

**TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE  
ESSEX COUNTY NEW JERSEY**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**MAY 6, 2019**

**1. ROLL CALL, INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE**

Mayor Cicala called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala  
Also Present: Township Manager Tucci, Township Attorney Semeraro, Township Clerk Stutz

The flag salute was led by Mayor Cicala.

Mayor Cicala made the required announcement concerning the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Adequate notice of this meeting was duly provided to the Verona-Cedar Grove Times and the Star Ledger on December 28, 2018, filed with the Township Clerk, and posted on the public bulletin board in the Municipal Building Lobby in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) To consider approval of minutes of regular public meeting of April 1, 2019

Councilman Tanella moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Deputy Mayor Vargo, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala  
NO: None

- b) To consider approval of minutes or special public meeting of April 15, 2019

Councilman Tanella moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Deputy Mayor Vargo, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala

NO: None

**3. PUBLIC HEARING**

- a) To consider adoption of 2019 Municipal Budget

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the authorization of the amount of: \$15,487,602.92

## GENERAL REVENUE

Surplus Anticipated	\$ 1,341,615.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	\$ 2,495,700.30
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	\$ 400,000.00
 AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES	 \$ 10,477,608.66
 AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION MINIMUM LIBRARY LEVY	 \$ 772,678.96
 TOTAL REVENUE	 \$ 15,487,602.92

Mayor Cicala opened the public hearing on this item. There being no one present wishing to be heard, Mayor Cicala closed the public hearing.

Councilman Kumburis moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala

NO: None

b) To consider adoption of 2019 Solid Waste Collection District Budget

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

Be it resolved by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount \$1,620,477.00 for the amount to be raised by taxation for Solid Waste Collection District.

Mayor Cicala opened the meeting to anyone wishing to be heard on this item only. There being no one present wishing to be heard, Mayor Cicala closed this portion of the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Vargo moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala

NO: None

**4. MEETING OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP WISHING TO BE HEARD ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA**

Mayor Cicala opened this portion of the meeting to anyone wishing to be heard on any item on the agenda. There being no one present wishing to be heard, Mayor Cicala closed this portion of the meeting.

**5. REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS**

- a) Township Manager – The Township Manager thanked participants of Township’s Arbor Day Celebration and noted receipt of award and designation as Tree City. The Manager noted proposed capital improvement projects, the need to increase by \$31,000 for a new roof for Morgan Farmhouse, and requested authorization to proceed with introduction of required bond ordinances, to which the governing body agreed. The Manager reported that the tennis courts rehab project is scheduled to commence first week in June under state contract.
- b) Township Clerk – The Clerk noted the upcoming May 14, 2019 municipal election, change of polling sites and advised that the polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- c) Township Attorney – No report
- d) Other Reports

Councilwoman Peterson reported that the Municipal Alliance sponsored “Hidden in Plain Site” parent education forum was conducted.

Councilman Tanella requested an update on status of trail unification. The Manager advised that RFP’s for are being solicited. Councilman Tanella commented that local scout groups are interested in participating in the trail unification project.

Deputy Mayor Vargo thanked the Township Manager for setting up a meeting with County officials and residents from Pilgrim Court, Dogwood Court regarding W. Lindsley Road drainage issues. The Manager advised that a second meeting is being scheduled with North Caldwell officials. Deputy Mayor Vargo announced upcoming Downtown Advisory Committee Cinco de Mayo Festival on 5/18 and provided event details.

Mayor Cicala noted a request from Assemblyman DePhillips for approval of a resolution to decline to establish a stormwater utility, to which the governing body agreed.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) To consider resolution concerning approval of raffle application – War Dog Athletic Club

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**WHEREAS**, an application for raffle license has been received from:

**APPLICANTS**

War Dog Athletic Club  
88 Carlson Pkwy.  
Cedar Grove NJ 07042

**EVENTS, DATES TIMES & PLACE**

Non-Draw Wheels to be held  
May 18, 2019 at 4:00 – 8:00 pm at  
520 Pompton Ave., Cedar Grove NJ 07009

**WHEREAS**, the fees have been paid, and the application has been reviewed by the Township Clerk and found acceptable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that it does hereby approve said application.

Councilwoman Peterson moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Tanella, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Mayor Cicala

NO: None

ABSTAIN: Deputy Mayor Vargo

- b) To consider resolution concerning approval of raffle application – Wizards Sports Club

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**WHEREAS**, an application for raffle license has been received from:

**APPLICANTS**

**EVENTS, DATES TIMES & PLACE**

Wizards Sports Club  
90 Overlook Rd.  
Cedar Grove NJ 07009

On-Premise Merchandise Raffle to be held  
June 2, 15, & 23, 2019 at 4:00 – 6:00 pm at  
90 Rugby Rd., Cedar Grove NJ 07009

**WHEREAS**, the fees have been paid, and the application has been reviewed by the Township Clerk and found acceptable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that it does hereby approve said application.

Councilwoman Peterson moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Tanella, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Mayor Cicala

NO: None

ABSTAIN: Deputy Mayor Vargo

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) To consider resolution concerning 2018 LOSAP for CG Volunteer Fire Department Ambulance & Rescue Squad

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-191, the Cedar Grove Volunteer Fire Department and Cedar Grove Ambulance & Rescue Squad have certified to the Township of Cedar Grove a list of all volunteer members who have qualified for credit under the LOSAP program for the year 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.10 (b), the Township of Cedar Grove has reviewed and accepted the attached certified lists of the Cedar Grove Volunteer Fire Department and Cedar Grove Ambulance & Rescue Squad; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.10 ( c ), the Township of Cedar Grove shall return the certified list to the Cedar Grove Volunteer Fire Department and Cedar Grove Ambulance & Rescue Squad for posting to allow for sufficient time for membership review.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township Cedar Grove that the attached certified lists herein of the Cedar Grove Volunteer Fire Department and Cedar Grove Ambulance & Rescue Squad are hereby accepted and returned to the respective emergency service organization for posting to allow sufficient time for membership review.

Councilman Kumburis moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Vargo, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala

NO: None

## **8. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

The Bill Resolution was read by title and amount as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, New Jersey, that the attached summary of bills having been duly audited and found correct be and they are thereby ordered paid and that warrants be drawn on the Treasurer in the aggregate amount of \$3,548,552.10

Councilwoman Peterson moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Tanella, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala

NO: None

## **9. MEETING OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP WISHING TO BE HEARD ON ANY ITEM ON OR OFF THE AGENDA CONCERNING TOWNSHIP BUSINESS**

Mayor Cicala opened this portion of the meeting to anyone wishing to be heard.

Kate Hartwyk; EC Liaison – Ms. Hartwyk announced two upcoming Essex County events; Computer & Electronics Recycling Day on 5/18 and Turtle Back Zoo Open House on 6/1. Mayor Cicala noted a residents request for a walking path along County owned property on Grove Ave. from Ozone Ave. to W. Bradford Ave.

Charles Dovico; 111 Holly Lane – Mr. Dovico suggested allocation of additional funding for Township roadway paving projects. There followed a lengthy explanation by the Manager of roadway improvement project scheduling and funding.

Joseph Maceri; 28 Bruce Ct. – Mr. Maceri inquired the timeline for Pompton Ave. and Bowden Road paving projects. The Manager stated that according to DOT, repaving of Pompton Ave. is scheduled to commence in July and take approximately four months to complete. The Manager also noted that he has reached out to Senator Corrado for assistance in expediting the project. The Manager also commented that Bowden Road paving is scheduled to commence this week. Mr. Maceri also inquired the status of the LRP ballfield project. The Manager advised that the Township is awaiting final plans, anticipates project to commence late June/early July with completion by November.

There being no one else present wishing to be heard, Mayor Cicala closed this portion of the meeting.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Tanella moved adjournment of the public council meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Vargo, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala

NO: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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JOSEPH CICALA                      MAYOR

ATTEST:

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KATHLEEN R. STUTZ      MUNICIPAL CLERK