

BOROUGH OF PROSPECT PARK
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 28 2013

Present:

Mayor	Mohamed T. Khairullah
Council President	Robert Artis
Councilman	Richard Esquiche
Councilman	Samir Hayek
Councilwoman	Felicia Ortiz
Councilwoman	Cristina Peralta
Councilman	Adnan Zakaria

Absent:

None

Also Present:

Municipal Attorney	Denis Murphy
Municipal Clerk	Stephanie Evans

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mohamed T. Khairullah at 6:32 pm

This meeting was opened with the Flag Salute led by Council President Artis, and was followed by a Prayer led by Councilman Hayek

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

Read by Municipal Clerk Stephanie Evans

The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Prospect Park conducted their Regular Meeting on January 28, 2013 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 106 Brown Avenue, Prospect Park, New Jersey at 6:30PM as noticed in the Annual Schedule of Meetings approved at the Re-Organization Meeting of the Mayor and Council on January 5, 2013.

The meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notice of this meeting was included in a notice sent to The Hawthorne Press, Herald News and The Record on January 7, 2013, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute. Copies of the above mentioned notice is available to the public and on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Proper notice having been given, the Municipal Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 26, 2012 Regular Meeting
- December 10, 2012 Work Session
- December 17, 2012 Regular Meeting

Motion by Councilwoman Peralta, seconded by Council Present Artis to Approve.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Ortiz, Peralta, Zakaria
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Councilman Zakaria abstained voting on the Minutes of 11/26/2012 since he was not present at that meeting. Councilman Zakaria was present for the 12/10/12 and 12/17/12 meetings, and did approve them.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Khairullah requested the advice and consent of the Borough Council for the following appointment:

- Appointment of Jostany Acosta as a Firefighter to the Prospect Park Volunteer Fire Department Hose Company #1.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-024 Appointment of Jostany Acosta as a
Firefighter to the Prospect Park
Volunteer Fire Department**

Motion to Accept:

Motion by Councilman Zakaria, seconded by Councilman Esquiche to Approve.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Ortiz, Peralta, Zakaria
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

The Oath of Office was administered by Mayor Khairullah.

PRESENTATION

Presentation of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners for the Holiday Home Decorating Contest.

- 1st Place – Winner of \$100.00 is Carlos Jiga
- 2nd Place – Winner of \$75.00 is Sonia Jaime
- 3rd Place – Winner of \$50.00 is Joan Walsh
- Certificates to other participants:
Barbara Nelson, William Smith, the Prospect Park Volunteer Fire Company No. 1.

No participants were present.

RESOLUTIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS, NUMBERED 2013-025 THROUGH 2013-035 WILL BE ADOPTED BY A CONSENT AGENDA, WITH ONE VOTE BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AND WILL BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

- RESOLUTION NO. 2013-025** **Appointment Of James R. Booth As The Construction Official Electric Sub Code ICS Official Inspector Of The Borough Of Prospect Park – Term 4 Years**
- RESOLUTION NO. 2013-026** **Supporting Passaic County For Sustainable State Funding For Preservation And Stewardship of Open Space, Parks, Farmland, And Historic Sites In New Jersey**
- RESOLUTUION NO. 2013-027** **Authorizing Payment Of \$100.00 To Carlos Jiga As The First Place Winner Of The Holiday Home Decorating Contest**
- RESOLUTION NO. 2013-028** **Authorizing Payment Of \$75.00 To Sonia Jaime As The Second Place Winner Of The Holiday Home Decorating Contest**
- RESOLUTUION NO. 2013-029** **Authorizing Payment Of \$50.00 To Joan Walsh As The Third Place Winner Of The Holiday Home Decorating Contest**
- RESOLUTION NO. 2013-030** **Authorizing The Agreement With Lysa DeLaurentis, Of ACO, For The Provision Of Animal Control Services To The Borough of Prospect Park**
- RESOLUTION NO. 2013-031** **Authorizing The Municipal Clerk To Advertise For Qualifications – Professional Services Under The Fair And Open Process**
- RESOLUTION NO. 2013-032** **Authorization To Make Payments On Bill List \$ 2,329,570.92**
- RESOLUTION NO. 2013-033** **Authorize Open Trust Fund Escrow Account Appropriations Unexpended Balance Credited To Fund Balance Account - \$20,440.71**
- RESOLUTION NO. 2013-034** **Resolution Authorizing Refund Of Redemption Monies To Outside Lienholder**
- RESOLUTION NO. 2013-035** **Resolution Authorizing 2013 Budget Appropriation Reserve Transfers of Unexpended Balance - \$21,000.00**

Motion To Approve Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilman Hayek, seconded by Councilwoman Peralta to Approve.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Ortiz, Peralta, Zakaria
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council President Artis (Public Safety) – Nothing at present.

Councilman Esquiche (Public Service) – Report for December, permits issued 11, inspections 8, \$2067.00. Housing inspection 13, complaints 11, \$1,150.00. House sales 5. Illegal dwelling tickets 2 @\$150.00, permits to remove \$275.00, 2 \$75.00 for not curbing dog. Met with P-Park regarding developing Quarry, presented a preliminary plan and is willing to presentation for Council.

Councilman Hayek (Communications/Ordinances) – Prospect Park website is under construction, working with Council President Artis on Channel 77 to it up and running.

Councilwoman Ortiz (Finance/Insurance) – Continue to work and prepare budget.

Councilwoman Peralta (Parks & Recreation/Building & Grounds) – Met with Damian regarding holding Zumba Classes back at the school. Municipal Alliance Grant for 2012 need to finish report and do resolution by next week. Spray Park ordinance needs to be review and amended. Easter Egg Hunt on March 31st, Damian will be working on events. Also regarding the Pavilion, money may be capped, but need to discuss repairs and cleaning.

Mayor Khairullah mentioned the possible hiring of an employee for the hours of operation.

Councilman Zakaria (Housing/Health & Welfare) – Thanked Public Service, DPW, Police Department, and all employees for their hard work.

Mayor's Report – Not much for this month, preparing budget. Made changes on the Committee assignments, didn't move anyone out of any committees, just re-positions where the names appeared as 2nd and 3rd and seniority.

Engineer's Report – Brown Ave. Project is underway. Handrails will be installed at the restrooms.

PUBLIC HEARING

(Privilege of the floor)

Motion to Open the Public Hearing

Motion by Councilman Hayek, seconded by Councilman Peralta to Approve.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Ortiz, Peralta, Zakaria

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Al Demarest – Thanked the Council for their support of the schools and the Police Department for the “Specials” that work at the schools. Regarding Zumba fill out the paperwork, he is sure the school will work with the Council holding classes there.

Motion to Close the Public Hearing

(Privilege of the floor)

Motion by Councilwoman Ortiz, seconded by Councilman Zakaria to Approve.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Ortiz, Peralta, Zakaria

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ADJOURN MEETING

Motion To Adjourn @6:53pm.

Motion by Councilman Zakaria, seconded by Councilman Esquiche to Adjourn.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Ortiz, Peralta, Zakaria

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Mohamed T. Khairullah
Mayor

Stephanie Evans, RMC
Municipal Clerk