

REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES 2021

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Phone Number 866-390-1828

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INTRODUCTION OF MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECT:

Council Member MariaElena Bellinger – Councilwoman Bellinger is present via phone conference. Mayor LaBarbiera advises that Councilwoman Bellinger’s oath of office will be performed over the phone. Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos administers the oath.

Council Member Christopher DiPiazza – Councilman DiPiazza’s oath of office is administered by Brian Giblin, Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Borough Administrator Joseph D’Arco

Certification of Election: Annemarie Krusznis, Borough Clerk – 7:08 PM

Mayor LaBarbiera announces that both councilmembers were sworn in, as well as fire and rescue members prior to the meeting.

MESSAGES:

- A. Councilmember Bellinger – Ms. Bellinger acknowledges that while this year was different and tough, she hopes the next year will be better. She thanks everyone who has been by her side guiding her and encouraging her along the way. Councilwoman Bellinger thanks her running mate, Dominick Minervini. Councilwoman Bellinger thanks her family and appreciates the sacrifices they have made in allowing her to serve the Paramus community. Happy and healthy 2021 and best wishes for better days ahead.
- B. Councilmember DiPiazza – Mr. DiPiazza wishes the community a happy new year and thanks the residents for allowing him to continue to serve the community. Councilman DiPiazza thanks his family and supporters and looks forward to the next 3 years. He pledges to keep an open dialogue with residents and help in any way he can by working with Borough employees.

State of the Borough Message: Mayor LaBarbiera advises that he will not be giving his lengthy state of the Borough message this year, but hopes Paramus will strive in 2021 and continue to reach for greatness. He thanks the first responders who were sworn in this evening and gives a shout out to Tim Rice who he wishes could have been here tonight.

Roll Call for 2021:

Present: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Vartolone, Councilman Verile, 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

Councilwoman Bellinger & Councilwoman Weber are present via phone conference

Call to Order

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 19, 2020.
- b. Posting of copy on Bulletin Board.
- c. Reserving copy of same in Borough Clerk's office.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT – Councilman Verile motions to elect Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos as council president.

Motion: Councilman Verile

Second: Councilwoman Bellinger

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries 6-0

Announcement of Fire Officials:

Department Chief – Michael Cleenput

Assistant Chief – Luigi DeGennaro

Deputy Chief – Vincent Torre

Battalion Chief – Sean Benson, Jr.

Announcement of Rescue Chief:

Chief – John Pecoraro

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

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

Peter Caminiti Jr.

Four (4) Year Term

Dominick Minervini (Unexpired Term)

Four (4) Year Term (Exp 2021)

Mobin Sheikh

Two (2) Year Term

GOLF COURSE COMMISSION;

Ralph Amato

Three (3) Year Term

Joe Cirillo

Three (3) Year Term

Rob Thompson

Two (2) Year Term

HISTORIC COMMISSION:

Member (Vacant, Unexpired):

Four (4) Year Term (Exp. 2023)

Arlene Berlamino

Four (4) Year Term

Carol Cameron

Two (2) Year Term

John Uzzi

Two (2) Year Term

ETHICS BOARD:

Member (R): Victor Amato

Five (5) Year Term

Member (U): Deborah Cassella

Three (3) Year Term

Member (U): Tom Caiaffa

Three (3) Year Term

Member (D): Mark Cristaldi

Four (4) Year Term (Exp 2023)

LIBRARY BOARD:

Isabel Caminiti

Five (5) Year Term

Mayor's Appointment Darlene Dorgan

One (1) Year Term

Alt. for Superintendent of Schools Cynthia Hulse

One (1) Year Term

POOL COMMISSION:

Angel England

Three (3) Year Term

Jody Ohlendorf

Two (2) Year Term (Exp 2021)

HEALTH:

Tracey Ivanicki

Three (3) Year Term (Exp. 2021)

Member (Unexpired Term)

Three (3) Year Term (Exp. 2021)

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

PLANNING BOARD:

Mayor's Designee: Aleksander Les

One (1) Year Term

Municipal Official: Ken Hook

One (1) Year Term

S. Stuart Clark

Four (4) Year Term

Denis Niland

Four (4) Year Term

SHADE TREE:

Matthew Ivanicki

Five (5) Year Term

RECREATION COMMISSION:

Jeffrey Lepselter

Five (5) Year Term

Michael Pollotto

Five (5) Year Term

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:

Jamie Love

Three (3) Year Term

Vincent Piccinich

Three (3) Year Term

Alt. Member

Two (2) Year Term

Alt. Member (Unexpired)

Two (2) Year Term (Exp. 2021)

Motion: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Second: Councilman Verile

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries 6-0

Other Appointments

School Crossing Guards:

Luis Andaluz
Catherine Bentz
Rosa Caravella
George DiNapoli
Nicholas Iula
Michael Maher
Frank Miller
Ronald Natale
Linda Skene
Peter Van Gunst
Jose Zambrana

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

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

Special Police Officers:

David Wolfson
Al Raimondi
Raymond Hortian
Christopher Gentile
Austin Berninger
Thomas Latrella
Restututo Ruiz III
Benito Asuncion
Sean Griffin

Deborah Ryen
Nina Noy
Dawn Manna
Justine Matulewicz
Gaetano Fernandes
Zachary Yabroudy
Daniel Zak
Milagros D'Ambrogio
Nicolette Kupersmith

Richie Miller
Michael DiPalma
Nicholas Bucci
Jason Gailles
Jason Hall
Camille Calupad
Louis Albanese
Kenneth Frohnappel
Stephanie Saladino

C. 2021 Emergency Management Staff

Borough Administrator Joseph D'Arco
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

Support Erik Boettcher
Support Rev. Donald Hummel
Support Shawn Herrick
Support Larry Leib

Damage Assessment Michael O'Connell

Motion: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Second: Councilman Vartolone

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries 6-0

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

D. POLICE: Court, OEM, Rescue, EMS
Chairperson: Councilwoman Bellinger
Member: Councilman Verile
Member: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

E. FIRE: Fire Prevention, Fire Department
Chairperson: Councilman Verile
Member: Councilwoman Bellinger
Member: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

F. RESCUE SQUAD:
Chairperson: Councilman Verile
Member: Councilwoman Weber

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

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

I. DPW: Fleet Maintenance, Buildings & Grounds, Traffic Maintenance, Roads, Sewer, Sanitation, Recycling
Chairperson: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos
Member: Councilwoman Weber

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

K. LABOR NEGOTIATIONS: PSEA, PEA, Teamsters, PBA, Confidential
Chairperson: Councilwoman Bellinger
Member: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

L. BUDGET COMMITTEE:
Chairperson: Councilwoman Bellinger
Member: Councilman Vartolone
Member: Councilwoman Weber

M. TURF DIVISION ADVISORY BOARD

Member: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Member: Councilman Verile

N. COUNCIL LIAISONS:

Board of Health/Human Services – Councilwoman Bellinger

Library – Councilman Verile

Recreation – Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Senior Citizens/Advisory Committee – Councilwoman Bellinger

Pool Commission - Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Board of Education – Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Chamber of Commerce – Councilman Verile

Golf Course- Councilman Verile

Parade, Block Party & Cultural Arts Councilman Verile/ Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Borough Information Systems- Councilman DiPiazza

T. V. Advisory Committee- Councilman Vartolone

Fritz Behnke Museum- Councilwoman Weber

Veteran's Affairs- Councilwoman Bellinger

Environmental Commission- Councilman Vartolone

Substance Awareness Committee- Councilwoman Bellinger

Historical Commission- Councilman DiPiazza

Announcement of Police and Fire Chaplains:

Police Chaplain:

Father Larry Evans

Fire Chaplain:

Father Donald Hummel

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE 2021-01: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 429, ZONING, OF THE REVISED GENERAL LEGISLATION OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

Motion: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Second: Councilwoman Weber

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries 6-0

Borough Attorney Daniel Lagana and Mayor LaBarbiera discuss the details of Ordinance 2021-01 with the Council.

A CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE ADOPTED FOR ITEM 19:

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION No. 21-01-01: SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, EXECUTIVE SESSIONS AND WORK SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 21-01-02: ORDER OF BUSINESS.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-01-03: DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS.

RESOLUTION NO 21-01-04: RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES

RESOLUTION NO 21-01-05: AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES ON BOROUGH DRAFTS/CHECKS

RESOLUTION NO 21-01-06: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PETTY CASH FUND

RESOLUTION NO 21-01- 07: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUATION WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN IN THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

RESOLUTION NO 21-01-08: A RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL OF CERTAIN PURCHASES THROUGH NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACTS AND/OR PURCHASING COOPERATIVES

RESOLUTION NO 21-01-09: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO PROCESS VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES PERFORMED UNDER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

RESOLUTION NO 21-01- 10: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR TO FILE TAX ASSESSOR APPEALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CORRECTING ASSESSMENTS

RESOLUTION NO 21-01-11: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO DISBURSE FUNDS IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES

RESOLUTION NO 21-01-12: AUTHORIZING INTEREST RATE AND GRACE PERIOD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

RESOLUTION NO 21-01-13: CANCELLING SMALL BALANCES

RESOLUTION NO 21-01-14: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A STANDARD TAX SALE

RESOLUTION NO 21-01-15: DESIGNATION OF TAX SEARCHER

RESOLUTION NO 21-01-16: DESIGNATION OF BOROUGH CLERK - ASSESSMENT SEARCHER

RESOLUTION NO 21-01-17: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MILEAGE ALLOWANCE TO ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

RESOLUTION NO 21-01-18: TEMPORARY INVESTMENT OF EXCESS FUNDS IN ALL ACCOUNTS

RESOLUTION NO 21-01-19: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POOL PETTY CASH FUND

RESOLUTION NO 21-01-20: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT-MUTUAL AID PLAN AND RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE

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

RESOLUTION NO 21-01-23: RESOLUTION APPOINTING A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR TO SERVE THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

RESOLUTION NO 21-01-24: APPOINTING A FUND COMMISSONER TO REPRESENT THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS IN THE NJ MUNICIPAL SELF INSURERS' JOINT INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION NO. 21-01-25: APPOINTING SAFETY DELEGATES FOR THE JOINT INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION NO. 21-01-26: RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS FOR THE YEAR 2021

RESOLUTION NO 21-01-27: RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

RESOLUTION NO. 21-01-28: DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO 21-01-29: A RESOLUTION FIXING THE 2021 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PARAMUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE SQUAD

RESOLUTION NO 21-01-30: 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"

RESOLUTION NO 21-01-31: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENTS

Motion: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Second: Councilman Vartolone

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries 6-0

Open to public for comment at 7:31 PM

Stacy Sheridan – inquires about ordinance 2021-01 in regards to distance from school zones. Mr. Lagana advises that the state will have its own requirements with regards to school zones and neighborhoods, and the Borough will follow suit.

Francine Goggin – Ms. Goggin publicly congratulates Councilman DiPiazza on his re-election.

ADJOURNMENT 7:34 PM

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 23, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

ANNEMARIE KRUSZNIS, RMC
BOROUGH CLERK