

**BOROUGH OF MIDLAND PARK
280 GODWIN AVENUE
MIDLAND PARK, NJ 07432
FEBRUARY 27, 2020**

8:00 P.M. Open Public Meeting Minutes

The **Mayor** called upon **Council President DeLuca** to give this evening's Invocation, and then Cub Scout Ralph Caprio led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Shortway called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M., noting the date as February 27, 2020, and that there will be a 3-minute limit to each individual addressing the Governing Body during the Open Public portions of the meeting.

SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT: This meeting is being held in accordance with the Sunshine Law, notice having been published according to law with a copy on file in the Borough Clerk's Office and a copy posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call:	Mayor Shortway	Present
	Councilman Kamp	Present
	Councilman Iannone	Present
	Councilman Kruis	Absent
	Councilman Sansone	Present
	Councilwoman Peet	Present
	Council President DeLuca	Present

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Attorney Regan, Borough Administrator Seemon and Borough Clerk Martin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

No minutes available at this time.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Shortway opened the meeting to the public for any questions, comments or concerns. There being no response, the **Mayor** closed the meeting to the public.

Ralph Caprio – 138 Hill Street – spoke on behalf of the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts asking permission for the Scouts to run "Scouting for Food" beginning on March 8th, 2020 with dropping off bags and culminating on March 14th, 2020 between 9AM-12PM with the collection of the bags as well as declaring Saturday, March 14th "Scouting for Food Day" in Midland Park.

MOTION:

1. A Motion to declare March 14th, 2020 "Scouting for Food" Day in Midland Park

Introduced by:	Councilwoman DeLuca	Seconded by:	Councilman Kamp
Roll Call:	Councilman Kamp	Aye	
	Councilman Iannone	Aye	
	Councilman Kruis	Absent	
	Councilman Sansone	Aye	
	Councilwoman Peet	Aye	
	Council President DeLuca	Aye	

There being no further response, the **Mayor** closed the meeting to the public.

Council President DeLuca made a motion to go out of the regular Order of Business.

Introduced by: Council President DeLuca **Seconded by: Councilwoman Peet**

Roll Call:

Councilman Kamp	Aye
Councilman Iannone	Aye
Councilman Kruis	Absent
Councilman Sansone	Aye
Councilwoman Peet	Aye
Council President DeLuca	Aye

1. Resolution #055-20 Appoint- Department of Public Works Superintendent – Matt Tauber

WHEREAS, the Borough of Midland Park finds it necessary to fill the position of Department of Public Works Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, Matt Tauber has attended and passed all required courses to qualify to take the State examination, to obtain the certificate of a Certified Public Works Manager, and successfully passed said State exam; and

WHEREAS, Matt Tauber assumed all the responsibilities of Acting Department of Public Works Superintendent effective December 3, 2019 at a salary of \$90,000; and

WHEREAS, with the years of experience of performing the duties of the Department of Public Works Superintendent, and obtaining the proper Certification, the Governing Body has made the decision to appoint Matt Tauber as Midland Park’s Department of Public Works Superintendent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Midland Park that Matt Tauber be confirmed, effective February 1, 2020, as Department of Public Works Superintendent.

Introduced by: Councilman Sansone **Seconded by: Councilman Iannone**

Roll Call:

Councilman Kamp	Aye
Councilman Iannone	Aye
Councilman Kruis	Absent
Councilman Sansone	Aye
Councilwoman Peet	Aye
Council President DeLuca	Aye

LIAISON REPORTS:

Mayor Shortway

Mayor Shortway noted due to last week’s meeting, he did not have a report for tonight.

Councilwoman Peet **Finance/Board of Health**

Councilwoman Peet noted she did not have a report for this meeting.

Council President DeLuca **Public Safety – Fire/Ambulance/ Personnel/Library**

Council President DeLuca reported progress for the **Ambulance Corps, Fire Department** and **Library**. She noted she and **Mayor Shortway** spoke to the Girl Scouts.

Councilman Kamp **Recreation/Municipal Alliance/Ridgewood Water**

Councilman Kamp reported progress with the **Municipal Alliance** and **Ridgewood Water**.

The **Councilman** reported progress with **Recreation**: there was a meeting with the baseball and softball associations which went well. The merger is off the table but there is greater cooperation between the two organization.

Councilman Iannone **Public Safety – Police/ Information Technology**

Councilman Iannone reported progress for **Public Safety, Police** and **Information Technology**.

Councilman Kruis

Planning Board/Building Dept/ Fire Prevention/OEM/Property Maintenance

Due to Councilman Kruis' absence, there was no report for this meeting.

Councilman Sansone

Public Works/ Board of Education/ Chamber of Commerce

Councilman Sansone reported progress for Public Works, the Board of Education and the Chamber of Commerce.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Borough Administrator Seemon reported the new Administrative Assistant is working out well; the Records Clerk will be starting in a couple of weeks and the newly appointed Department of Public Works Superintendent has been doing a great job.

CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters listed below are considered by the Borough Council to be routine in nature. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by the Borough Council, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately:

Resolution #051-20 Authorizing Mayor to Sign Agreement - Well Child Care – Waldwick

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Midland Park, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the Borough of Waldwick, pertaining to the provisions of Well Child Care services by the Borough of Waldwick.

2019 - \$125.00	One-time Administrative Charge
\$ 35.00	Charge per child
\$ 20.00	Charge per child for immunization only

Resolution #052-20 Tax Court Of New Jersey Judgment-195 Godwin Ave. Blk 20.10, Lot 5.01

WHEREAS, the Borough of Midland Park has received a Judgment from the Tax Court of New Jersey, reducing the assessed value from \$1,055,600 to \$825,600, for the tax year of 2019, for the property know as 195 Godwin Ave., Block 20.10 Lot 5.01, a refund to be issued to:

Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi Trust Account
Attn: John R. Lloyd, Esq.
One Boland Drive
West Orange. NJ 07052

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Midland Park, that the amount of \$6,996.60 for overpayment in taxes of 2019, be refunded.

Resolution #056-20 Award Payment Of 2019 LOSAP Benefits to Eligible Members of the Fire Department And Ambulance Corps

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Midland Park, Bergen County, New Jersey, has adopted Ordinance #9-00 establishing and implementing Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) pursuant to P.L. 1997, c. 388, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the LOSAP program, a list of eligible members has been presented to the Borough Clerk, a copy of the same being annexed hereto; and

WHEREAS, a list of eligible members and proposed award has been reviewed and approved by the Borough Clerk, and funds have been certified by the Certified Municipal

Finance Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Midland Park, does hereby approve the increase of 3% as per Ordinance #20-18 or the Annual CPI Adjustment listed in the Local Finance Notice 2020-01 for the list of thirty-seven (37) eligible members to receive full benefits at the amount of One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars and Thirty- Two Cents (\$1,269.32) per eligible member, proposed total award of Forty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars and Eighty-Four Cents (\$46,964.84) for 2019 LOSAP benefits, for eligible Fire Department and Ambulance Corps members as annexed hereto and made a part hereof and authorizes payment in accordance therewith.

The Consent Agenda was:

Introduced by: Councilman Kamp

Seconded by: Councilwoman Peet

Roll Call:	Councilman Kamp	Aye
	Councilman Iannone	Aye
	Councilman Kruis	Absent
	Councilman Sansone	Aye
	Councilwoman Peet	Aye
	Council President DeLuca	Aye

RESOLUTIONS:

2. Resolution #050-20 – Bills List

WHEREAS, claims have been submitted to the Borough of Midland Park in the following amounts:

Current Fund ('19)	\$ 9,708.14
Current Fund	\$ 314,469.67
Trust Fund	\$ 5,030.78
TOTAL:	\$ 329,208.59

WHEREAS, such claims have been listed according to Department and account number with corresponding vouchers to be reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the CFO has determined that the funds have been properly appropriated for such purposes and are available, in the Borough of Midland Park and that the claims specified on the schedule attached hereto, following examination and approval by the Finance Committee, be paid and checks issued accordingly; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Midland Park that the claims totaling **\$329,208.59** be approved and ratified respectively.

Introduced by: Councilwoman Peet

Seconded by: Councilman Kamp

Roll Call:	Councilman Kamp	Aye
	Councilman Iannone	Aye
	Councilman Kruis	Aye
	Councilman Sansone	Aye
	Councilwoman Peet	Aye
	Council President DeLuca	Aye

3. Resolution #053-20 Appoint- Administrative Assistant – Jessica Harmon

WHEREAS, the Borough of Midland Park finds it necessary to fill the position of Administrative Assistant; and

WHEREAS, the position was advertised, and candidates were interviewed, resulting in the appointment recommendation by the Borough Administrator of Jessica Harmon as Administrative Assistant.

WHEREAS, the salary established in Ordinance #04-19 provides the following title and salary to Ms. Harmon: Administrative Assistant at \$35,000 annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Midland Park that Jessica Harmon be confirmed, effective February 18, 2020, as Administrative Assistant.

Introduced by: Council President DeLuca Seconded by: Councilman Iannone

Roll Call:	Councilman Kamp	Aye
	Councilman Iannone	Aye
	Councilman Kruis	Absent
	Councilman Sansone	Aye
	Councilwoman Peet	Aye
	Council President DeLuca	Aye

4. Resolution #054-20 Appoint- Part Time Records Clerk – Eileen Malestein

WHEREAS, the need for a Part time Records Clerk exists in the Borough of Midland Park; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator feels this candidate is suitable to the duties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Midland Park, that Eileen Malestein, 155 Summit Avenue, Ramsey, N. J. 07446, be appointed as a Part-time Records Clerk at a rate of \$16.00 per hour as of March 9, 2020.

Introduced by: Council President DeLuca Seconded by: Councilman Sansone

Roll Call:	Councilman Kamp	Aye
	Councilman Iannone	Aye
	Councilman Kruis	Absent
	Councilman Sansone	Aye
	Councilwoman Peet	Aye
	Council President DeLuca	Aye

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

There was no Old or New Business to discuss.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Once again, the **Mayor** opened the meeting to the public and the Council for any comments, questions or concerns. There being no response and no further business to address, at 8:12 P.M., on a Motion by **Councilman Kamp**, Seconded by **Councilman Iannone** and carried, **Mayor Shortway** adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Martin, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk