

COUNTY OF BERGEN  
BOROUGH OF PARAMUS  
ORDINANCE No. 2024-22

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, AND A NEW FIRE ENGINE AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$8,900,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE VARIOUS GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Paramus, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Borough of Paramus, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to make various public improvements and to acquire new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new communication and signal systems equipment, new information technology equipment, and a new fire engine and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for said Borough, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized, and the various grants and the down payment appropriated, by this

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ordinance. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements is not a current expense of said Borough.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the various grants hereinafter appropriated, and (3) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the down payment hereinafter appropriated to finance such purposes, and (4) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (5) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Undertaking of the following public improvements at various locations: (i) removal of diseased shade trees; and (ii) repair and replacement of sidewalks.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 500,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 23,810
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 476,190
Period of Usefulness	10 years

B. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new information technology equipment and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, for the use of various Borough departments, offices and agencies:

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Police Department

SUVs  
defibrillators

Information Technology Department

computer equipment

Rescue Squad

turnout gear

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

ambulance  
stretchers  
automated stair stretcher

Department of Public Works ("DPW") – Mechanical – Fleet

Maintenance

fuel truck

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 851,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 40,955
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 810,045
Period of Usefulness	5 years

C. Acquisition of new automotive vehicles (each with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) in excess of 15,000 pounds), including original apparatus and equipment, for the use of various Borough departments, offices and agencies:

DPW – Sanitation and Recycling

automated sanitation trucks

DPW

dump truck

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 730,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 34,770
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 695,230
Period of Usefulness	10 years

D. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery for the use of various Borough departments, offices and agencies:

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Shade Tree

field sweeper machine  
wood chipping equipment  
tree trimming equipment  
small tractor with attachments

DPW – Mechanical-Fleet Maintenance

vehicle lubrication system machine  
various repair equipment

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 325,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 15,480
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 309,520
Period of Usefulness	15 years

E. Supplemental funding for the undertaking of the 9-1-1 Center Upgrade Project. It is hereby determined and stated that the Borough has heretofore appropriated the aggregate sum of \$2,010,000 for such improvement pursuant to Ord. No. 2022-18 adopted on August 24, 2022 (as supplemented by Ord. No. 2023-37 adopted on October 10, 2023).

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$1,670,000
Federal Grant Appropriated	\$ 930,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 35,240
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 704,760
Period of Usefulness	10 years

F. Undertaking of the following improvements to public property: (i) Life Safety Complex – various upgrades; (ii) DPW Garage – upgrade and installation of exhaust removal systems; (iii) Borough Hall – elevator improvements; (iv) various buildings and facilities – various improvements, including upgrade or replacement of generators; and (v) Police Headquarters – various upgrades. It is hereby determined and stated that said public buildings being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 590,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 28,100
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 561,900
Period of Usefulness	15 years

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G. Supplemental funding for the acquisition of a new fire engine, including original apparatus and equipment, for the use of Fire Company No. 2. It is hereby determined and stated that the Borough has heretofore appropriated the sum of \$600,000 for such improvement pursuant to Ord. No. 2023-37 adopted on October 10, 2023.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 600,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 28,575
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 571,425
Period of Usefulness	20 years

H. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery for the use of the Fire Department consisting of turnout gear, personal protective equipment and other equipment for new firefighters.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 183,400
Federal Grant Appropriated	\$ 183,400
Period of Usefulness	5 years

I. Undertaking of the following sewer improvements: (i) improvements to various pump stations; and (ii) storm sewer improvements at various locations.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 250,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 11,905
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 238,095
Period of Usefulness	40 years

J. Upgrading or replacement of generators at various sewer pump stations.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 50,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,385
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 47,615
Period of Usefulness	15 years

K. Undertaking of the 2024 Curb, Road and Sidewalk Improvement Program at various locations in the Borough, as set forth on lists prepared by the Borough Engineer on file or to be placed on file with the Borough Clerk, and hereby approved as if set forth herein in full. Depending upon contract prices and other exigent circumstances, and upon approval of the Borough Council, there may be additions to or deletions from the above-referenced lists. It is hereby determined and stated that said roads being

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improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$2,204,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 104,980
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$2,099,520
Period of Usefulness	10 years

L. Undertaking of various improvements to Petruska Park.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 607,550
County Grant Appropriated	\$ 557,462
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,388
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 47,700
Period of Usefulness	15 years

M. Undertaking of various improvements to Gennarelli Park.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 338,550
County Grant Appropriated	\$ 338,550
Period of Usefulness	15 years

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Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$8,900,000
Aggregate Grants Appropriate	\$2,009,412
Aggregate Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 328,588
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$6,562,000

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$264,588 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

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Section 6. The sum of \$930,000 received or to be received as a COPS Technology Grant from the United States Department of Justice is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the 9-1-1 Center upgrade authorized in Section 4.E hereof.

Section 7. The sum of \$183,400 received or to be received as a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the equipment acquisitions authorized in Section 4.H hereof.

Section 8. The sum of \$557,462 received or to be received as a grant from the County of Bergen Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund (the "County Open Space Fund") is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the improvements to Petruska Park authorized in Section 4.L hereof.

Section 9. The sum of \$338,550 received or to be received as a grant from the County Open Space Fund is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the improvements to Gennarelli Park authorized in Section 4.M hereof.

Section 10. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$328,588, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Borough, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$328,588 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

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Section 11. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$6,562,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 12. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$6,562,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 13. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Borough and attested by the Borough Clerk or Deputy Borough Clerk. Said

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officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 14. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of the purposes to be financed with bonds or notes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 12.07 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 15. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk of said Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$6,562,000 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 16. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Bergen, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes (other than the various grants hereinbefore appropriated which shall be applied to the cost of such purposes, but shall not be applied to the payment of outstanding bond anticipation notes and the reduction of the amount of bonds

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authorized), shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 17. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 18. The Borough intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Section 4 of this bond ordinance (except for Sections 4.H and 4.M). If the Borough incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Borough hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 19. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

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Section 20. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

Attest:



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ANNEMARIE KRUSZNIS, RMC, CMC  
Borough Clerk

Approved:



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CHRISTOPHER DI PIAZZA,  
Mayor

Introduced: July 24, 2024  
Adopted: August 21, 2024