# BOROUGH OF MIDLAND PARK 280 GODWIN AVENUE MIDLAND PARK, NJ 07432 July 23, 2020

8:00 PM Open Public Meeting Minutes (Updated July 21, 2020)

On July 23, 2020 at 8:00 p.m., the Mayor and Council of Midland Park conducted an Electronic Public Meeting in lieu of its in-person regular Public Meeting previously advertised. Members of the public accessed the meeting by dialing this Toll Free Dial in number (United States: 1877 309 2073 Access Code: 152-892-445

Questions, Comments or Concerns were emailed in advance to the Borough Clerk at wmartin@midlandparknj.org no later than July 23, 2020 4:00 pm.

Agenda items for the meeting were listed on the Borough website. The foregoing Electronic Public Meeting was recommended due to the current situation involving the COVID-19 Virus and directives of State and County governments.

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

**Mayor Shortway** called the meeting to order, noting the date as July 23, 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

<u>ALSO PRESENT</u>: Borough Attorney Regan, Borough Administrator Seemon and Borough Clerk Martin

### **PUBLIC ROLL CALL:**

**Administrator Seemon** took a roll call of the public in attendance There were no members of the public on the line at this time.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A Motion to approve the Minutes of the Work Session Meeting of May 14, 2020, Work Session and Closed Session of May 28, 2020, Special Open Public Meeting and Closed Session of June 3, 2020 and Closed Session, Work Session, Open Public Meeting of June 11, 2020 and Closed Session, Work Session, Open Public Meeting of June 25, 2020, as all Governing Body members have previously received copies of the Minutes and copies are available to the Public at the Borough Clerk's Office.

Introduced by: Council President DeLuca Seconded by: Councilwoman Peet

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Roll Call: Councilman Kamp Aye for May 14, 28 & June 25; Abstain for June 11

Councilman Iannone Aye Councilman Kruis Absent

Councilman Sansone Aye for May 14, 28 & June 11; Abstain for June 25

Council Woman Peet Aye
Council President DeLuca Aye

## **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

The **Mayor** opened the meeting to the public for general questions, concerns, and comments.

At this time questions, concerns or comments emailed in advance to the Borough Clerk will be addressed. There were no emails to the Clerk to address.

Administrator Seemon asked individual members of the Public to speak at this time. There were no members of the public on the line at this time.

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

### **LIAISON REPORTS:**

**Mayor Shortway** 

**Mayor Shortway** spoke of attending the Midland Park High School's graduation on July 13<sup>th</sup>, stating it was an honor to be there and he especially enjoyed seeing the scholarships being handed out as well as the diplomas. It was amazing to see how well it was all set up to accommodate the social distancing guidelines in effect. He congratulated **Councilman Kamp** on the graduation of his daughter and reiterated it was an honor to be there and see her graduate. **Councilman Kamp** noted it was a beautiful night and the students were glad to able to get together one last time. The **Mayor** reported he and Administrator Seemon listened in on the Governor's call regarding COVID-19 on June 21<sup>st</sup> and there is nothing new.

Councilman Sansone reported the Chamber of Commerce President continues to let Chamber members know about local, federal, and state help; they are trying to move forward as best they can. The Councilman reported the Board of Education has a lot going on and there is progress.

Councilman Sansone reported the Department of Public Works continues to be busy: the co-op paving has been completed; road striping has begun; they are repairing 35 storm water/catch basins; the AC/HVAC upgrades have been done at the Library, Town Hall, Police Department and Social Hall through the LIME energy program, as has an LED lighting upgrade; they are continuing to disinfect the Borough's buildings daily as well as the Borough's vehicles; plexiglass protectors have been installed at the Library prior to the re-opening and the crew continues to do a great job.

### Councilwoman Peet Finance/Board of Health

Councilwoman Peet reported progress with Finance.

Councilwoman Peet reported the Board of Health is reporting a total of 100 presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 in the Borough with six demises; they are continuing to work with CommCare, a case investigation and contact tracing software; the new health officer is participating in state and county conference calls to stay updated on COVID and they have reached out to 29 addresses in Midland Park with regards to rat complaints: although no burrows were found at any of the addresses, they will be working on something for the community; the plan review approval for Arturo's outside dining has been completed and they have not received any requests from Kentshire to open the pool.

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# Council President DeLuca Public Safety – Fire/Ambulance/ Personnel/Library Council President DeLuca reported progress for the Ambulance Corps.

The Council President reported the Fire Department's next meeting will be in August.

Council President DeLuca reported the Library opened to the public on July 21<sup>st</sup>: a notice was sent out with contactless pick-up hours and hours open to public running from July through Labor Day; a new schedule will be sent out in September for the following months; they are taking all necessary precautions and following all guidelines; it has been very busy since re-opening and patrons are vey happy to be able to walk into the Library; the Director states contactless pick-up has been running well; the outside yoga classes have started; the concerts that were scheduled had to be postponed due to the weather, however, concerts are planned for the next two weeks; a new copier was installed which will allow print from home printing; the digital summer reading program with ReadSquared has been going smoothly, with the children's Librarian giving prizes at the curbside pick-up and the plans for the Story Walk are moving forward.

# Councilman Kamp Recreation/Municipal Alliance/Ridgewood Water Councilman Kamp reported progress with Ridgewood Water.

The **Councilman** reported the **Municipal Alliance** held a virtual meeting on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, the first meeting since January: the Alliance is under a time constraint by the County, demanding a plan be in place by next week; the budget was cut from \$5500 to \$2000, then increased it to \$3125; they did come up with a plan but are unsure if it will it be executable based on what is transpiring with the school system.

**Councilman Kamp** stated the **Recreation** Department is happy to report camp is moving along nicely: 35 children attended Tuesday for field day and only 22 attended today for Arts and Crafts. When the parents were asked and it was noted the older kids do not want to do Arts and Crafts, it was decided to change the schedule to: Tuesdays will be field day for everybody and Thursdays will be both; the Director has noted everyone is enjoying camp and there have been no reports of injuries, tears, or fighting. After some investigation into changing the venue of movie night, it was decided the municipal parking lot is the best place to hold the movies, so the 2<sup>nd</sup> movie night will be at Borough Hall.

# Councilman Iannone Public Safety – Police/ Information Technology Councilman Iannone reported progress for the Police Department.

The **Councilman** reported all is good with **Information Technology**, considering the age of most of the computers and the data center room is almost done.

# Councilman Kruis Planning Board/Building Dept/ Fire Prevention/OEM/Property Maintenance

Due to Councilman Kruis' absence, no report was given.

# **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Seemon reported successful completion on all major projects; the Department of Public Works' roof replacement is around the corner: waiting for pre-construction meeting scheduled for next week and purchase of generator is being investigated. The Administrator updated the Governing Body on the note: the intent is to be able to have finances in mid-to-late August, in the event a bond is taken out in the future, since the preferred schedule for bonding runs through February and August. This allows for the Borough to have tax money available when payment is due. He reminded everyone there is one meeting scheduled for August, August 20<sup>th</sup> and hoping to meet in person in September.

## **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 # 123-20 Tax Overpayment Refund –Blk 26.01 Lot 13

WHEREAS, an overpayment occurred for the 2<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2020 taxes due to refinance of the mortgage on the following property:

Baumann, Ryan & Bartlik, Valerie A Amount of overpayment: \$2,266.00

217 Paterson Ave

(Blk. 26.01, Lt. 13)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Midland Park, that the amount of \$2,266.00 for this overpayment in taxes to be refunded and payable to Silk Abstract Company, by whom overpayment was created:

Silk Title

Attn: Funding Department 300 Centerville Road Summit South Suite 304 Warwick, RI 02886

## Resolution # 124-20 Acme Markets, Inc. Liquor License Renewal (Pocket License) for Licensing Period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

WHEREAS, The Acme Markets, Inc., has made application for renewal of its Plenary Retail Distribution Pocket License # 0235-44-001-006 for mailing address at 250 East Parkcenter Blvd., Boise, ID 83726; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Division of Alcohol Beverage Control has performed their investigation and at this juncture nothing precludes them from being issued their renewal.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue such pocket license to Acme Market, Inc., with a mailing address of 250 East Parkcenter Blvd., Boise, ID 83726.

**Introduced by: Council President DeLuca Seconded by: Councilman Sansone** 

**Roll Call: Councilman Kamp** 

Ave **Councilman Iannone** Ave **Councilman Kruis** Absent **Councilman Sansone** Ave **Councilwoman Peet** Ave **Council President DeLuca** Aye

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

### 1. Resolution #122-20 – Bills List

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

Current Fund '19	\$ 394.51
Current Fund	\$ 328,825.82
Trust Fund	\$ 5,285.53
Capital Fund	\$ <u>37,317.93</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 371.823.79

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,

WHEREAS, claims have already been paid in the following accounts:

Current July 15th Payroll \$ 188,607.72 Current NJ Environmental Loan \$ 19,380.13 Current CCFA – mnl check \$ 250.00

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Midland Park that the claims totaling **\$580,061.64** approved and ratified respectively.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:**

Administrator Seemon spoke of the zoning ordinance updates and the plans to schedule special meetings each month starting in September until all have been gone through. He noted the Zoning Board attorney and Zoning Official will be attending the meetings to give an overview of the ordinance(s) being discussed. Mr. Seemon noted he will work up the schedule and directed the Borough Clerk to redistribute the zoning ordinances to the Council.

### **MOTIONS:**

1. Mayor Shortway made a Motion to Appoint Lauren Sikora to fill an unexpired term of Library Board member with an expiration date of 12/31/22.

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

Council President DeLuca will advise Library Director of the Appointment.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Once again, the **Mayor** opened the meeting to the public and the Council for any comments, questions, or concerns.

No one was on the line at this time

There being no response and no further business to address, at 8:21 P.M., on a Motion by **Councilwoman Peet, Seconded by Councilman Sansone** and carried, **Mayor Shortway** adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,