

REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES 2022

The Public May Participate by Telephone:

Phone Number 866-390-1828

Participation Access Code: 8902290

INTRODUCTION OF MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECT:

Council Member Ace A. Antonio

Council Member Robert Kaiser

Presentation of Colors:

Paramus Colors presented by Police Honor Guard – introduced by Mayor LaBarbiera

Pledge of Allegiance: led by the family members of newly elected council members

Councilman Chris DiPiazza introduces new council member Robert Kaiser

Councilwoman Jeanne Weber introduces new council member Ace Antonio

Certification of Election: certified by Borough Clerk Annemarie Krusznis

OATH OF OFFICE:

a. *Administration of Oath of Office to Council Member Antonio administered by Senator Holly Schepisi*

b. *Administration of Oath of Office to Council Member Kaiser administered by Senator Holly Schepisi*

MESSAGES:

- A. Councilmember Antonio** – Mr. Antonio is thankful that everyone present was able to join regardless of the spike in Covid-19. He thanks everyone for coming and advises everyone to stay safe.
- B. Councilmember Kaiser** – Mr. Kaiser thanks his family for supporting his decision to run for Council. He thanks the members of the Republican party who were very instrumental in his election. He thanks his running mate Councilman Antonio. The path wasn't easy but they did what needed to be done. Mr. Kaiser thanks Senator Schepisi for attending today. Mr. Kaiser looks forward to serving the people of Paramus and being transparent. He looks forward to working with every member of the Council.

State of the Borough Message: Mayor LaBarbiera – Mr. LaBarbiera thanks Senator Schepisi for attending today. The Mayor is grateful for the limited crowd present. This is the 99th reorganization meeting of the Borough of Paramus. The 100th birthday of the Borough is being celebrated this year. The Mayor congratulates the new council members and wishes them most success. Mayor LaBarbiera congratulates Councilwoman Weber as she will be elected Council President this year. Paramus owes its success to the many employees and volunteers who stand strong no matter the challenge. They work tirelessly and dedicate many hours to making this Borough what it is. In 2022 we will crawl out from under the effects of Covid-19. Thank you to the Governing Body for seeking public service and doing the most thankless job in the world. Mayor LaBarbiera believes 2022 will be productive and the Council will work together to serve the residents. He wishes everyone a happy and healthy year. God Bless Paramus and God Bless America.

Announcement of Fire Officials:

Gino (Luigi) DeGennaro	Department Chief
Vincent Torre	Assistant Chief
Sean Benson, Jr.	Deputy Chief
Kurt Harba	Battalion Chief

Announcement of Rescue Chief: Chief – John Pecoraro

Call to Order

Roll Call for 2022:

Present: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Vartolone, Councilwoman Weber, Mayor LaBarbiera

Also Present: Borough Administrator Joseph D'Arco, Borough Clerk Annemarie Krusznis, Borough Attorney Daniel Lagana, Deputy Borough Clerk Nicolette Riggi

Absent: None

NOTIFICATION OF MEETING: This is the Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council and notice thereof has been given by the following:

- a. In a notice filed with The Bergen Record on November 12, 2021.
- b. Posting of copy on Bulletin Board.
- c. Reserving copy of same in Borough Clerk's office.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Councilman Chris DiPiazza motions to elect Councilwoman Jeanne Weber as Council President for 2022

Motion: Councilman DiPiazza

Second: Councilman Vartolone

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Vartolone, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries 6-0

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICIAL BOARDS WITH THE ADVICE & CONSENT OF THE COUNCIL:

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

Member: Steve Sullivan	Four (4) Year Term
Member: Mohammed Reda	Four (4) Year Term
Alternate Member #2: Tom Locicero	Two (2) Year Term

GOLF COURSE COMMISSION:

Member: Jack Brunner	Three (3) Year Term
Member: Jeff Lepselter	Three (3) Year Term
Alternate Member: Bob Bonnino	Two (2) Year Term

HISTORIC COMMISSION:

Member: Art Bergman	Four (4) Year Term
Member: Mark Gordon	Four (4) Year Term
Member: (Vacant, Unexpired) Dean Makkoui	Four (4) Year Term (Exp. 2023)

LIBRARY BOARD:

Member: Jamie Lagana	Five (5) Year Term
Mayor's Appointment:	One (1) Year Term
Alt. for Superintendent of Schools	One (1) Year Term

POOL COMMISSION:

Member: Suzanna Murray	Three (3) Year Term
Member Lisa Cassesa	Three (3) Year Term
Alt. Member Sally Locicero	Two (2) Year Term

Health Commission will be addressed at another meeting

Motion: Councilman Vartolone

Second: Councilman DiPiazza

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Vartolone, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries 6-0

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICIAL BOARDS WITHOUT THE ADVICE & CONSENT OF COUNCIL:

PLANNING BOARD:

Mayor's Designee:	None	One (1) Year Term
Municipal Official:	Ken Hook	One (1) Year Term
Council Member:	Councilman Kaiser	One (1) Year Term
Alt Member #1	Joseph Vergona	Two (2) Year Term
Alt Member #2 (Vacant, Unexpired)	Rob Vorhis	Two (2) Year Term (Exp. 2022)

SHADE TREE:

Member:	Bill Comery	Five (5) Year Term
---------	-------------	--------------------

Other Appointments

School Crossing Guards:

Luis Andaluz	Siew Loon Lay
Gabriel Barchetto	Michael Maher
Lorry Bauer	David Manzo
Joanne Blundo	Carrie Mendell
Lisa Brodarzon	Frank Miller
Rosa Caravella	Patrick Mormino
Han Choo	Mel Mullins
James Creighton	Ronald Natale
George DiNapoli	Michael Secreti
Royal Ehrenberg	Linda Skene

Romano Gonnella
Nicholas Iula
Pedro Velarde

Robert Sottman
Richard Swanson
Wayne Wray

Special Police Officers:

Wolfson, David
Ryen, Deborah
Miller, Richie
Raimondi, Al
Noy, Nina
DiPalma, Michael
Hortian, Raymond
Matulewicz, Justine
Gilles, Jason
Berninger, Austin
Latrella, Thomas
Calupad, Camille
Ruiz III, Restituto

Zak, Daniel
Albanese, Louis
Asuncion, Benito
D'Ambrogio, Milagros
Frohnapfel, Kenneth
Griffin, Sean
Hulahan, Chris
Lucey, Joseph
Pigoncelli, Michael
Schneeloch, Dillion
Sokol, Gabriela
Strama, Olivia
Washburn, Bryant

Motion: Councilman DiPiazza

Second: Councilwoman Weber

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Vartolone, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries 6-0

C. 2022 Emergency Management Staff

County Liaison	James Tedesco
Paramus Police Liaison	Doug Ehrenberg
Deputy Coordinator	Steven Mehl
Deputy Coordinator	Harold "Skip" Cherven
Deputy Coordinator	Eric Picone
Deputy Coordinator	William Stallone

Assistant Coordinator	Stuart Blank
Assistant Coordinator	William Rice
Assistant Coordinator	Brian Niland
Assistant Coordinator	Gary Mullay
Assistant Coordinator	Dan Conway
Assistant Coordinator	Ken Hook
Assistant Coordinator	Robert Scheper
Assistant Coordinator	John Smith
Assistant Coordinator	Richard Clark
Assistant Coordinator	Thomas Metzler
Assistant Coordinator	Maria O'Reilly
Assistant Coordinator	Matt Parrello
Assistant Coordinator	Frank Saraceni

Support
Support

Rev. Donald Hummel
Shawn Herrick

Support	Larry Leib
Intern	Deborah Ryen
Intern	Tamara Strauss
Intern	Eric Edelstein
Damage Assessment	Michael O'Connell
Public Information	Joseph D'Arco
CERT Leader	Erik Boettcher

Motion: Councilwoman Weber

Second: Councilman DiPiazza

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Vartolone, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries 6-0

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

D. POLICE: Court, OEM, Rescue, EMS
Chairperson: Councilman Kaiser
Member: Councilman Antonio
Member: Councilman DiPiazza

E. FIRE: Fire Prevention, Fire Department
Chairperson: Councilman Antonio
Member: Councilman Vartolone
Member: Councilman Kaiser

F. RESCUE SQUAD:
Chairperson: Councilman Antonio
Member: Councilman DiPiazza

G. BUILDING: Construction Code, Engineering, Electrical Inspection, Plumbing Inspection, Zoning Inspection
Chairperson: Councilman Vartolone
Member: Councilwoman Weber

H. SHADE TREE & PARKS:
Chairperson: Councilwoman Weber
Member: Councilman Antonio

I. DPW: Fleet Maintenance, Buildings & Grounds, Traffic Maintenance, Roads, Sewer, Sanitation, Recycling
Chairperson: Councilwoman Weber
Member: Councilman Kaiser

J. ADMINISTRATION: Borough Clerk, Finance, Insurance, IT
Chairperson: Councilman DiPiazza
Member: Councilman Vartolone

K. LABOR NEGOTIATIONS: PSEA, PEA, Teamsters, PBA, Confidential
Chairperson: Councilman Kaiser

Member: Councilman Vartolone

L. BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Chairperson: Councilman Vartolone

Member: Councilwoman Bellinger

Member: Councilman Kaiser

M. COUNCIL LIAISONS:

Board of Health/Human Services: Councilwoman Weber

Library: Councilwoman Bellinger

Recreation: Councilman Kaiser/Councilman Vartolone

Senior Citizens/Advisory Committee: Councilwoman Weber

Pool Commission: Councilman DiPiazza

Board of Education: Councilman Antonio

Chamber of Commerce: Councilwoman Weber

Golf Course: Councilman Kaiser

Parade, Block Party & Cultural Arts: Councilman DiPiazza/Councilman Vartolone

Borough Information Systems: Councilman DiPiazza

T. V. Advisory Committee: Councilwoman Bellinger

Fritz Behnke Museum: Councilwoman Weber

Veteran's Affairs: Councilman Kaiser

Environmental Commission: Councilwoman Bellinger

Substance Awareness Committee: Councilwoman Weber

Historical Commission: Councilwoman Bellinger

Police Chaplain

Fire Chaplain

Announcement of Police and Fire Chaplains:

Police Chaplain:

Father Larry Evans

Fire Chaplain:

Father Donald Hummel

A CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE ADOPTED FOR ITEM 19:

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION No. 22-01-01: SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, EXECUTIVE SESSIONS AND WORK SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 22-01-02: ORDER OF BUSINESS.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-01-03: DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS.

RESOLUTION NO 22-01-04: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES

RESOLUTION NO 22-01-05: AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES ON BOROUGH DRAFTS/CHECKS

RESOLUTION NO 22-01-06 : A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUATION WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN IN THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

RESOLUTION NO 22-01-07: A RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL OF CERTAIN PURCHASES

THROUGH NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACTS AND/OR PURCHASING COOPERATIVES

RESOLUTION NO 22-01-08: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO PROCESS VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES PERFORMED UNDER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

RESOLUTION NO 22-01-09: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR TO FILE TAX ASSESSOR APPEALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CORRECTING ASSESSMENTS

RESOLUTION NO 22-01-10: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO DISBURSE FUNDS IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES

RESOLUTION NO 22-01-11: AUTHORIZING INTEREST RATE AND GRACE PERIOD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

RESOLUTION NO 22-01-12: CANCELLING SMALL BALANCES

RESOLUTION NO 22-01-13: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A STANDARD TAX SALE

RESOLUTION NO 22-01-14: DESIGNATION OF TAX SEARCHER

RESOLUTION NO 22-01-15: DESIGNATION OF BOROUGH CLERK - ASSESSMENT SEARCHER

RESOLUTION NO 22-01-16: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MILEAGE ALLOWANCE TO ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

RESOLUTION NO 22-01-17: TEMPORARY INVESTMENT OF EXCESS FUNDS IN ALL ACCOUNTS

RESOLUTION NO 22-01-18: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POOL PETTY CASH FUND

RESOLUTION NO 22-01-19: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT-MUTUAL AID PLAN AND RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE

RESOLUTION NO 22-01-20: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR, SPECIAL TAX ATTORNEY, OR BOROUGH ATTORNEY TO SIGN STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENTS FOR SINGLE AND TWO FAMILY HOMES ONLY

RESOLUTION NO. 22-01-21: TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

RESOLUTION NO 22-01-22: RESOLUTION APPOINTING A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR TO SERVE THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

RESOLUTION NO 22-01-23: APPOINTING A FUND COMMISSONER TO REPRESENT THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS IN THE NJ MUNICIPAL SELF INSURERS' JOINT INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION NO. 22-01-24: APPOINTING SAFETY DELEGATES FOR THE JOINT INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION NO. 22-01-25: RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS FOR THE YEAR 2022

RESOLUTION NO 22-01-26: RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

RESOLUTION NO 22-01-27: RESOLUTION APPOINTING A RECYCLING COORDINATOR

RESOLUTION NO. 22-01-28: DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO 22-01-29: A RESOLUTION FIXING THE 2022 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PARAMUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD

RESOLUTION NO 22-01-30: AUTHORIZING GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S "ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964"

Consent Agenda

Motion: Councilwoman Weber

Second: Councilman DiPiazza

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Vartolone, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries 6-0

Mayor LaBarbiera announces that the Council Meeting of April 4th will be held at the Charles E. Reid Branch Library which was the original Borough Hall.

Mayor LaBarbiera wishes everyone a happy and healthy 2022. Paramus is a resilient town and will get back on its feet quickly.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:36 PM

APPROVED: MARCH 22, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

Annemarie Krusznis, RMC
Borough Clerk