

53 Park Ave  
Park Ridge, NJ

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING**

**WORK SESSION**

**June 11, 2024**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Councilmember Hoffman, Councilmember Metzdorf, Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Goldsmith, Councilmember Mintz, Council President Ferguson and Mayor Misciagna

**Absent:**

**Also Present:** John Schettino, Borough Attorney  
Magdalena Giandomenico, Borough Clerk  
Connie Carpenter, CFO

**Mayor Misciagna read the compliance statement earlier as required by the Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, and Chapter 231.**

- 1. CFO Report:** The CFO noted she has been in talks with Blue Foundry Bank about the possibility of moving some of the escrow accounts there, small and large ones are 4.25%.
- 2. Pedestrian Safety:** Councilman Capilli spoke about the recent pedestrian hits and people speeding down local streets. He spoke about additional visibility to pedestrian crosswalks, one in particular is out front of Borough Hall where a lot of kids cross. The Borough Administrator will work with PD to see their recommendation for LED stop signs. The CFO would check for funding.
- 3. Welcome to Park Ridge Signs:** Council President Ferguson spoke about updating the Welcome to Park Ridge signs around town and with time and weather they have become worn out. He would like to know about how many are around town, estimate of cost and to try and see if local businesses would like to sponsor the initiative.
- 4. Electric Bikes:** Councilman Hoffman spoke about the increased use of electric bikes and people not wearing helmets and the dangers of it. A discussion ensued. The Borough attorney stated that Saddle Brook recently adopted an ordinance and he would disseminate to the Mayor and Council a copy for review.

- 5. Credit Card Machines:** Councilman Mintz stated how the pool would like to have a credit card machine portal at the pool. There was a previous discussion couple years ago about setting up a credit card portal at Borough Hall for residents to make payments, at the time there was no decision made to move forward because of user fees. The Borough CFO would look into credit card vendors and compile information on it.
  
- 6. Finance Committee:** Councilman Mintz provided a brief update from the finance committee recent meeting. Expense-wise we are less the 50% expended, but income-wise we are short in some areas. Some revenue payments to the Borough are made quarterly, so that can adjust the shortfall difference.

**Open Work Session adjourned to Closed Session at 7:40 pm**

Councilman Mintz made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Council President Ferguson confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Magdalena Giandomenico, Borough Clerk