

53 Park Ave  
Park Ridge, NJ

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**June 14, 2022**  
**6:47 P.M.**

**Present:** Councilmember Cozzi, Councilmember Capilli, Councilmember Fenwick, Councilmember Epstein, Council President Metzdorf and Mayor Misciagna

**Absent: Councilman Ferguson**

**Also Present:** Magdalena Giandomenico, Borough Clerk  
Julie Falkenstern, Borough Administrator  
John Schettino, Esq., Borough Attorney  
Connie Carpenter, Borough CFO  
Bob Goldsmith, Redevelopment Attorney

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

1. **Utility Collections:** Council President Metzdorf updated the governing body on the utility collection status provided by the Collection Supervisor Tommy Mozzarella:

Between electric and water we have collected \$88,706.23 in delinquent money since notices/shut offs have gone out. I coordinated with Jim Leichtnam, and we handed customer's 20 shut off notices last week. Several of these customer's paid in full, some customers were turned off for non-payment but are now back on. There is one property in town that still does not have electric but I have spoken to them and they will be paying in a few weeks. They are not currently staying at the property. Both towns will be mailed another round of shut-offs/notices on or around June 25th. As of today (6/15) the moratorium is no longer in effect. We will ramp up collections in the coming weeks.

Before water notices were sent we had a total of 779 delinquent water accounts, we are now down to 614 delinquent water accounts (\$26,223.88 collected in delinquent amounts)

Before electric notices were sent we had a total of 665 delinquent electric accounts, we are now down to 624 delinquent electric accounts(\$62,482.35 collected in delinquent amounts)

2. **Police:** Council President Metzdorf informed everyone that the Chief along with others, including the Council President, interviewed four officers, two will be hired.
3. **Water Treatment Center:** Mayor Misciagna informed the governing body how some residents complained about the appearance of the water treatment centers, based on aesthetics. Paul Longo and Chris O'Leary have spoken to the residents to explain the temporary process to treating the PFOS.
4. **Triboro EMS:** Councilmember Fenwick stated that they are having a hard time recruiting members and though maybe PKRG can do a video to promote membership. Councilmember Cozzi mentioned maybe doing a program that trains high school students to become members. Connie Carpenter suggested an emergency responder's day to involve the community and help recruit members.
5. **Tennis Court:** Councilmember Fenwick asked why the tennis courts are closed, residents have asked him. The Borough Administrator stated that they are being resurfaced and it is a school project which is anticipated to be done late August.
6. **Bamboo:** Councilmember Fenwick asked if the Bamboo is on Borough property what will the Borough do to get it removed? Borough Attorney stated that the town would put a lien on the property owners who planted it. Councilman Capilli said something should be put out once the Ordinance is adopted and the Borough Administrator said she would put it in an e-blast.
7. **Emergency Declaration - North 5th Street and Ridge Avenue:** The Borough Administrator updated everyone about the sink hole on North 5th Street and Ridge Avenue.
8. **Political Signs:** The Borough Administrator said she would like each political party on a municipal level to take down the signs for others from there party running after the election, including congressional and the county slate. The parties will make every effort to do so.

**Open Work Session adjourned at 7:30pm**

Councilman Fenwick made a motion to adjourn open session into closed session and seconded by Councilman Capilli confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Magdalena Giandomenico  
Borough Clerk