

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

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

OCTOBER 3, 2022

1. ROLL CALL, INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Maceri called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: Councilmember Peterson, Skabich, Deputy Mayor Zichelli, Mayor Maceri
Also Present: Acting Township Manager Palumbo, Township Attorney Nabbie, Deputy
Township Clerk Forde
Absent: Councilman Tanella

The flag salute was led by Mayor Maceri.

Mayor Maceri 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) To consider approval of minutes of regular meeting of September 12, 2022.

Deputy Mayor Zichelli moved for the approval of the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Peterson, Skabich, Deputy Mayor Zichelli, Mayor Maceri
NO: None
ABSENT: Councilman Tanella

3. PUBLIC HEARING

a) To consider adoption of Pending Ord. #22-898 – Amending and Supplementing Chapter 198 of the Township Code Regarding Requirement for Inspection of Lead Based Paint in Residential Dwellings

The ordinance was read by title only as follows:

**AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 198 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE
REGARDING REQUIREMENT FOR INSPECTION OF LEAD BASED PAINT IN
RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS**

Mayor Maceri opened the public hearing on this item.

There being no one present wishing to be heard, Mayor Maceri closed the public hearing.

Deputy Mayor 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, Deputy Mayor Zichelli, Mayor Maceri
NO: None
ABSENT: Councilman Tanella

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

Mayor Maceri 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 Maceri closed this portion of the meeting.

5. REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

- a) Acting Township Manager – No Report.
- b) Township Clerk – The Deputy Township Clerk reported her Office would remain open for late-night registration on October 18, 2022 from 4:30 PM to 9:00 PM. The Deputy Clerk reported residents wishing to vote by mail could mail their ballot at the Drop Box located at the Department of Public Works, 99 W. Bradford Avenue. The Deputy Clerk reported early voting would begin October 29th to November 6th and advised of the times and closest polling locations.
- c) Township Attorney – No Report.
- d) Other Reports

Councilwoman Peterson reported the Municipal Alliance will host a Pumpkin Carving Contest on October 14, 2022 at 5:30 PM. She indicated children could bring their pre-carved pumpkin with flameless candle to Morgan's Farm to be judged for Most-Scariest and Most-Creative. She explained the movie would begin at 6:30 PM.

Councilwoman Skabich – No Report.

Deputy Mayor Zichelli reported the Annual Historical Society's Pumpkin and Apple Sale was a success. He reported 56 residents utilized the Mobile DMV unit over the weekend. He announced the unit would return. He informed Mr. Palumbo that the flag box was full of flags that needed to be discarded. He suggested the Girl Scout Troop and the Fire Department could coordinated to discard flags. He thanked Senator Corrado for coordinating the Mobile DMV unit.

Mayor Maceri thanked Senator Corrado for coordinating the Mobile DMV unit. He explained he was glad to attend the Historical Society's Pumpkin and Apple Sale on Sunday. He commended Jean Jaeger on doing a great job with the tour.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a) To consider resolution concerning approval of raffle applications – St. Catherine of Siena, HSA

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

WHEREAS, application for raffle license has been received from:

APPLICANTS

EVENTS, DATES TIMES & PLACE

St. Catherine of Siena, HSA
39 E. Bradford Ave.
Cedar Grove NJ 07009

Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle to be held
Jan. 2, Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 5, May 3, Jun. 7,
Jul. 12, Aug. 2, Sept. 13, Oct. 4, Nov. 1,
and Dec. 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at
39 E. Bradford 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.

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

- AYE: Councilmember Peterson, Skabich, Deputy Mayor Zichelli, Mayor Maceri
- NO: None
- ABSENT: Councilman Tanella

- b) To consider resolution appointing Finance Director Lubna Muneer to serve the unexpired term of William Homa as the Cedar Grove representative to the Community Development Block Grant Committee.

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, Essex County, New Jersey, that Lubna Muneer is hereby appointed to serve the unexpired term of William Homa as a Cedar Grove representative to the Community Development Block Grant Committee for 2022:

Alternate – Lubna Muneer, Chief Finance Officer

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

- AYE: Councilmember Peterson, Skabich, Deputy Mayor Zichelli, Mayor Maceri
- NO: None
- ABSENT: Councilman Tanella

- c) To consider resolution concerning the insertion of an item of special revenue in the amount of \$9,500.00 from the Municipal Alliance Grant.

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:4-87, provides that the Director of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of a special item of revenue in the Municipal Budget of the Township of Cedar Grove for 2022 when such items shall have been available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation of equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, Essex County, New Jersey, that it hereby requests that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget in the sum of \$9,500.00 which is now available as a revenue from the Municipal Alliance, which is administered by the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, pursuant to the provision of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$9,500.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

Municipal Alliance Grant \$9,500.00

Deputy Mayor Zichelli indicated that residents always asked if the Township applied for grants. He said this was the second grant that the Township received. He indicated the first grant was from the Body Worn Camera Grant Program. He explained these grants added to the revenue side of the budget.

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

- AYE: Councilmember Peterson, Skabich, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Zichelli, Mayor Maceri
- NO: None
- ABSENT: Councilman Tanella

7. 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 \$341,311.04.

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

AYE: Councilmember Peterson, Skabich, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Zichelli, Mayor Maceri
NO: None
ABSENT: Councilman Tanella

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

Sal Maneri, 26 Sweetwood Dr. – Mr. Maneri asked for background information on Blasi Field. Mayor Maceri responded that during last week’s Staff Meeting, the Council renewed its lease with the County which is redoing the field for Little League and Softball. He explained the field would be open to another Essex County school, but Cedar Grove would have first priority.

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Zichelli moved adjournment of the public council meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Peterson, Skabich, Deputy Mayor Zichelli, Mayor Maceri
NO: None
ABSENT: Councilman Tanella

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.

JOSEPH MACERI MAYOR

ATTEST:

DALE A. FORDE DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK