. Over the past several years, the College has donated over \$100,000 to the Library and the Cultural Arts Terrific Tuesday's concert series. The concerts have been very well attended, drawing over 2,000 people. The Paramus Historic Commission had a very busy month. Several new faces were spotted at the Historic Commission meeting in July. Two college students also

expressed interest in helping the commission with research and future endeavors. They are currently working on preparing surveys for five of the Borough's most endangered historic sites. The surveys are being prepared upon recommendation of the Chief Historic Preservation Consultant at the Bergen County Department of Cultural and Historic Affairs. Several members of the Commission met with the County to discuss the best practices of local preservation. The Commission hopes to learn from the County and implement their suggestions moving forward. The Commission is sorry to report that after meeting with representatives from the Paramus Park mall, the Alexander's mural is too large for the proposed new construction. There was and still are ongoing discussions about how the mural can be displayed to the public. The next Historic meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 1st at 7:30 P.M. at the Life Safety Building. The DPW was awarded a grant by Keep America Beautiful and the Borough was awarded 93 recycling containers that will be placed in public areas including parks and recreation facilities. The commercial recycling program continues to grow. Recycling materials are being collected from the businesses at no charge and are generating revenue to the Borough. The Rescue Squad reports a total of 31 calls and a total of 215 man hours logged for the month of June. Very happy to announce that an ordinance is being adopted this evening providing the same discount to veterans as volunteer organizations.

7. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ~ AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

FIVE MINUTE LIMIT

Sam Casiello - [REDACTED]

-Understands that we are going to have a public hearing on the budget. He asks if the budget was put on our website. Mr. D'Arco states that it is not online yet. The Mayor says that after tonight it will be put online. He also asks if it is correct that the Borough has a nine million dollar surplus. The Mayor says that it is correct. Surplus has helped improve the Borough's bond rating. Utilities are extremely healthy. Mr. Casiello applauds the Mayor and Council and Administration for their work on the budget. Mr. Casiello questions how the Borough is handling the tax appeals. He wants to know if we are putting money aside for them. Mr. Kaufman says the Borough has pushed the payments out. The intent is to be able to accumulate sufficient volume to pay and to also give the Mayor and Council the opportunity to bond it so that it has little to no effect on the taxpayer. Mayor points to the fact that one of the reasons that the budget was successful this year was because of the Borough's aggressive defense of those tax appeals. Mr. Casiello asks how many cases does the Borough have. Mr. Kaufman says we have well over 200 commercial tax appeals but does not know the number of residential tax appeals. The Mayor says that the Borough has strengthened its position as a result of the settlements. Mr. Casiello thanks the Mayor and Council for the Veteran's Discount ordinance. It is something that has been long overdue and well deserved to the veterans who have served our country. Would like to know when the ordinance will take effect. Mr. Kaufman states that the ordinance will take effect as soon as legally possible. Mr. Casiello asks whether the Borough will be able to accept applications in the meantime. The Mayor says yes, process has already started. Mr. Casiello questions Resolutions 13-7-506 and 507 with regards to the salaries. Mr. D'Arco states that the salaries were based on experience.

Edward McCabe - [REDACTED]

-Remarks that the 4th of July parade was well done. One complaint was that the veterans were not the first ones marching in the parade. Another complaint was that the borough equipment and borough employees were used to raise banners for the 4th of July that had commercial sponsors on them. He asks if the people on the 4th of July Committee are residents and wants to be on parade committee for 2014.

Jean Hague - [REDACTED]

-Mrs. Hague would like the Mayor and Council to take into consideration the fact the parking situations on Sherwood and Lockwood Drive with regards to Ridge Ranch. Also is concerned with parking on other streets now that parking regulations are being enacted on Sherwood and Lockwood. The Mayor says that Sgt. Pepe will be reaching out to Mrs. Hague.

8. **BUDGET 2013**
CY 2013 Budget Public Hearing
-No Public Comments

9. **ORDINANCES:**

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE 13-27: AN ORDINANCE SETTING REQUIREMENTS FOR COACHES

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger Second: Councilman Verile

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Lagana, Councilman Nazzola, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Warburton

Nays: None

ORDINANCES ON FINAL READING:

ORDINANCE 13-24: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 426 OF THE PARAMUS CODE TO PROVIDE THE SAME DISCOUNTS TO VETERANS AS VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

Motion: Councilwoman Warburton Second: Councilwoman Bellinger

-No Public Comment

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Lagana, Councilman Nazzola, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Warburton

Nays: None

ORDINANCE 13-25: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARAMUS CODE § 419-56

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger Second: Councilman Amato

-No Public Comment

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Lagana, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Warburton

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Nazzola

10. **NON CONSENT AGENDA**

A CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE ADOPTED FOR ITEM NUMBERS 11 AND 12

11. **RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution 13-7-475: PAYMENT OF BILLS

Resolution 13-7-476: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FORMATION OF A STIGMA-FREE ZONE

Resolution 13-7-477: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Resolution 13-7- 478: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF 2013 SUSTAINABLE NJ CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT APPLICATION

Resolution 13-7- 479: RESOLUTION FROM THE GOVERNING BODY SUPPORTING THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS GREEN TEAM COMMITTEE AND SUPPORTING THEIR RE-CERTIFICATION IN 2014

Resolution 13-7- 480 : RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF 2013 SUSTAINABLE

NJ SMALL GRANT APPLICATION

Resolution 13-7- 481: RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolution 13-7-482: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

Resolution 13-7-483: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DPW TO DISPOSE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY (VEHICLES) NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE

Resolution 13-7-484: RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE TREASURER TO PAY BOND PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST DUE JULY 15, 2013 FOR BONDS OF 2002

Resolution 13-7-485: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ESCROW IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,550.00 TO ADAM E. DAR FOR BLOCK 3904 LOT 7 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

Resolution 13-7-486: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYER DUE TO AN OVERPAYMENT (Aparri Block 4104, Lot 20)

Resolution 13-7-487: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYER DUE TO TAX COURT APPEALS (Marks block 1209 lot 8)

Resolution 13-7-488: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYERS DUE TO TAX COURT APPEALS (Koziol Block 2005 lot 8)

Resolution 13-7-489: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYERS DUE TO TAX COURT APPEALS (Marcos Block 7602 Lot 19)

Resolution 13-7-490: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF THE DEMOLITION BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000.00 AS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 211 TO JOHN P. CLARK

Resolution 13-7-491: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF THE DEMOLITION BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000.00 AS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 211 TO BUILD TO PLEASE

Resolution 13-7-492: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PERSONNEL CHANGES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE JULY 27, 2013 (Herbert & O'Malley)

Resolution 13-7-493 : RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RESIGNATIONS OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES FROM THE POSITION OF PARK RANGER FOR THE SHADE TREE AND PARKS COMMISSION

Resolution 13-7-494: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF CATHERINE F. MATUSCSAK AS A SOUND RECORDER FROM THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL COURT EFFECTIVE JULY 10, 2013

Resolution 13-7-495: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS FROM THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Resolution 13-7-496: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SEASONAL EMPLOYEES TO SUMMER CAMP FOR THE PARAMUS RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2013 SUMMER SEASON

Resolution 13-7-497 : RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FOLLOWING APPLICANTS AS MEMBERS OF THE PARAMUS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Resolution 13-7-498: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO MAKE ACCUMULATED SICK TIME PAY OUT TO CAROL DUGAN DUE TO RETIREMENT

Resolution 13-7-499 : RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RESIGNATION OF ANTHONY PERRONE FROM THE POSITION OF P/T RECORDS CLERK FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Resolution 13-7- 500 : RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SEASONAL EMPLOYEES TO STAFF VARIOUS POSITIONS FOR THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL POOL 2013 SEASON

Resolution 13-7-501: RESOLUTION DEEMING ELEVATOR INSPECTION CORPORATION A RESPONSIBLE BIDDER AND AWARDED IT THE ELEVATOR SUB-CODE CONTRACT EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

Resolution 13-7-502: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH CLERK TO ADVERTISE BIDS FOR A RE-CHASSIS MINI-PUMPER AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Resolution 13-7-503: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF FORREST DIEDOLF TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME COMMUNICATIONS TRAINEE FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE JULY 29, 2013 AT THE CURRENT HOURLY RATE OF \$10.00 PER HOUR

Resolution 13-7-504: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF AUSTIN COSTANZO TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME COMMUNICATIONS TRAINEE FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2013 AT THE CURRENT HOURLY RATE OF \$10.00 PER HOUR

Resolution 13-7-505: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SARAH QUIROZ TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME COMMUNICATIONS TRAINEE FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2013 AT THE CURRENT HOURLY RATE OF \$10.00 PER HOUR.

Resolution 13-7-506: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL MCGILLIS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT AS A QUALITY OF LIFE OFFICER EFFECTIVE JULY 10, 2013 AT THE CURRENT SALARY OF \$10.00 PER HOUR

Resolution 13-7-507 : RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF LOUIS ROMANO TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT AS A QUALITY OF LIFE OFFICER EFFECTIVE JULY 10, 2013 AT THE CURRENT SALARY OF \$12.00 PER HOUR

Resolution 13-7-508: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE BOROUGH CLERK TO SIGN

AN AGREEMENT WITH COHN LIFLAND PERALMAN HERRMAN & KNOPF, LLP

Resolution 13-7-509: RESOLUTION APPROVING SETTLEMENT IN CHRISTINE BANKS V. BOROUGH OF PARAMUS –Added to Consent Agenda

Resolution 13-7-510: RESOLUTION APPROVING SETTLEMENT IN PHILIP MAZZO V. BOROUGH OF PARAMUS –Added to Consent Agenda

Resolution 13-7-511: RESOLUTION APPROVING SETTLEMENT IN LARRY LEIB V. BOROUGH OF PARAMUS –Added to Consent Agenda

12. **APPLICATIONS**

PBA 186

Outdoor Carnival

Raffles

S.T.A.R.T. II of Bergen County

RL-3057

Parents Guild Immaculate Conception HS

RL-3058

Solicitors:

James N. Malki

2013-105

Bart T. Trotter

2013-104

Approval of Consent Agenda Items 11 and 12

Motion: Councilman Lagana Second: Councilwoman Warburton

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Lagana, Councilman Nazziola, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Warburton

Nays: None

Meeting Open to the Public – Non-Agenda Items

Mel Fabrikant

-Mr. Fabrikant wonders what Agenda items Mr. McCabe was discussing. The Mayor says that we are liberal with the Agenda. Mr. Fabrikant indicates that there was a veteran at the beginning of the parade. He thinks that there is a lot of praise to be given to the Bergen Town Center and Garden State Plaza for their help during the parade. Paramus Sunrise Rotary has done many good things in town. He congratulates Mayor on new sign. The Mayor commends the Sunrise Rotary on their generosity. The Mayor also encourages all new businesses to be active members of the community and thanks all in the community for their efforts.

Jean Hague

-Mrs. Hague wants to know if the residents will be notified of the new parking regulations before the signs go up now that the Ordinance has been adopted. The Mayor states that typically the signs are bagged but he will make sure that Sgt. Pepe will put a notice in the mailboxes.

Sam Casiello

-The Veterans Affairs Office will have a booth set up at National Night Out for information. Mr. Casiello states that he is trying to resurrect the brick program at the Veteran's Memorial.

Mayor mentions the passing of Robbie Bonestea and asks everyone to remember their family and also the Daeschler family.

Marianne Uzi

-Longtime resident of Paramus and a volunteer at Care Plus NJ. She is proud to be a part of this community which is embracing a project to educate the public about mental health issues. Thanks the Mayor and Council for their support.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Councilman Lagana Second: Councilwoman Bellinger

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Lagana, Councilman Nazziola, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Warburton

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

ANNEMARIE KRUSZNIS RMC
BOROUGH CLERK