

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

COUNCIL STAFF MEETING

MINUTES

MARCH 15, 2021

1. ROLL CALL – OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT BY MAYOR

Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and 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, filed with the Township Clerk, and posted on the public bulletin board in the Municipal Building's lobby in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Present: Councilmember Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson
Also Present: Township Manager Tucci, Attorney Chewcaskie for Township Attorney Giacobbe, Township Clerk Stutz

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Staff Meeting – February 22, 2021

Councilman Maceri moved approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Zichelli, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

ABSTAIN: Councilman Cicala

3. TOWNSHIP MANAGER – The Township Manager requested an executive session to discuss a litigation matter regarding Rizzolant Realty.

4. TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY – No report

5. TOWNSHIP CLERK – No report

6. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Maceri – The Township Manager addressed Councilman Maceri's inquiry regarding the budget adoption process.

Councilman Cicala – Councilman Cicala requested posting of availability of Panther Park for non-organizational use. Referring to recently passed cannabis legislation, Councilman Cicala raised questions regarding "opt-out" options. Attorney Chewcaskie advised that a municipality has 180 days to take action by ordinance. Attorney Chewcaskie further advised that the Township may permit or deny any of the uses with the exception of delivery service, which must be permitted.

Councilman Cicala recommended that the Township Attorney draft the necessary ordinance to prohibit the sale, distribution, manufacture, cultivation uses, to which the governing body agreed.

Councilman Zichelli – Councilman Zichelli noted an upcoming meeting between the Chamber of Commerce and downtown Advisory Committee to discuss integration of the Downtown Advisory Committee with the Chamber.

Deputy Mayor Tanella – Deputy Mayor Tanella requested an executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

Mayor Peterson - Mayor Peterson requested to honor the CGHS Girls Varsity Basketball Team undefeated season at the April 5th Council meeting, to which the governing body agreed. The Manager responded to Mayor Peterson’s inquiry concerning installation a bench at Panther Park softball field.

Councilman Zichelli noted the passing of long-time crossing guard Peg Tower and suggested a commemoration at the post corner (in front of Municipal Building).

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a) To consider resolution concerning 2021 pool fees

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

WHEREAS, the Township Council did adopt an ordinance on May 20, 1963 providing for the establishment of fees for the Cedar Grove Municipal Swimming Pool; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following fees be established for the Cedar Grove Municipal Swimming Pool for the 2021 season as follows:

Resident Family	\$568.00
Resident Individual	\$406.00
Resident Couple/Parent-Child	\$484.00
Resident Senior Citizen	\$195.00
Babysitter/care giver Mon – Fri (not household resident)	\$150.00
Household resident; non-main family member	Adult \$150.00
	Child \$ 75.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in addition, senior citizens who qualify for the State Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged Program (PAA) will be entitled to a reduced senior citizen rate of \$111.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that non-resident memberships will be limited to one hundred (100). The following non-resident fees are established for 2021:

Non-Resident Family	\$1200.00
Non-Resident Individual	\$ 650.00
Non-Resident Senior Citizen	\$ 410.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Guest Fee for 2021 will be \$10.00 per day for an adult and \$7 for child.

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

AYE: Councilmember Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

- b) To consider resolution concerning purchase of radio equipment and maintenance through Bergen County Cooperative Master Supply Contract

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Cedar Grove utilizes the Bergen County Cooperative Master Supply Contract #CK04 for the acquisition of radio equipment and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the contract amount for the acquisition of radio equipment and maintenance will not exceed \$110,362.50; and

WHEREAS, the funds are available to satisfy our obligations under this contract through the Bond Ordinance #20-868.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove authorizes the Township of Cedar Grove to purchase through the Bergen County Cooperative Master Supply Contract #CK04 for the acquisition of radio equipment and maintenance from Northeast Communications, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$110,362.50.

Councilman Cicala moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Zichelli, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

- c) To consider resolution concerning purchase of radio equipment and accessories through State Contract

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Cedar Grove has availed itself of the right to purchase radio communications equipment and accessories entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of Treasury pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable from time to time to purchase radio communications equipment and accessories under contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the said Division without the necessity of advertising for bids, or in cases where no bids have been received; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to purchase radio communications equipment and accessories under such contracts enter into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by said Division during the year 2021;

WHEREAS, funds for the purchase of the radio communications equipment and accessories are available in the Bond Ordinance #20-868.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, that the purchase of the radio communications equipment and accessories be awarded to Motorola Solutions Inc., through State Contract No. A83909.

Councilman Cicala moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Zichelli, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

d) To consider resolution concerning transfer of appropriations

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 permits certain transfers of appropriations during the first three months of the succeeding year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, that the following transfers of appropriations listed herein in the 2020 Municipal Budget be approved:

CURRENT FUND MUNICIPAL BUDGET

To:

Road Repairs and Maintenance:

Other Expenses	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
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From:

Recreation:

Salaries and Wages	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
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Councilman Zichelli moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Maceri, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

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 \$ 3,504,140.32.

Councilman Zichelli moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Cicala and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Peterson opened this portion of the meeting to any one wishing to be heard. There being no one present wishing to be heard, Mayor Peterson closed this portion of the meeting.

AUTHORIZATION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings' Act (N.J.S.A.10:4-12 (b) (1-9) permits the exclusion of the public from a Meeting of the Mayor and Council in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Cedar Grove are of the opinion that such circumstances exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of any action on the Executive Session of the Meeting of the Mayor and Council of Mach 15, 2021.
2. The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed is personnel and litigation regarding Rizzolant Realty.
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public as soon thereafter as it is deemed in the public interest to do so.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to discuss, the staff council meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. by acclaim.