

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD
MAYOR & COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING
REMOTE VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM
JANUARY 4, 2022**

At 8:11 p.m. Mayor Amatorio read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement: "In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the notice requirements have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting by Resolution #21-382 has been sent to The Record, The Star Ledger, Twin Boro News and Cablevision, and placed on two Municipal Bulletin Boards, and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk. Sunshine notice dated January 3, 2022 has also been sent to The Record, The Star Ledger, Twin Boro News and Cablevision, and placed on two Municipal Bulletin Boards, and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilperson Lodato.

INVOCATION by Reverend Cesar A. Infante from St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church.

Mayor Amatorio held a moment of silence for borough employee Mrs. Kathy Madsen.

SWEARING-IN OF COUNCILMEMBERS

Borough Clerk Marie Quinones read the Election Certificate on behalf of Bergen County Clerk John Hogan. Councilman-Elect Lodato received 4,197 votes.

Councilman-Elect Lodato was administered the Oath of Office by his wife, MaryAnn Salemi, Esq.

Borough Clerk Marie Quinones read the Election on behalf of Bergen County Clerk John Hogan. Councilman-Elect Rivera-Mejia received 4,067 votes.

Councilman-Elect Rivera-Mejia was administered the Oath of Office by New Jersey State Assemblyman Chris Tully.

Roll Call of 2022 Council

| Roll Call | Present | Absent |
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| MAYOR ARVIN AMATORIO | ✓ | |
| COUNCILMAN BUDDY DEAUNA | ✓ | |
| COUNCILWOMAN ORA C. KORNBLUTH | ✓ | |
| COUNCILMAN THOMAS A. LODATO | ✓ | |
| COUNCILMAN RAFAEL MARTE | ✓ | |
| COUNCILMAN HERNANDO RIVERA | ✓ | |
| COUNCILMAN MARC PASCUAL | ✓ | |

PRESENTATIONS – At this time, any presentations may be made.

New Jersey State Senator Lagana stated that unfortunately, it is another year dealing with the same crisis, but everyone is doing the best they can. It is not easy for those serving in local government to live each day trying to deal with their own personal lives and the people we represent, but we are doing it the best way they know how. He congratulated and thanked councilmembers Tom Lodato and Hernando Rivera for always being great friends. He stated that it was great to be on the ballot with them, and thanked them for the strength

that is felt out of Bergenfield. Senator Lagana stated that Bergenfield is a great community, it's the most diverse community in district 38, and there is a fair representation of the community on the council. It is amazing to see how the people in Bergenfield voted for a great group of people who bring so many different experiences on the council and work each and every day so that Bergenfield is at the level that it is right now. I am very proud to serve Bergenfield and represent the borough in the State with Chris and Lisa. He expressed that they are not just representatives, they are here to support each other and do what is right for Bergenfield. He hopes the meeting can be held in-person next year, and wished everyone a happy, healthy, and safe new year.

New Jersey State Assemblywoman Lisa Swain stated that it is an honor and privilege to be here. Since being elected to the Assembly, she has been getting to know everyone in Bergenfield and knows that everyone does a great job. Each and every time I come to Bergenfield, no matter whatever the event is, I always feel so welcomed. Just a few weeks ago, I helped to serve meals at the senior center. While we went up and down the hallways to serve the meals, everyone was so grateful. It is such a symbol of the terrific community you have. Mayor you are doing a great job leading this community along with all the members of the council. We have trying times ahead of us, but hopefully we'll get to the other side soon. Healthy and happy new year everyone.

State Assemblyman Chris Tully stated that he is so happy that this team remains intact. He stated that having served with both Tom and Hernando, he knows firsthand all they bring to the council. Tom Lodato has truly seen it all, his knowledge of Bergenfield and family history is such a value to add to the council. Hernando Rivera is someone that truly advocates for the community and pushed for things like the dog park and basketball courts, which were passionate issues of his, and he made them happen. He stated there are important items on the agenda for this year, the borough managed through the pandemic and were getting things done in Bergenfield. We've worked well together and I am so glad that we can continue to work together. Bergenfield is my home and so I am happy to represent the borough.

Bergen County Commissioner Thomas Sullivan stated that he has known Tom Lodato for many years, since their fathers were involved in the community. It is always a pleasure to be invited to join Bergenfield events. Bergenfield is a great town. Hernando, you represent the diversity in Bergenfield and I know you take great pride in that. I know that you will continue to do great things for Bergenfield. He stated that from a County perspective, Bergenfield is a great town to work in and Corey is one of the best in his position. He is happy to help. He extended his sincere congratulations to his friends and the borough of Bergenfield.

Commissioner Germaine Ortiz wished everyone a happy and healthy new year. I am here to congratulate Tom Lodato and Hernando Rivera. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to this incredible town of Bergenfield, which always welcomes me with open arms. As others have said, you are a true reflection of the diversity in your town, which makes it much richer. We are dealing with unprecedented times and continue to face many challenges. I commend you for all your accomplishments. The voters have spoken because you will continue to do a great job for Bergenfield.

STATEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Councilperson Lodato stated that he will hold his comments until we are back to a live meeting in public, which he hopes will be sooner than later. He acknowledged his wife MaryAnn and his daughter Christina for being present with him. He lightheartedly stated that like most Bergenfield residents, MaryAnn never attends a council meeting. She only attends to administer the oath to him, and so this is her sixth appearance. He acknowledged and congratulated his running mate Councilman Rivera, who ran a campaign with him four

times. He is a respected and hard-working councilman, and is an equally good candidate. Councilperson Lodato stated that he appreciates all his efforts, as well as all his Council colleagues and the Mayor. He stated that without their help, it may not have been the same result. He further stated that he appreciated all the commissioners being here and look forward to working with everyone next year. He expressed that he hopes we can get through this crisis sooner than later. Good luck to all and thank you for being here.

Councilperson Rivera expressed stated that he thanks God for this amazing opportunity. He further expressed that it has been an honor and privilege to represent one of the most diverse communities in Bergen County. He thanked Councilman Lodato for all his efforts. He also thanked Senator Lagana for being here, as well as Chris swearing him in. He stated that Chris Tully was the first to offer him honor of swearing him in. He thanked all the legislators, commissioners, Marie, Corey, John Schettino and colleagues for all they do for Bergenfield. He thanked everyone for always being there supporting him and his ideas, and for the tremendous work they have accomplished. He expressed that it has been an honor and humbling experience. He noted that over the past several years, the borough has paved over hundreds of roads, improved sanitary sewers, and renovated parks to include sensory equipment for special needs children. The Department of Public Works purchased important machinery and equipment, and the Police Department purchased new vehicles, upgraded their readers and computers. He stated that millions have been invested into the Fire Department to purchase a new pumper, fire chief trucks, and equipment. There have been many upgrades to the building and tax department, and payments can now be made online. He stated that deficiencies were eliminated in the finance office, and firewalls have been upgraded to prevent cyber-attacks in administration. He stated that many programs were created such as the Halloween trunk a treat, the business crawl to highlight the business district, street closures and summer dance parties at Cooper's Pond. He stated that the borough was the first borough to open testing and vaccines for residents. Furthermore, the food pantry created links with organizations like Table 2 Table, Shop Rite, and other entities to offer food to residents in need. He stated that the Twin Boro field will be complete, and the upgrades to Metzler Brook will be part of the borough's greatest accomplishments. The new borough hall will start to be built, all while keeping the taxes at zero. He thanked the legislators and commissioners for all their support and look forward to working with them. He wished everyone a healthy and happy new year.

Councilperson Deauna congratulated Councilman Rivera and Councilman Lodato for their hard-earned victory last November. He stated that they both deserved to return to the council. He is privileged and honored to be a member of this governing body. He congratulated and welcomed Senator Lagana, Assemblywoman Swain, his friend Assemblyman Chris Tully, Commissioner Sullivan and Commissioner Ortiz. He stated that he will do his best this year working with the Mayor and Council.

Councilperson Kornbluth thanked Commissioner Ortiz, Commissioner Sullivan, Senator Lagana, Assemblyman Tully, and Assemblywoman Swain for joining the meeting and for always being there for the residents of Bergenfield. She congratulated her council colleagues Councilman Lodato and Councilman Rivera for their victory and stated that she looks forward to working with you. She stated that they have worked together for many years, and they all bring their strengths and talents to the table to get things done. She expressed that she looks forward to completing many more tasks with everyone.

Councilperson Pascual wished everyone a happy new year and expressed that he is glad everyone can meet virtually. He thanked all the special guests including the Senator, Assemblymembers, Commissioners and residents of Bergenfield for joining the meeting. He congratulated Tom and Hernando, and stated they are both hard working councilmembers. He stated that Hernando referenced all the council has accomplished. He expressed that it goes to show all the things that can be accomplished when they work together, with the

support of legislators and commissioners. He stated that he is still the new kid on the block and continues to learn each day. He looks forward to working with everyone.

Councilperson Marte wished everyone a happy new year. He thanked all the State representatives and assemblymembers for joining the meeting. He stated that the representatives always say "present" when it comes to events in Bergenfield, and he appreciates it. He congratulated the victorious councilmembers Thomas Lodato and Hernando Rivera. He thanked them for all their efforts and willingness to continue serving Bergenfield.

Mayor Amatorio expressed his gratitude to all guests, including Senator Lodato, Assemblywoman Swain, Assemblyman Tully, Commissioner Sullivan, Commissioner Ortiz and all the residents that are here with us virtually. He stated that the Borough Administrator had an opportunity to analyze all the things that have been accomplished collectively. He thanked the Councilmembers and the Administration office including Corey, Marie, Conall, Hilda and Sue for all their help. He stated that during the pandemic, roads were paved, the borough renovated and installed equipment to thirteen parks, and improved Cooper's Pond. The borough also added Conlon Hall as one of its facilities. He stated that all the work goes to show the commitment of the council has to proceed with projects to serve our residents. He expressed that great efforts were made to address the pandemic, such as offering testing and vaccination centers. He stated that Bergenfield was among one of the first five towns to offer those services. He further stated that the job is not done. He stated that part of their vision is to complete the borough hall, and will hopefully have shovels in the ground within the next three months, and a new borough hall will be in place in eighteen months. The Twin Boro field project will be completed to offer a soccer and football facility for residents. He stated that the borough will improve the infrastructure for the residents to enjoy. The borough started digitizing records and by the end of the year, will offer services online, including tax payments, building and health department permit applications. He noted that online access will be a great addition to borough services. Mayor Amatorio thanked all the department heads for making this project possible. He stated that the borough planner and the Planning Board have designated areas in need of redevelopment in the business district and have interested parties that will hopefully improve job opportunities and economic abilities in the business district. Mayor Amatorio extended his appreciation for all frontline workers, including the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Department of Public Works, the ambulance corp., the Health Department, and all who have been instrumental to our success. He wished everyone a healthy and happy new year, and stated that he looks forward to the year ahead.

RESOLUTION 22-001/To Appoint Salvador "Buddy" Deauna as Council President

Motion by Councilperson Pascual, seconded by Councilperson Marte, that Resolution #22-001 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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| Councilperson Lodato: | aye | Councilperson Kornbluth: | aye |
| Council President Deauna: | abstain | Councilperson Rivera: | aye |
| Councilperson Marte: | aye | Councilperson Pascual: | aye |

RESOLUTION 22-002/To Establish the Seating Order of the 2022 Governing Body.

Councilman Thomas A. Lodato
Councilman Buddy Deauna
Councilman Rafael Marte
Mayor Arvin Amatorio

Councilwoman Ora C. Kornbluth
Councilman Hernando Rivera
Councilman Marc Pascual

Motion by Council President Deauna, seconded by Councilperson Pascual, that Resolution #22-002 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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| Councilperson Lodato: | aye | Councilperson Kornbluth: | aye |
| Council President Deauna: | aye | Councilperson Rivera: | aye |
| Councilperson Marte: | aye | Councilperson Pascual: | aye |

RESOLUTION 22-003/To Confirm Mayor's nomination of John L. Schettino, Esq. as Borough Attorney

Mayor recommends and nominates John L. Schettino, Esq. to the position of Borough Attorney for a one-year term, expiring 12/31/2022.

Motion by Councilperson Lodato, seconded by Council President Deauna, that Resolution #22-003 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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| Councilperson Lodato: | aye | Councilperson Kornbluth: | aye |
| Council President Deauna: | aye | Councilperson Rivera: | aye |
| Councilperson Marte: | aye | Councilperson Pascual: | aye |

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Mayor Amatorio opened the meeting and invited the public to comment on any subject matter, limited to five (5) minutes per speaker.

No one came forward.

There being no one who wishes to be heard, Mayor Amatorio closed public comments.

ORDINANCES

A. Introduction of Ordinance

Motion by Council President Deauna that the following ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and setting January 18, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard as the date and time and the Council Chambers of the Bergenfield Borough Hall as the place for a hearing on said ordinance. Councilperson Pascual seconded the motion.

Mayor Amatorio read the title of the ordinance into the record:

ORDINANCE 22-2590 - AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE SALARY RANGES OF EMPLOYEES NOT SUBJECTED TO UNIONIZED CONTRACTUAL UNITS OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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| Councilperson Lodato: | nay | Councilperson Kornbluth: | abstain |
| Council President Deauna: | aye | Councilperson Rivera: | aye |

Councilperson Marte: aye Councilperson Pascual: aye

CONSENT RESOLUTION 22-004. All matters listed below are considered by the Governing Body to be routine in nature. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by the Governing Body, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

- a. **22-005/**Adopt 2022 By-Laws
- b. **22-006/**Establishing Meetings Dates
- c. **22-007/**Reaffirming Interest Rates and Dates on Delinquent Taxes
- d. **22-008/**Authorizing Fire Department Mutual Aid
- e. **22-009/**Confirming Source Separation and Recycling
- f. **22-010/**Reaffirming Petty Cash and Change Funds
- g. **22-011/**Designate Official Depositories for Current Operating Funds
- h. **22-012/**Designate Secondary Bank Accounts, Signatories and Fiduciary Responsibilities
- i. **22-013/**Authorizing the Utilization of GovDeals, Inc. for Purpose of Disposing of Surplus Equipment
- j. **22-014/**Authorizing Tax Collector to Cancel Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amounts less than \$10.00
- k. **22-015/**Authorizing \$20 Fee for Tax Payments Returned for Insufficient Funds
- l. **22-016/**Authorize Police Department Mutual Aid
- m. **22-017/**To Approve the December 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- n. **22-018/**To Approve the 2022 Tow Companies
- o. **22-019/**To Approve Raffle Application 1376
- p. **22-020/**To Approve Mobile and Portable Equipment Service Agreement – Goosetown Communications
- q. **22-021/**To Approve Fixed Equipment Service Agreement – Goosetown Communications
- r. ~~**22-022/**To Approve Proposal – Additional Professional Services – New Municipal Complex Project – RSC Architects~~

Motion by Council President Deauna, seconded by Councilperson Pascual, that the Consent Agenda be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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| Councilperson Lodato: | aye | Councilperson Kornbluth: | aye |
| Council President Deauna: | aye | Councilperson Rivera: | aye |
| Councilperson Marte: | aye | Councilperson Pascual: | aye |

RESOLUTION 22-023/To Approve Temporary Budget Appropriations in CY 2022.

Motion by Council President Deauna, seconded by Councilperson Kornbluth that Resolution #22-023 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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| Councilperson Lodato: | aye | Councilperson Kornbluth: | aye |
| Council President Deauna: | aye | Councilperson Rivera: | aye |
| Councilperson Marte: | aye | Councilperson Pascual: | aye |

PROFESSIONAL NOMINATIONS

Mayor recommends and nominates the following professionals as stated on the agenda, from item #17 through item #30, with the exception of item #28. Mayor Amatorio stated that he will hold his recommendation and nomination for the Public Defender until the next meeting.

- Remington & Vernick Engineers as the Borough Engineer for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/22.
- T&M Associates as the Special Projects Engineer for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/22.
- Rogut McCarthy LLC as the Bond Counsel for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/22.
- MARC: McCusker, Anselmi, Rosen & Carvelli, P.C. as the Labor Counsel for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/22.
- Boggia Boggia Betesh & Voytus, LLC as the Tax Appeal Counsel, for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/22.
- Lerch, Vinci & Higgins LLP as the Borough Auditor for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/22.
- GJEM- Otterstedt Insurance Agency as the Risk Consultant for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/22.
- Millennium Strategies LLC as the Grant Writer and Consultant for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/22.
- Associated Appraisal Group as the Borough Appraiser for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/22.
- Marc A. Calello, Esq. as the Borough Prosecutor for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/22.
- Linda H. Schwager, Esq. as the Alternate Borough Prosecutor for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/22.
- Steven Sciancalepore, Esq. as the Alternate Public Defender for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/22.
- Phoenix Advisors LLC for Continuing Disclosure and Independent Registered Municipal Advisor Services.

MOTION by Council President Deauna, seconded by Councilperson Rivera, that the nominations be confirmed.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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| Councilperson Lodato: | aye | Councilperson Kornbluth: | aye |
| Council President Deauna: | aye | Councilperson Rivera: | aye |
| Councilperson Marte: | aye | Councilperson Pascual: | aye |

RESOLUTION 22-024/To Confirm Professional Nominations

Motion by Council President Deauna, seconded by Councilperson Kornbluth, that Resolution #22-024 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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| Councilperson Lodato: | aye | Councilperson Kornbluth: | aye |
| Council President Deauna: | aye | Councilperson Rivera: | aye |
| Councilperson Marte: | aye | Councilperson Pascual: | aye |

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve in the respective administrative positions as stated on the agenda, from item #32 through item #36.

- John Pampaloni as the Wastewater Consultant C-3 Licensed Collection Operator, term expiring 12/31/22.
- Edward Volmer as Director of Recreation for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/22.
- Corey Gallo as Public Agency Compliance Officer for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/22.
- Robert E. Byrnes, Jr. as Safety Coordinator for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/22.
- Eva Gallione as Town Historian for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/22.

MOTION by Councilperson Kornbluth, seconded by Council President Deauna, that the nominations be confirmed.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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| Councilperson Lodato: | aye | Councilperson Kornbluth: | aye |
| Council President Deauna: | aye | Councilperson Rivera: | aye |
| Councilperson Marte: | aye | Councilperson Pascual: | aye |

RESOLUTION 22-025/To Ratify the Administrative Appointments for 2022

Motion by Councilperson Lodato, seconded by Council President Deauna, that Resolution #22-025 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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| Councilperson Lodato: | aye | Councilperson Kornbluth: | aye |
| Council President Deauna: | aye | Councilperson Rivera: | aye |
| Councilperson Marte: | aye | Councilperson Pascual: | aye |

RECOMMENDATIONS AND NOMINATIONS FOR BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Mayor Amatorio stated that he recommends and nominates the following to serve on the respective boards and committees:

BARRIER FREE COMMITTEE

Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Barrier Free Committee for a

one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2022.

Lee Brinkman
Patti Enders, Secretary
Lorraine Forcier
Pat Flaherty
Kathy Moore
Harry Hillenius, Bldg. Dept.
Officer Robert Mader
Sharon Thiemann
Patricia August, Consultant
Public Health Dept.
Dr. Delores Harrison
Phil Neville, Consultant
Captain John Maggi

MOTION by Councilperson Rivera, seconded by Council President Deauna, that the nominations be confirmed. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Environmental Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2022.

Jessica Aleman
Cris Bontia
Robert Gallione
Angela Meister
Laura Michelson
Niki Nath
Paul Stypulkoski
Joseph Verga
Craig Vogt
Rachana Nair
Venus Rose
Elena Villanueva
Phil Neville, DPW Consultant

MOTION by Council President Deauna, seconded by Councilperson Rivera, that the nominations be confirmed. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

GREEN TEAM

Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Green Team for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2022.

Paul Stypulkoski
Sarah Stypulkoski
Jessica Aleman
Joe Verga
Robert Gallione
Rachana Nair
Corey Gallo, Administrator
Phil Neville, DPW Superintendent & Shade Tree Committee
Dr. Chris Tully, Board of Education
Craig Vogt, Jefferson School Principal

Patricia August, Health Dept Nurse

MOTION by Councilperson Pascual, seconded by Council President Deauna, that the nominations be confirmed. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Board of Health for the following terms:

Edna Phannen 4-year term, term exp. 12/31/25

MOTION by Council President Deauna, seconded by Councilperson Marte, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

LIBRARY BOARD

Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Library Board of Trustees for the following terms:

Thomas Neats 5-year term, term exp. 12/31/26
Fanny Cruz-Betesh 5-year term, term exp. 12/31/26

MOTION by Council President Deauna, seconded by Councilperson Lodato, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COUNCIL

Mayor appoints the following to serve on the Local Emergency Planning Council for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2022.

Ryan Shell, Emergency Management Coordinator
Richard Goddin, Jr., Deputy OEM Coordinator
Benjamin Bressel, OEM Communications Officer
Arvin Amatorio, Mayor
Ora Kornbluth, Council Liaison
Corey Gallo, Borough Administrator
Mustafa Rabboh, Police Chief
Steven Naylis, Fire Chief
Ryan Shell, EMS Chief
Robert Byrnes Jr., Safety Coordinator
Phil Neville, DPW Superintendent
Pat August, Public Health Nurse
Mike Ravenda, Construction Code Official
Christopher Tully, Board of Education Liaison

MOTION by Council President Deauna, seconded by Councilperson Rivera, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

MAYOR'S SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mayor appoints the following to serve on the Senior Citizen Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2022.

Loretta Amara, President
Marge Alfano, Vice President
Donna Bellottie, Treasurer
Annette Roge, Secretary
Fred Bellottie
Eileen Conroy
Maria Hoernlein
Roger Hoernlein
John Horsman
Linda Horsman
Gary Romano
Pat Wagner

MOTION by Councilperson Pascual, seconded by Council President Deauna, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE

Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Municipal Alliance Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2022.

Michael Merlo, Chairperson
Linda DePinto
Mr. James Fasano, Bergenfield School District
Bochy Lora
Nicholas Montello
Mark William Ennis
Thomas O'Reilly
Jennifer DaCosta
Pat August, Public Health Nurse
Lt. Rich Ramos, Bergenfield Police Department
Student Member
Corey Gallo, Borough Administrator
Dr. Christopher Tully, Superintendent

MOTION by Councilperson Rivera, seconded by Council President Deauna, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

SITE PLAN COMMITTEE

Mayor appoints the following members to serve on the Site Plan Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2022.

Lora Shade, Ambulance Corps. Rep.
Steven Naylis, Fire Department Rep.
Robert Byrnes Jr. Fire Department Rep.
Phil Neville, DPW Superintendent and Shade Tree Committee
Mustafa Rabboh, Police Chief
John Pampaloni, WWC Operator
Michael Ravenda, Construction Code Official
Richard Morf, Zoning Board of Adjustment
Robert Rivas, Planning Board
Scott Jezequil, Clerk

MOTION by Councilperson Lodato, seconded by Council President Deauna, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

PLANNING BOARD

Mayor appoints the following to serve on the Planning Board for the following terms:

- Robert Byrnes Jr. Class II, 1-year term, exp. 12/31/22
- Miguel Vasquez Class IV, 4-year term, exp. 12/31/25
- Romeo Abenoja Class IV, 4-year term, exp. 12/31/25
- Benedict Cabrera Class IV, 4-year term, exp. 12/31/25
- Jason Bergman Class IV, 4-year unexpired term, term exp. 12/31/22
- _____ Alternate #1, 2-year term, exp. 12/31/23
- _____ Alternate #2, unexpired 2-year term, term exp. 12/31/22

MOTION by Councilperson Kornbluth, seconded by Councilperson Rivera, to appoint Thomas A. Lodato as a Class III and Hernando Rivera as a Class III Alternate, for a 1-year term, expiring 12/31/22. All present voting in favor, no one opposed.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Recreation Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2022.

- Ed Volmer
- Vinny Malley
- Mariann Canino, Secretary
- Juan Arango
- Kathie Lacey
- James Lodato
- Tony Londono
- Ryan Martin
- Belinda Mendez
- Brian Timmons
- Melissa Weigl
- Priscilla Pascual
- Pedro Martinez
- Edgar Hernandez
- Libia Placencia
- Domingo Almonte
- Terry Infield
- Ron Demenech, Emeritus
- Albeth Gonzalez
- Angel Dominguez
- Jackie Teel

MOTION by Council President Deauna, seconded by Councilperson Rivera, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

RENT LEVELING BOARD

Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Rent Leveling Board as follows:

- Catherine Steinel Member, 3-year term, term exp. 12/31/24
- Andrew Lehr Member, 1-year term, term exp. 12/31/22
- _____ Alt. Landlord, 1-year term, term exp. 12/31/22
- _____ Alt. Tenant, 1-year term, term exp. 12/31/22

MOTION by Councilperson Kornbluth, seconded by Council President Deauna, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Shade Tree Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2022.

Dan Muller
Joe Schade
Jules Orkin
Mike Cassidy
Steve Perrone
Phil Neville, DPW Superintendent, Consultant
Javier Nunez, Secretary

MOTION by Council President Deauna, seconded by Councilperson Rivera, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

STIGMA FREE COMMITTEE

Mayor appoints the following to serve on the Stigma Free Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2022.

Aime Sanchez
Lovely Aquino Garcia
Gina Fernandez
Dania Huie-Pasigan
Maria Balajadia
Liliza Pancho
Mairead Tully

MOTION by Councilperson Lodato, seconded by Council President Deauna, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councilperson Marte stated that Wilfred Selby should be added as a member.

Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Veterans Advisory Committee for a one-year term, expiring December 31, 2022.

John Smith, Chairman
John Opatovsky, Vice Chairman
Warren T. Williams, Secretary
Alexandra Vanessa-Dmeza, Member
Thomas Lang, Member
Richard Morf, Member
Willie Moree Jr., Member
Dr. Samuel Paul, Chaplin
Fred Sahlberg, Member
Joseph E. Sokol, Member
Benjamin Whaley, Member
Amos White, Member
Wilfred Selby, Member

MOTION by Councilperson Lodato, seconded by Councilperson Rivera, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Mayor Amatorio stated that the nominations for the Zoning Board of Adjustment are completed by the Council, but he understands no action will be taken at this time.

Councilperson Lodato stated that he was under the impression the matter had been resolved.

Mayor Amatorio stated that discussions have been held and there are other ideas. The majority of Councilmembers would like to defer making appointments until the next meeting. He stated that there are no names listed on the agenda, but that does not mean the members will not be reappointed. He understands the Council needs more time to deliberate.

Council President Deauna stated that he believes the matter should be tabled until the next meeting.

Councilperson Lodato inquired if members carry over or if the positions are vacant.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated that the positions are vacant. He stated that the Zoning Board of Adjustment should reschedule their reorganization meeting for a date after the next Mayor and Council meeting. They can reorganization anytime after the January 18th meeting date, as they will need a full board. The board needs to wait for the Mayor and Council to make appointments. There is no action to take since there are no names on the agenda.

Councilperson Lodato inquired if the governing body will meet collectively to have a discussion before the next meeting. He believed the matter was resolved. He understands they may be an issue, but he was not part of the discussion. He respects the opinion of the other parties, but would like to know how the matter will be addressed going forward, so that a vote can take place at the next meeting.

Councilperson Kornbluth asked if Mayor can call everyone individually to discuss the matter.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated that since the Mayor sets the agenda, he can place the names on the agenda, and the Council can take the vote. If you wish to discuss further, the Mayor set a committee that can meet at any time to discuss the different candidates to the board. The Mayor is not involved in the nomination, but does set the agenda. The committee can discuss with the Mayor to place the nominations on the agenda.

Councilperson Lodato stated that the problem with separate conversations is that the members are not hearing each other to understand the pros and cons. He inquired how the names will be obtained without speaking.

Mayor Amatorio stated that discussions will be held, so that the names are provided for the next meeting.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated that Mayor can sit on the committee and have a conversation with the councilmembers that have a difference of opinion. The committee can report to the full council the names that should be put forward. A conversation can be held on the names that will be put forward to ensure everyone is in agreement or a vote can be taken.

Mayor Amatorio stated that the governing body needs to deliberate on whether they will proceed to make the appointments. This can be accomplished at the next meeting.

Councilperson Lodato stated that when the last meeting was held, a decision had been made. If there are other differences of opinions, the same was never shared with him.

Mayor Amatorio stated that there were differences in opinion, but he does not want to put names forward if there is no consensus.

Council President Deauna stated that no appointments will be made at this time for the following positions:

- Member, 4-year term exp. 12/31/25
- Member, 4-year term exp. 12/31/25
- Member, unexpired 4-year term, term exp. 12/31/22
- Alt. #1, 2-year term exp. 12/31/23

No action taken.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Council President Deauna nominates the following Councilmembers to serve on the following committees. The first named of each shall be the Chairperson.

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| FINANCE | Kornbluth | Marte | Rivera |
| POLICE | Rivera | Kornbluth | Pascual |
| FIRE | Lodato | Deauna | Pascual |
| DPW & PARKS | Marte | Kornbluth | Rivera |
| BUILDING & GROUNDS | Deauna | Marte | Lodato |
| COMMUNITY AFFAIRS | Pascual | Lodato | Deauna |

MOTION by Councilperson Rivera, seconded by Councilperson Pascual, that the nominations for all Standing Committees named by Council President be confirmed.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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| Councilperson Lodato: | aye | Councilperson Kornbluth: | aye |
| Council President Deauna: | aye | Councilperson Rivera: | aye |
| Councilperson Marte: | aye | Councilperson Pascual: | aye |

LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Council President Deauna nominates the following Councilmembers to serve as Liaisons to the following Boards and Committees:

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| AMBULANCE CORPS | Kornbluth |
| BARRIER FREE COMMITTEE | Deauna |
| BOARD OF EDUCATION | Marte |
| BOARD OF HEALTH | Deauna |
| COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM | Pascual |
| ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE (<i>Ecology</i>) | Rivera |
| EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT | Kornbluth |
| GREEN TEAM | Rivera |
| LIBRARY BOARD | Lodato |
| MAYOR'S SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE | Deauna |
| MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE | Deauna |

RECREATION COMMITTEE
RENT LEVELING BOARD
SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
SITE PLAN
STIGMA FREE COMMITTEE
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Kornbluth
Pascual
Pascual
Rivera
Lodato
Rivera
Marte
Marte

MOTION by Councilperson Lodato, seconded by Councilperson Marte, that the nominations for Liaison to all Boards and Committees named by Council President Deauna be confirmed.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

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| Councilperson Lodato: | aye | Councilperson Kornbluth: | aye |
| Council President Deauna: | aye | Councilperson Rivera: | aye |
| Councilperson Marte: | aye | Councilperson Pascual: | aye |

ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to come before the Council, on a motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, second by Council President Deauna, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Quinones, RMC
Borough Clerk