



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - APRIL 1, 2024 AGENDA

Monday, April 01, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Online via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Davy

ROLL CALL - Borough Clerk - Betty Sterling

Angarone; Chandler; Gnatt; Marciante; Stern; Valenza; Mayor Davy

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT

Notice of this meeting has been given to the Hopewell Valley News, Trenton Times and was posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall at 30 North Main Street and on the Borough website according to the regulations of the Open Public Meetings Act.

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MAYOR'S BUSINESS

- Resignation - Mona Habiby - Administrative Coordinator

1. Proclamation - Donato Nieman
2. Proclamation - Arbor Day

OATH OF OFFICE

Officer Gerard Sinnott

3. Officer Gerard Sinnott Jr.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Shade Tree (Kate Fullerton)

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Gian Paolo Caminiti - Planning Board - Borough Representative - one year term ending December 31, 2024

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5. Work Session Meeting - January 29, 2024
6. Budget Work Session - January 30, 2024
7. Special Council Meeting - February 12, 2024
8. Work Session Meeting - February 26, 2024
9. Regular Council Meeting - March 4, 2024
10. Special Council Meeting - March 11, 2024

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES (FOR CONTENT BUT NOT FOR RELEASE)

11. Closed Session - December 4, 2023
12. Closed Session - January 29, 2024
13. Closed Session - February 5, 2024
14. Closed Session - February 26, 2024
15. Closed Session - March 4, 2024
16. Special Closed Session - March 18, 2024

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

17. Ordinance 2024-8 - An Ordinance Increasing Rates Charged by the Pennington Borough Water and Sewer Utility, and Amending the Code of the Borough of Pennington
18. Ordinance 2024-9 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 67 of the Code of the Borough of Pennington Concerning Animal Bites
19. Ordinance 2024-10 - Ordinance Accepting Gift of Memorial Gazebo and Related Improvements to Land Owned by the Borough at the Corner of Broemel Place and Knowles Street, in Honor of the Years of Service to This Community by the Volunteers of the Pennington First Aid Squad

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

20. Ordinance 2024-2 - AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14 IN THE BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON, NEW JERSEY
21. ORDINANCE 2024-3 - BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BALDWIN STREET AND BALDWIN COURT 11 IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING

\$700,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$182,270 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF.

22. Ordinance 2024-4 - AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2024
23. Ordinance 2024-5 - AN ORDINANCE REGULATING REMOVAL OF TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AND AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
24. Ordinance 2024-6 - AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PRIVATELY-OWNED SALT STORAGE
25. Ordinance 2024-7 - BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$325,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$308,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF 2024 BUDGET

26. - Presentation - Sandra Webb, CFO

- Motion/second to open the Public Hearing on the 2024 Budget.
- Discussion
- Motion/second by close the Public Hearing.
- Motion/second to adopt the 2024 Budget.

Resolution 2024-4.3 - Resolution To Adopt the Budget for 2024

COMMITTEE REPORTS

27. **Personnel / Economic Development** - Ms. Angarone
28. **Public Works / Planning Board / Historic Preservation** - Ms.Stern
29. **Finance / Public Safety / Arboretum / Landfill** - Mrs. Chandler

30. **Library / Shade Tree** - Ms. Gnatt
31. **Parks & Recreation** - Mr. Marciante
32. **Board of Health / Environmental Commission** - Mr. Valenza
33. **Senior Advisory** - Mayor Davy

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

34. Local Government Week - 2024 (Nadine)

CONSENT AGENDA

35. Resolution 2024-4.4 - Resolution Authorizing Shared Services Agreement Between Hopewell Township, Hopewell Borough, Pennington Borough and the Hopewell Valley Regional School District for Municipal Alliance
36. Resolution 2024-4.5 - Resolution Authorizing Submission of Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025
37. Resolution 2024-4.6 - Resolution Recognizing NJ Local Government Week, April 7th to April 13th, and Encouraging all Citizens to Support the Celebration and Corresponding Activities
38. Resolution 2024-4.7 - Resolution Authorizing the Borough Administrator to Submit a Grant Application to Pennington Day
39. Resolution 2024-4.8 - Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Outstanding Checks
40. Resolution 2024-4.9 - Resolution Authorizing Block Party on July 6, 2024 From 4 PM to 8 PM on Voorhees Avenue (Between Sked Street and Burd Street)
41. Resolution 2024-4.10 - Resolution Appointing Gian-Paolo Caminiti as Joint Fund Commissioner for the Remainder of 2024
42. Resolution 2024-4.12 - Resolution Authorizing Agreement Between Borough of Pennington and Claudia Zein Permitting Construction of Fence in Drainage Easement at 22 Baldwin Street
43. Resolution 2024 - 4.16 - Resolution Authorizing the Borough Administrator to Submit Two (2) Projects for Congressionally Directed Funding

NEW BUSINESS

44. Resolution 2024-4.1 - Resolution Authorizing Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside Lienholder
45. Resolution 2024-4.2 - Resolution Authorizing Payment of Bills
46. Resolution 2024-4.11 - Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Tax Appeals Concerning Block 201, Lot 6, Borough of Pennington
47. Resolution 2024-4.13 - Resolution Governing Use of the Borough Message Board

48. Resolution 2024-4.14 - Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Permit(s) to Hopewell Township Recreation Department for Use of Kunkel Park for Art in the Park
49. Resolution 2024-4.15 - Resolution Approving Application for Temporary Use of Outdoor Space by Jersey Meds
50. Resolution 2024-4.17 - Resolution Ratifying Appointments of Emergency Management Coordinator and Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Borough Administrator - GP Caminiti

Borough Attorney - Walter Bliss

Borough Clerk - Betty Sterling

Chief Financial Officer - Sandy Webb

Chief of Police - Doug Pinelli

Superintendent of Public Works - Rick Smith

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ADJOURNMENT