

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

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

MAY 2, 2022

1. ROLL CALL, INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

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

Present: Councilmember Peterson, Skabich, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Maceri, Mayor Tanella

Also Present: Township Manager Tucci, Township Attorney Nabbie, Township Clerk Stutz

The flag salute was led by Mayor Tanella.

Mayor Tanella 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 23, 2021, 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. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

a) Recognition of CGHS Football Team and Cheerleaders

Mayor Tanella commended the Football Team on winning the first-ever Regional State Championship on November 23, 2022. Mayor Tanella highlighted the team's success over the past 3 years as well as the long-term success of the football program. Mayor Tanella also commented on the way the team's quest brought the community together, evidenced by the send-off by residents on final game day, fans in attendance at game, and the team's welcome back. Mayor Tanella noted the presence of State legislators, Senator Corrado, Assemblyman De Phillips, and Assemblyman Rooney. Senator Corrado congratulated the team on its success and stated that there are life-long lessons learned from the achievement, in the commitment, dedication, and hard work that each team member put in individually for the benefit of the team. Senator Corrado presented a proclamation from the Senate and General Assembly to Coach Gogerty honoring the team's achievement and success. Mayor Tanella and Deputy Mayor Maceri presented certificates of recognition to each member of the team.

Councilwoman Peterson also commended the cheerleaders for their participation and commented on the evolution of cheerleading into a sport. Certificates of recognition were also presented to each cheerleader by Councilwoman Peterson, Councilwoman Skabich, and Councilman Zichelli.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) To consider approval of minutes of regular public meeting of April 4, 2022

Councilman Zichelli moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Skabich, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Skabich, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Maceri, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

ABSTAIN: Councilwoman Peterson

4. PUBLIC HEARING

- a) To consider adoption of Pending Ordinance #22-890 – Amending Chapter 55 of the Township Code entitled “Police Department”

The ordinance was read by title only as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 55 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE, ENTITLED “POLICE DEPARTMENT.”

Mayor Tanella opened the public hearing on this item.

Mike Kraynanski; 32 Old Orchard Ct. – Following a brief discussion, Mr. Kraynanski confirmed that he resides with Police Captain O’Toole. Mayor Tanella advised Mr. Kraynanski that questions and/or comments related to specific Police Dept. personnel matters may not be able to be addressed or permitted by the Council should they relate to pending litigation initiated by Captain O’Toole. Mr. Kraynanski voiced concern with the accuracy of Manager’s responses to Mr. Kraynanski’s questions at the April 4th Council meeting regarding Police Dept. salaries/compensation and reorganization according to documentation that Mr. Kraynanski received from a subsequent OPRA request. The Manager responded that Mr. Kraynanski specifically referenced Police Department members salary at the 4/4 meeting; his OPRA request referenced total compensation, which includes salary, plus longevity and holiday pay. Mr. Tucci cited the figures for the current Police Chief’s total compensation for Mr. Kraynanski. Mr. Kraynanski alleged that the decision to appoint a second police captain was made prior to receipt of The Ambrose Group report. As Mr. Kraynanski’s comments did not pertain to the proposed ordinance, Mayor Tanella closed the public hearing since there was no one else present wishing to be heard.

Councilman Zichelli moved that the ordinance be adopted at second reading, published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times as a passed ordinance to take effect as prescribed by law, seconded by Councilwoman Skabich, and passed by the following vote:

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

NO: None

- b) To consider adoption of Pending Ordinance #22-891 – 2022 Salary, Grades, and Ranges of Unrepresented Employees

The ordinance was read by title only as follows:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARY GRADES AND RANGES, WAGES AND FEES OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.

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

Councilman Zichelli moved to amend the ordinance to reflect increase of the Township Manager’s salary to \$220,000, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maceri, and passed by the following vote:

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

NO: None

Councilman Zichelli moved that the ordinance be adopted at second reading as amended, published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times as a passed ordinance to take effect as prescribed by law, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maceri, and passed by the following vote:

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

NO: None

- c) To consider adoption of Pending Bond Ord. #22-892 – Various Capital Improvements

The ordinance was read by title only as follows:

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,725,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,033,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

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

Councilwoman Peterson moved that the ordinance be adopted at second reading, published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times as a passed ordinance to take effect as prescribed by law, seconded by Councilman Zichelli, and passed by the following vote:

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

NO: None

- d) To consider adoption of Pending Bond Ord. #22-893 – Various Water Utility Improvements

The ordinance was read by title only as follows:

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS WATER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$75,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$70,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

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

Councilwoman Skabich moved that the ordinance be adopted at second reading, published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times as a passed ordinance to take effect as prescribed by law, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maceri, and passed by the following vote:

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

NO: None

- e) To consider adoption of Pending Bond Ord. #22-894 – Various Sewer Utility Improvements

The ordinance was read by title only as follows:

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$225,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$214,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

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

Councilman Zichelli moved that the ordinance be adopted at second reading, published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times as a passed ordinance to take effect as prescribed by law, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maceri, and passed by the following vote:

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

NO: None

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

Mayor Tanella noted the presence of W. Lindsley Road residents. The Manager commented that the residents could be heard during this portion of the meeting as their issue of concern, proposed stormwater grant, was part of the adopted bond ordinance for capital improvements.

The Township Manager explained that the formation of the stormwater grant program evolved from run-off issues emanating from Mountain Ave. in North Caldwell, flowing across West Lindsley Ave., negatively affecting private property. The Manager stated that the proposed grant is the result of the Township's desire to assist residents that sustain stormwater damage on their private property resulting from unique run-off conditions and/or circumstances where the Township has no jurisdiction or responsibility. Mr. Tucci explained that the purpose of the grant money to help the property owner undertake work on his property, such as re-establishing a stream bed to remedy a run-off problem in accordance with statewide permit. The Manager advised that the grant funds are to be

awarded by means of an application with specific grant eligibility requirements, submitted by affected resident, review and recommendation to the governing body by the Township Manager and Municipal Engineer. Mr. Tucci further advised that the initial amount of the grant fund is \$25,000. The Manager noted that the application should be available on the Township website next week. Additionally, the Manager advised that the Municipal Engineer has been in contact with the County Engineer to resolve/remedy run-off issues at the source under County jurisdiction to reduce the flow velocity of run-off from Mountain Ave. to W. Lindsley Rd.

Mayor Tanella opened this portion of the meeting to anyone wishing to be heard on any item on the agenda.

There was lengthy dialogue from following residents regarding the sufficiency of grant amount, eligibility and award concerns, resolution of the ongoing run-off issues and potential meeting with all parties (i.e. County and Township Engineer, officials, affected area residents):

Chris Jennings; 100 W. Lindsley Rd.
Kasmir Sousa; 94 W. Lindsley Rd.
Amaldo Lopez; 85 W. Lindsley Rd.

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

6. REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

a) Township Manager – The Township Manager provided an overview of the 2022 municipal budget. Mr. Tucci advised that the 2021 municipal budget total general appropriation is \$20,653,706 vs. \$18,243,582 for 2021, an increase of approximately \$2,510,124, much of which is outside of the CAP for debt service payments. Mr. Tucci further advised that the amount to be raised by taxation for municipal purposes is \$11,086,392, which is \$1,072,566 under the maximum allowable CAP limit. Mr. Tucci cited factors that continue to impact the budget, and noted more aggressive debt service payments proposed in the amount of \$1,506,155. The Manager further noted that the proposed local tax rate is \$0.535, compared to \$0.526 in 2021. Mr. Tucci advised that the average assessed value of a home increased to \$473,000, compared to \$470,900 in 2021 and anticipated a \$53.50 increase in the local portion of the average assessed home's tax levy. Mr. Tucci noted that this week is teacher appreciation week. The Manager requested an executive session to discuss PBA negotiations.

b) Township Clerk – No report

c) Township Attorney – No report

d) Other Reports

Councilwoman Peterson noted a Municipal Alliance drug awareness program held on May 1st at Community Church.

Councilman Zichelli – No report

Councilwoman Skabich – No report

Deputy Mayor Maceri congratulated Margo Kapusinski, a Township resident and junior at Immaculate Heart Academy and recipient of the President’s Volunteer Award. Deputy Mayor Maceri noted that Ms. Kapusinski’s volunteer service project focused on preventing food insecurities in New Jersey through neighborhood food drives. Deputy Mayor Maceri noted the recent Annual Arbor Day Celebration conducted April 29th and the upcoming Junior Firefighter Day on May 22nd at Community Park.

Mayor Tanella requested an executive session to discuss personnel matter.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

a) To consider resolution concerning approval of raffle application – CG Elks 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

Cedar Grove Elks Lodge #2237
405 Bowden Rd.
Cedar Grove NJ 07009

Instant Raffle to be held September 1, 2022
to August 31, 2023 at
405 Bowden 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.

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

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

NO: None

b) To consider resolution concerning approval of 2022 limousine license

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

WHEREAS, application for limousine license for 2022 has been received from:

APPLICANT

TRADE NAME

Dan Arnautu
28 Haller Dr.
Cedar Grove, NJ 07009

S-Class Service, Inc.

WHEREAS, a satisfactory investigation has been conducted by the Police Chief.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk be directed to renew said limousine license for the abovenamed applicant.

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

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

NO: None

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) To consider introduction of Pending Ordinance #22-895 – Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and Establish a Cap Bank

The clerk read the Ordinance by title only:

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove in the County of Essex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2021 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$132,325.51 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, in the County of Essex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2022 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Cedar Grove shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$13,695,690.12, and that the CY 2022 municipal budget for the Township of Cedar Grove be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Councilman Zichelli moved that Pending Ordinance #22-895 be passed at first reading, published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times as a pending ordinance with a public hearing of June 6, 2022, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maceri, and passed by the following vote:

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

NO: None

b) To consider resolution concerning introduction of 2022 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 that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a summary of said budget be published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times in the issue of June 10, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on June 21, 2021 at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2020 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

General Appropriations for:

1.	Appropriations within "CAPS"	
	(a) Municipal Purposes	\$14,303,295.96
2.	Appropriations excluded from "CAPS"	
	(a) Municipal Purposes	\$ 5,790,410.07
3.	Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$ 560,000.00
4.	Total General Appropriations	\$20,653,706.03
5.	Less Anticipated Revenues Other Than Current Property Tax	\$ 8,829,217.68
6.	Difference: Amount to be raised by taxes	
	(a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$ 11,086,391.82
	(b) Addition to Local District School Tax	
	(c) Minimum Library Tax	\$ 838,096.53

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

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

NO: None

- c) To consider resolution concerning introduction of 2022 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 that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Solid Waste Collection District Budget for the year 2021 and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a summary of said budget be published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times in the issue of June 10, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on June 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2021 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons;

General Appropriations for:

Total Solid Waste Collection District Appropriations	\$ 2,397,700.00
Amount to be raised by Taxation for Support of Solid Waste Collection District	\$ 1,627,253.00

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

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

NO: None

- d) To consider resolution concerning compliance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183

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

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE
UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION’S
“Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in
Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit’s hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,” *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit’s hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual’s criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit’s hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified

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

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

NO: None

- e) To consider resolution concerning 2022 salaries of unrepresented municipal employees

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

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove did adopt Ordinance No. fixing salary grades and ranges, wages and fees of the officers and employees of the Township of Cedar Grove; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance provides that the Township Council shall, by resolution, fix the salary of each officer and employee within the salary ranges as set forth in Section One of the Salary Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that the salaries as hereinafter enumerated shall constitute the corrected salaries for Fiscal Year 2022 of specific employees covered under Section One, Group I, of the Salary Ordinance.

TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE
 ESSEX COUNTY NEW JERSEY

2022 SALARY GUIDE

UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>POSITION CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
1	Clerical Assistant Building Maintenance Worker	\$ 35,667.	\$ 44,751.
3	Accounting/Payroll Assistant Assistant to Township Clerk Department Secretary Tax/Utility Accounting Assistant Recreation Coordinator	\$ 39,010.	\$ 58,486.
4	Recreation Maintenance Worker	\$ 40,964.	\$ 59,416.
5	Communications Officer Deputy Court Administrator/Clerk Health/Welfare/Senior Transportation Planning/Zoning Coordinator	\$ 44,065.	\$ 67,505.
8	Assistant Municipal Treasurer Senior Recreation/Pool Coordinator Records Clerk – Police	\$ 50,439.	\$ 77,891.
9	Administrative Secretary Municipal Court Administrator Tax Collector Coordinator Assistant Recreation Director	\$ 56,822.	\$ 84,320.

EMPLOYEE	SALARY	GRADE	JOB TITLE
Besofsky, Laurie	\$ 51,239.	3	Dept. Secretary Public Works
Cafarella, Joseph	48,534.	3	Accounting/Payroll Assistant
Fabrazzo, John	51,073.	3	Recreation Coordinator
Immersi, Toni Ann	44,180.	3	Tax Assessor Secretary
McCarthy, Karen	54,001.	3	Dept. Secretary Public Works
Meding, Martina	58,059.	3	Dept. Secretary Building Dept.
Stefanelli, Emil	51,435.	3	Bldg. Maint. Worker/Bus Driver
Tufaro, Christopher	44,170.	3	Tax/Utility Accounting Assistant
Demarest, Courtney	53,304.	5	Deputy Court Administrator
Maddaloni, Jackie	63,351.	5	Planning/Zoning Coordinator
Riou, Debra	52,888.	5	Health/Senior Transp. Admin.

EMPLOYEE	SALARY	GRADE	JOB TITLE
Fields, Susan	77,070.	8	Assistant Municipal Treasurer
Perez, Sasha	52,998.	8	Records Clerk – Police
Barlas, Sukaina	72,141.	9	Administrative Asst./Secretary
Conti, Marie	60,471.	9	Tax Collection Coordinator
Platvoet, Therese	71,901.	9	Court Administrator
Verrengia, Suzanne	59,697.	9	Assistant Recreation Director

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>JOB CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
10	Director of Assessments Director of Recreation Director of Community Development/ Construction Official	\$ 68,121.	\$ 101,203.
11	Director of Finance/Tax Collector/CMFO Director of DPW/Municipal Engineer	\$ 83,593.	\$ 167,694.

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>JOB TITLE</u>
Hamilton, Richard	\$ 90,264.	10	Director of Assessments
Landolfi, Marisa	\$ 81,901.	10	Director of Recreation
Hoffmann, James	\$ 95,790.	10	Construction Official
Homa, William	\$162,810.	11	Director of Finance/Tax Collector/CMFO
Palumbo, Alex	\$148,908.	11	Director of DPW/Mun. Engineer

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>JOB CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>MINIUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
L-2	Library Assistant	\$18,717.	\$47,540.
L-3	Technical Library Assistant	\$23,655.	\$51,411.
L-4	Senior Library Assistant	\$28,387.	\$56,682.
L-5	Principal Library Assistant Administrative Services	\$31,936.	\$61,957.
L-6	Supervising Library Assistant	\$34,302.	\$69,865.
L-7	Library Specialist	\$36,667.	\$75,107.
L-8	Children’s Librarian	\$41,399.	\$79,091.
L-9	Senior Children’s Librarian	\$44,947.	\$85,790.
L-10	Supervising Librarian	\$50,971.	\$93,697.
L-12	Library Director	\$66,237.	\$ 113,727.

	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>JOB TITLE</u>
Wolverton, Catherine	\$ 101,524.	12	Library Director
Cheetham, Natalie	\$ 64,268.	8	Children’s Librarian
DeVingo, Patricia	\$ 56,290.	6	Supervising Lib. Asst.
Falcone, Francine	\$ 52,386.	5	Administrative Services
Marrih, Carolyn	\$ 49,862.	4	Senior Library Assistant

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

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

NO: None

- f) To consider resolution concerning 2021 LOSAP for Fire Department volunteers

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 has 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 2021; 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 list of the Cedar Grove Volunteer Fire; 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 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 list herein of the Cedar Grove Volunteer Fire Department is hereby accepted and returned to the emergency service organization for posting to allow sufficient time for membership review.

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

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

NO: None

g) To consider resolution concerning cancellation of sewer charges

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

WHEREAS, it has been determined upon investigation of the Township Manger that the sewer charges assessed to the account listed herein should be cancelled:

<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Total Cancelled</u>
Eugene Gallagher 332 Ridge Road Cedar Grove, NJ 07009 Acct. No. 2-1301203	<u>\$345.45</u>	<u>\$345.45</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to cancel the sewer charges for the above account.

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

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

NO: None

9. 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 \$3,119,375.69.

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

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

NO: None

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

Mayor Tanella opened this portion of the meeting to any one wishing to be heard. There being no one present wishing to be heard, Mayor Tanella 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 May 2, 2022.
2. The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed is PBA negotiations and personnel.
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 Councilwoman Skabich, and passed by the following vote:

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

NO: None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Zichelli moved adjournment of the public council meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Skabich, and passed by the following vote:

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

NO: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

PETER TANELLA MAYOR

ATTEST:

KATHLEEN R. STUTZ MUNICIPAL CLERK