

**Pennington Borough Council
Regular Meeting – December 27, 2019**

Council President Glen Griffiths called the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council to order at 3:00 pm. Borough Clerk Betty Sterling called the roll with Council Members Griffiths, Marciante, Mills and Semple in attendance. Mayor Lawver and Council Members Chandler and Gnatt were absent.

Also present were Borough Administrator Eileen Heinzl and Borough Attorney Walter Bliss.

Mr. Griffiths announced that notice of this meeting has been given to the Hopewell Valley News, Trenton Times and was posted on the bulletin board in Borough Hall and on the Borough web-site according to the regulations of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mr. Griffiths invited everyone to stand for the Flag Salute.

Open to the Public – Agenda Items Only

Mr. Griffiths read the following statement.

The meeting is now open to the public for comments on items on the agenda for which no public discussion is provided. In an effort to provide everyone interested an opportunity to address his or her comments to the Governing Body, a public comment time limit has been instituted for each speaker. **Please come forward and state your name and address for the record. Please limit comments to the Governing Body to a maximum of 3 minutes.**

There were no comments from the public.

NEW BUSINESS

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION #2019 – 12.18**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED, that a refund be issued from the Current Fund in the amount of \$991.01 to Vasyr or Maria Kavatsiuk, 449 Mountain Avenue, Berkeley Heights, NY 07922 for an overpayment on Tax Lien Certificate #17-00002 for Block 701, Lot 14 also known as 334 Hale Street.

BE IT RESOLVED, that a refund be issued from the COAH Trust Fund to Josette Mayes in the amount of \$244.50 for an overpayment of COAH fees for Block 907, Lot 1 also known as 30 Ingleside Avenue.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Chandler				absent	Marciante	M			
Gnatt				Absent	Mills	X			
Griffiths	X				Semple	S			

Council Member Marciante made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-12.18, second by Council Member Semple with all members present voting in favor.

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION #2019 – 12.19**

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

WHEREAS, certain bills are due and payable as per itemized claims listed on the following schedules, which are made a part of the minutes of this meeting as a supplemental record;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pennington that the bills be paid on audit and approval of the Mayor, the Appropriate Council Member and the Treasurer in the amount of \$ 940,845.66 from the following accounts:

Current	\$ 698,463.37
W/S Operating	\$ 39,341.43
Developer’s Escrow	\$ 5,091.75
General Capital	\$ 151,391.78
Grant Fund	\$ 2,440.00

Animal Control	\$ 3,082.86
Trust Fund	\$ 40,100.97
Open Space Fund	\$ 933.50
TOTAL	\$ 940,845.66

Record of Council Vote on Passage									
COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Chandler				Absent	Marciante	X			
Gnatt				Absent	Mills	M			
Griffiths	X				Semple	S			

Council Member Mills made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-12.19, second by Council Member Semple with all members present voting in favor.

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION #2019 – 12.20**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides that during the last two months of the fiscal year, should it become necessary to expend funds for any purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the respective sums appropriated therefore and there shall be an excess in any appropriations over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriations transfers may be made; and

WHEREAS, transfers may not be permitted to appropriations for contingent expenses or deferred charges; and

WHEREAS, transfers may not be permitted from appropriations for contingent expenses, deferred charges, cash deficit of the preceding year, reserve for uncollected taxes, down payments, and capital improvement fund or interest and redemption charges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington that transfers be made between the following year 2019 budget appropriations:

<u>Appropriations:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>From:</u>
Finance – Salaries	\$ 1,400.00	
Police – Salaries	\$23,000.00	
Trash – Salaries	\$ 3,000.00	
Streets – Other Expense	\$ 5,000.00	
Telephone – Other Expense	\$ 3,000.00	
Group Insurance		\$27,400.00
Police – Other Expense		\$ 8,000.00
Total Current Fund	\$35,400.00	\$35,400.00

Record of Council Vote on Passage									
COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Chandler				absent	Marciante	M			
Gnatt				Absent	Mills	X			
Griffiths	X				Semple	S			

Council Member Marciante made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-12.20, second by Council Member Semple with all members present voting in favor.

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION #2019 – 12.21**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING STEPHEN McDERMOTT AS
TEMPORARY FIRE SUBCODE OFFICIAL/FIRE INSPECTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF
PENNINGTON**

WHEREAS, the Borough seeks to appoint a temporary Fire Subcode Official/Fire Inspector to fill in during a period of leave to be taken by the Borough’s permanent Fire Subcode Official/Fire Inspector;

WHEREAS, the need for these temporary services is expected to be six to eight weeks in duration;

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council seek to appoint Stephen C. McDermott to the position of Fire Subcode Official/Fire Inspector on a part-time temporary basis effective immediately;

WHEREAS, Mr. McDermott is certified by the State Department of Community Affairs and is otherwise qualified as a Fire Protection Inspector – HHS as well as a Fire Subcode Official – Fire Protection, in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McDermott for 30 years performed the duties of Fire Protection Inspector and periodically Fire Subcode Official for West Windsor Township in Mercer County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington as follows:

- 1. that Stephen C. McDermott is hereby appointed Fire Subcode Official/Fire Inspector for the Borough of Pennington, on a part-time temporary basis, effective immediately;
- 2. that Mr. McDermott’s weekly hours shall be on an as needed basis;
- 3. that the rate of compensation of Mr. McDermott shall be \$25.00 per hour consistent with the Borough’s annual salary ordinance.

Record of Council Vote on Passage									
COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Chandler				absent	Marciante	X			
Gnatt				absent	Mills	M			
Griffiths	X				Sample	S			

Council Member Mills made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-12.21, second by Council Member Sample with all members present voting in favor.

Public Comment

Mr. Griffiths asked that anyone wishing to speak to Council please come forward and state your name and address for the record and please limit comments to the Governing Body to a maximum of 3 minutes.

There were no comments from the public.

At 3:07 PM, with no further business to come before Council, Mr. Marciante made a motion to adjourn, second by Council Member Mills.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Sterling
Borough Clerk