

**REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES 2019**

**AGENDA WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER**

**INTRODUCTION OF MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECT:**

Mayor Richard LaBarbiera introduced by Governor Phil Murphy

Council Member Holly Tedesco-Santos introduced by County Executive Jim Tedesco III

Council Member Pat Verile introduced by County Executive Jim Tedesco III

**Presentation of Colors:**

Paramus Colors presented by Police Honor Guard

**Pledge of Allegiance:** led by Veterans Affairs Officer Sam Casiello

**Invocation:** led by Fr. Larry Evans

**Certification of Election:** The Honorable John S. Hogan, Bergen County Clerk at 12:26 PM

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

- a. Administration of Oath of Office to Council Member Holly Tedesco-Santos by County Executive Jim Tedesco III
- b. Administration of Oath of Office to Council Member Pat Verile by NJ Governor Phil Murphy
- c. Administration of Oath of Office to Mayor Richard LaBarbiera by NJ Governor Phil Murphy

**Officials and Dignitaries to be recognized:** Mayor LaBarbiera recognizes Governor Murphy, assemblymen and assemblywomen, former councilmembers of Paramus, Paramus Judge Conte, Freeholders, County Executive Jim Tedesco III, Board of Ed Trustees, Bergen County Clerk

**NJ State Governor Phil Murphy thanks Mayor LaBarbiera for his support and speaks on the positive character of the Borough of Paramus.**

Governor Murphy exits the meetings at 12:48 PM

**Assemblywoman Lisa Swain and Assemblyman Chris Tully present proclamations to Mayor LaBarbiera, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, and Councilman Pat Verile.**

**Assemblyman Chris Tully presents certificates to the Fire Chiefs.**

**The Freeholders Board congratulations Mayor LaBarbiera, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, and Councilman Verile on their re-election.**

**Newly elected Bergen County Sheriff Cureton congratulates the re-elected officials and presents them with certificates.**

**Presentation: WE DO – Bergen County** – certificate presented to Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos by Debbie Amato, Treasurer of WE DO Bergen County, an organization encouraging women to run for office in Bergen County.

**Mayor LaBarbiera recognizes former Councilwoman Sandi Gunderson**

**MESSAGES:**

- A. Councilwoman Holly Tedesco-Santos – thanks everyone for allowing her the privilege of serving on the Council again. Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos thanks her family for sticking by her through her campaign season, and thanks her father for being a model for public servants. Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos thanks her late mother for making her who she is today. Thanks her friends who have become family, and everyone who worked on her campaign. Thanks Mayor LaBarbiera for unifying Paramus and teaching valuable lessons, as well as Councilman Verile. Thanks Councilwoman Bellinger for continued friendship. Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos is confident in what the future will bring and humbled by the trust of the residents and pledges to continue to serve Paramus.
- B. Councilman Pat Verile – Councilman Verile thanks his family for their support and for sharing this day with him. Thanks Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos for always being able to show him all sides of things. Thanks Mayor LaBarbiera and the Council. Thanks volunteers who take the time out of their day to make Paramus better. Councilman Verile shares a story about the night of General Election. Councilman Verile looks forward to serving his third term.

State of the Borough Message: Mayor LaBarbiera thanks everyone for being here today for the 96<sup>th</sup> reorganization meeting of Paramus. Mayor LaBarbiera is humbled by the support of voters and feels privileged to be able to serve once again. The Mayor looks back on a successful 2018, but also reflects on the day the community was shaken by a school bus accident which took the life of a student and teacher. The community came together to pray and support each other, business made generous donations, rivals on the athletic field prayed for Paramus families. Legislation was passed making our children safer. Mayor LaBarbiera thanks the Borough employees and volunteers as well as the members of the Council. Mayor LaBarbiera thanks his family for putting up with him and supporting him. Mayor LaBarbiera wishes everyone a healthy, happy and successful 2019.

**Installation of Fire Officials:** Oaths of Office Administered by Mayor LaBarbiera

Department Chief – Kevin Joyce  
Assistant Chief – Mark Diedolf  
Deputy Chief – Michael Cleenput  
Battalion Chief – Luigi (Gino) DeGennaro

**Installation of Rescue Chief:** John Pecoraro – Oath Administered by Mayor LaBarbiera

**Roll Call for 2019:**

Present: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber, Mayor LaBarbiera

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

Absent: None

**Call to Order at 1:20 PM**

**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 December 3, 2018.
- b. Posting of copy on Bulletin Board.
- c. Reserving copy of same in Borough Clerk's office.

## **ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

### **Motion to appoint Councilman Amato as Council President**

Motion: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Second: Councilman Verile

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

**Motion carries 6-0**

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

### **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:**

Joe Cirillo

John DiNapoli

Mobin Sheikh

Regular Four (4) Year Term

Regular Four (4) Year Term

Alternate Two (2) Year Term

### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:**

Thomas Caiaffa

Matthew Gugliano

Aleksander Les

Jade Sobh

Regular Three (3) Year Term

Regular Three (3) Year Term

Alternate Unexpired Term (Exp 2021)

Alternate Three (3) Year Term

### **GOLF COURSE COMMISSION;**

Mike Blitzstein

Pete Caminiti

Rob Thompson

Regular Three (3) Year Term

Regular Three (3) Year Term

1<sup>st</sup> Alternate Two (2) Year Term

### **HEALTH:**

Dr. Mairaj Ahmed

Dr. Diamantis Kyriakakis

Mary Anne Uzzi

Regular Three (3) Year Term

Regular Three (3) Year Term

Regular Three (3) Year Term

### **HISTORIC COMMISSION:**

Herbert Carlough

Peter Evans

Carol Cameron

John Uzzi

Regular Four (4) Year Term

Regular Four (4) Year Term

Alternate Two (2) Year Term

Alternate Two (2) Year Term

### **LIBRARY BOARD:**

Betty Ralph

Darlene Dorgan Mayor's Alternate

Cynthia Hulse Alt. for Superintendent of Schools

Regular Five (5) Year Term

One (1) Year Term

One (1) Year Term

Motion to Approve Appointments

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Weber

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

**Motion carries 6-0**

**Mayor LaBarbiera states that Pool is with Consent**

**POOL COMMISSION:**

Peter Reveille  
Patty Kim

Regular Three (3) Year Term  
Regular Three (3) Year Term

Motion to Approve Appointments

Motion: Councilwoman Weber

Second: Councilwoman Bellinger

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos,  
Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

**Motion carries 6-0**

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

**PLANNING BOARD:**

Aleksander Les Mayor's Designee:  
Ken Hook- Municipal:  
Al Scrivanich  
Councilman Verile:

One (1) Year Term  
One (1) Year Term  
Regular Four (4) Year Term  
One (1) Year Term

**RECREATION COMMISSION:**

Michael Bellinger:  
Paula Perides:

Regular Five (5) Year Term  
Alternate Three (3) Year Term

**SHADE TREE:**

Chuck Hittel

Regular Five (5) Year Term

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:**

Mike Blitzstein Trustee

One (1) Year Term

**Other Appointments**

**School Crossing Guards:**

Luis Andaluz  
Catherine Bentz  
Rosa Caravella  
George DiNapoli  
Nicholas Lula  
Michael Maher  
Frank Miller  
Ronald Natale  
Linda Skene  
Pedro Velarde  
Jose Zambrana

Gabriel Barchetto  
Joanne Blundo  
Han Choo  
Royal Ehrenberg  
Robert Kaszubski  
David Manzo  
Patrick Mormino  
Annie O'Connor  
Robert Sottman  
Judith Warnke

Lorry Bauer  
Lisa Brodarzon  
James Creighton  
Romano Gonnella  
Seinwoon Lay  
Carrie Mendell  
Mel Mullins  
Michael Secreti  
Richard Swanson  
Wayne Wray

**Special Police Officers:**

Austin Berninger

Nicholas Bucci

Camille Calupad

Michael DiPalma

Gaetano Fernandes	Jason Gales	Christopher Gentile	Jason Hall
Sam Hopkins	Raymond Hortian	Thomas Latrella	Matthew Lewis
Dawn Manna	Justine Matulewicz	Richard Miller	Paige Montillo
Michael Pallotto	Nina Noy	Al Raimondi	Deborah Ryen
Restituto Ruiz	Jamie Takahashi	Nicollette Villani	David Wolfson
Zachary Yabroudy	Daniel Zak		

Motion to Approve Item 19

Motion: Councilman Amato  
Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber

Second: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Nays: None

**Motion carries 6-0**

### **C. 2019 Emergency Management Staff**

Ken Ehrenberg	Chief of Police
Robert Guidetti	Deputy Chief of Police
Steve Mehl	Deputy Coordinator
Harold "Skip" Cherven	Deputy Coordinator
William Stallone	Deputy Coordinator
Eric Picone	Deputy Coordinator
James Tedesco	County Liaison
Stuart Blank	Assistant Coordinator
William Rice	Assistant Coordinator
Brian Niland	Assistant Coordinator
Gary Mullay	Assistant Coordinator

### **2019 Emergency Management Staff**

Dan Conway	Assistant Coordinator
Ken Hook	Assistant Coordinator
Robert Scheper	Assistant Coordinator
John Smith	Assistant Coordinator
Richard Clark	Assistant Coordinator
Matt Parrello	Assistant Coordinator
Tom Metzler	Assistant Coordinator
Rev. Donald Hummel	Support Chaplain
Shawn Herrick	Support IT
Larry Leib	Support Resource
Frank Lynch	Support PIO
Thomas Damato	Support PIO
Eric Boettcher	Support CERT

Motion to Approve Emergency Management Staff

Motion: Councilman Amato  
Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber

Second: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Nays: None

**Motion carries 6-0**

**APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

**D. POLICE:** Court, OEM, EMS

Chairperson: Councilwoman Bellinger  
Member: Councilman Verile  
Member: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

**E. FIRE:** Fire Prevention, Fire Department

Chairperson: Councilman Verile  
Member: Councilman Amato  
Member: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

**F. RESCUE SQUAD:**

Chairperson: Councilman Verile  
Member: Councilman Amato

**G. BUILDING:** Engineering, Electrical Inspection, Plumbing Inspection, Zoning Inspection

Chairperson: Councilman Amato  
Member: Councilman DiPiazza

**H. SHADE TREE & PARKS:**

Chairperson: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos  
Member: Councilwoman Weber

**I. DPW:** Fleet Maintenance, Buildings & Grounds, Traffic Maintenance, Roads,  
Sewer, Sanitation, Recycling

Chairperson: Councilman Amato  
Member: Councilwoman Bellinger

**J. ADMINISTRATION:** Borough Clerk, Finance, Insurance, IT

Chairperson: Councilwoman Bellinger  
Member: Councilman DiPiazza

**K. COUNCIL LIAISONS:**

Board of Health/Human Services: Councilwoman Bellinger  
Library: Councilman Verile  
Recreation: Councilman Verile  
Senior Citizens/Advisory Committee: Councilwoman Bellinger  
Pool Commission: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos  
Board of Education: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos  
Chamber of Commerce: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos  
Golf Course: Councilman Amato  
Parade, Block Party & Cultural Arts: Councilman Verile  
Borough Information Systems: Councilwoman Weber  
T. V. Advisory Committee: Councilwoman Weber  
Fritz Behnke Museum: Councilman DiPiazza  
Veteran's Affairs: Councilman Amato  
Environmental Commission: Councilwoman Weber  
Substance Awareness Committee: Councilman DiPiazza  
Historical Commission: Councilman DiPiazza

**L. LABOR NEGOTIATIONS: PSEA, PEA, Teamsters, PBA, Confidential**

Chairperson: Councilman Amato  
Member: Councilwoman Weber

**M. BUDGET COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson: Councilman Verile  
Member: Councilman DiPiazza  
Member: Councilwoman Weber

**Appointment of Police and Fire Chaplains:**

**Police Chaplain:**

Father Larry Evans

**Fire Chaplains:**

Father Donald Hummel

**PRESENTATION BY THE LIBRARY BOARD TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**Open to public for Comment at 1:35 PM – None**

**ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION:**

**ORDINANCE 19-01: BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF A LOAN TO PARAMUS AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORP. TO FUND THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE USED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PURPOSES IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,100,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, 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**

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilwoman Weber

**Motion carries 5-0-1**

**A CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE ADOPTED FOR ITEM 24:**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 19-01-01: Schedule of Council Meetings, Executive Sessions and Work Session**

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-01-02: ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-01-03 :** DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS.

**RESOLUTION NO 19-01-04:** :RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES

**RESOLUTION NO 19-01-05:** AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES ON BOROUGH DRAFTS/CHECKS

**RESOLUTION NO 19-01-06:** RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PETTY CASH FUND

**RESOLUTION NO 19-01-07 :**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUATION WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN IN THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

**RESOLUTION NO 19-01-08 :**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO PROCESS VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES PERFORMED UNDER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

**RESOLUTION NO 19-01-09 :** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR TO FILE TAX ASSESSOR APPEALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CORRECTING ASSESSMENTS

**RESOLUTION NO 19-01-10 :**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO DISBURSE FUNDS IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES

**RESOLUTION 19-01-11 :**AUTHORIZING INTEREST RATE AND GRACE PERIOD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

**RESOLUTION NO 19-01-12:** DESIGNATION OF TAX SEARCHER

**RESOLUTION NO 19-01-13:** DESIGNATION OF BOROUGH CLERK - ASSESSMENT SEARCHER

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-01-14:** RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING 2019 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS.

**RESOLUTION NO 19-01-15:** TEMPORARY INVESTMENT OF EXCESS FUNDS IN ALL ACCOUNTS

**RESOLUTION NO 19-01-16:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A STANDARD TAX SALE

**RESOLUTION NO 19-01-17:** CANCELLING SMALL BALANCES

**RESOLUTION NO 19-01-18:** 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 19-01-19:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MILEAGE ALLOWANCE TO ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

**RESOLUTION NO 19-01-20:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR TO SERVE THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

**RESOLUTION NO 19-01-21:** APPOINTING A FUND COMMISSONER TO REPRESENT THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS IN THE NJ MUNICIPAL SELF INSURERS' JOINT INSURANCE FUND

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-01-22:** APPOINTING SAFETY DELEGATES FOR THE JOINT



INSURANCE FUND

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-01-23 :** RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS FOR THE YEAR 2019

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-01-24:** DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER

**RESOLUTION NO 19-01-25:** A RESOLUTION FIXING THE 2019 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PARAMUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD

**RESOLUTION NO 19-01-26:** 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"

**RESOLUTION NO 19-01-27:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, COUNTY OF BERGEN, ADOPTING REVISIONS TO ITS PERSONNEL POLICY

**RESOLUTION NO 19-01-28:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENTS

**RESOLUTION NO 19-01-29:** RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING NEW CHANGE FUND

**RESOLUTION NO 19-01-30:** RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POOL PETTY CASH FUND

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Weber

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

**Motion carries 6-0**

Mayor LaBarbiera thanks everyone for coming and asks everyone to keep Fire Chief Michael Cleenputs daughter in their prayers as she just had a serious surgery.

Benediction: Father Hummel

Jack Niland, son of Denis Niland, would like to say that Paramus is a great community.

**ADJOURNMENT: 1:40 PM**

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger

Second: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

**Motion carries 6-0**

APPROVED: JANUARY 23, 2019

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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ANNEMARIE KRUSZNI, RMC  
BOROUGH CLERK

