

**BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD**  
**MAYOR & COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**8:00 p.m.**  
**AUGUST 16, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Council President Buddy Deauna, Council members Thomas Lodato, Rafael Marte, Hernando Rivera and Marc Pascual

**ABSENT:** Mayor Arvin Amatorio and Councilwoman Ora Kornbluth

**ALSO PRESENT:** Borough Administrator Corey Gallo  
Borough Attorney Camelia B. Grymes  
Borough Clerk Marie Quinones

Council President Deauna called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. with the reading of the Open Public Meetings Act Statement, "In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the notice requirements have been satisfied. Meeting dates for the year are confirmed at the Annual Meeting. The Annual Notice is sent to the Record, Star Ledger, Twin Boro News, and Cablevision, placed on two Municipal Bulletin Boards and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk."

The Salute to the Flag was led by Councilperson Pascual.

**AGENDA CHANGES**

Motion by Councilperson Pascual to add Resolution 22-283/to Increase Hourly Rate for Per Diem Firefighters, Resolution 22-284/to Approve Retirement for Building Department Keyboard Clerk Resolution, 22-285/to Approve Raffle Applications RA1383 and RA1384, and Resolution 22-286/to Hire Technical Assistant to the Construction Lisa Sereno in the Building Department. Councilperson Rivera seconded the motion. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Councilperson Pascual to approve minutes of the June 21, 2022 Closed Session Meeting (not to be released), July 19, 2022 Regular Public Meeting, and the July 19, 2022 Closed Session Meeting (not to be released). Councilperson Rivera seconded the motion. All present voting in favor, no one opposed.

**VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS I**

Council President Deauna opened the meeting and invited the public for comments on agenda items only, limited to five minutes per speaker.

Mary Sullivan, resident, requested that the requirements for the lighting ordinance include residential properties, not just for businesses.

Loida Abando, resident, stated that she resides on the second floor above a smoke shop. She stated there is smoke and loud music. She wanted to make sure it was legal.

Councilperson Pascual stated Verbal Communications I was for agenda items only and would be able to express her concerns during Verbal Communications II.

There being no one else who wishes to be heard, Council President Deauna closed Verbal Communications I.

**PRESENTATIONS**

No presentations were made.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a.) Stenberg/Calvary Church **Re:** To Request a Road Closure/Arlington Ave. from W. Clinton Ave. to Delford Ave./September 18, 2022/12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- b.) McLaughlin/Ride Director for Velocity Columbia’s Ride to End Cancer **Re:** To Request Approval for the 2022 Velocity Ride to End Cancer benefiting Columbia University’s Irving Cancer Center/Sunday, October 2, 2022/around 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- c.) Cahill/Borough CFO **Re:** CFO Report on the Sale of Bonds

Motion by Councilperson Marte to accept Correspondence Items A through C. Councilperson Rivera seconded the motion. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinances

Council President Deauna read into the record:

The following ordinance published herewith was first read by title only on July 19, 2022 and posted on the bulletin board of the municipal center.

**ORDINANCE 22-2603 AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES AS AREAS IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT AREA ALONG WOODBINE STREET FRONTAGE (AREA G), AREA ALONG LEGION DRIVE FRONTAGE (AREA H) PERPARED PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET. SEQ.**

Public Comments on Ordinance 22-2603.

No one came forward.

Motion by Councilperson Marte, second by Councilperson Pascual, to pass Ordinance 22-2603 on second and final reading and is hereby adopted and notice of same shall be published according to law.

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

Councilperson Lodato:	nay	Councilperson Kornbluth:	absent
Council President Deauna:	aye	Councilperson Rivera:	aye
Councilperson Marte:	aye	Councilperson Pascual:	aye

Council President Deauna read into the record:

The following ordinance published herewith was first read by title only on July 19, 2022 and posted on the bulletin board of the municipal center.

**ORDINANCE 22-2604 AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “DISORDERLY CONDUCT” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD**

Public Comments on Ordinance 22-2604.

No one came forward.

Motion by Councilperson Pascual, second by Councilperson Rivera, to pass Ordinance 22-2604 on second and final reading and is hereby adopted and notice of same shall be published according to law.

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

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

#### A. CONSENT AGENDA

**CONSENT RESOLUTION 22-267.** 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) **22-268**/To Approve Bill List
- b) **22-269**/To Approve Raffle Application RA 1382
- c) **22-270**/To Authorize the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Bergenfield, New Jersey to Invest Funds in the New Jersey Asset & Rebate Management Program
- d) **22-271**/To Approve Grant Application – NJ DCA ARP Firefighter Program
- e) **22-272**/To Approve Proposal – Infection-Control Devices in the New Municipal Building – RSC Architects
- f) **22-273**/To Approve Proposal – Construction Management for the Hickory Avenue Road Improvements Project – Remington and Vernick Engineers
- g) **22-274**/To Approve Tax Refund – 161 Williamson Road
- h) **22-275**/To Approve Tax Refund – 90 West Church Street
- i) **22-276**/To Approve Tax Refund – 51 Davis Drive

Motion by Councilperson Marte to approve the Consent Resolution. Councilperson Pascual seconded the motion.

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

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

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### A. Ordinance on Parking Requirements

No discussion.

##### B. Ordinance on Lighting Requirements

No discussion.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Administrative Hirings & Appointments

**22-277**/To Hire School Crossing Guards for School Year 2022-2023

Motion by Councilperson Marte, second by Councilperson Rivera, that Resolution #22-277 be approved.

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

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

**22-278/To Promote to Full-Time Laborer – Stephen Guyt**

Motion by Councilperson Pascual, second by Councilperson Rivera, that Resolution #22-278 be approved.

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

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

**22-279/To Hire Part-Time Laborer – Michael Rossmell**

Motion by Councilperson Pascual, second by Councilperson Rivera, that Resolution #22-279 be approved.

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

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

**22-280/To Hire Part-Time Laborer – Sheldon San Juan**

Motion by Councilperson Marte, second by Councilperson Rivera, that Resolution #22-280 be approved.

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

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

**22-281/To Hire Part-Time Laborer – Godwin Carmenatty Jr**

Motion by Councilperson Pascual, second by Councilperson Rivera, that Resolution #22-281 be approved.

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

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

**22-282/To Hire Part-Time Laborer – Brian Santana**

Motion by Councilperson Pascual, second by Councilperson Rivera, that Resolution #22-282 be approved.

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

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

**22-283/To Increase Hourly Rate for Per Diem Firefighters**

Motion by Councilperson Lodato, second by Councilperson Marte, that Resolution #22-283 be approved.

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

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

**22-284/To Approve Retirement – Fran Donovan**

Motion by Councilperson Pascual, second by Councilperson Rivera, that Resolution #22-284 be approved.

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

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

**22-285/To Approve Raffle Applications RA1383 and RA1384**

Motion by Councilperson Pascual, second by Councilperson Rivera, that Resolution #22-285 be approved.

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

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

**22-286/To Hire Technical Assistant to the Construction Official (TACO) in the Building Department – Lisa Sereno**

Motion by Councilperson Pascual, second by Councilperson Rivera, that Resolution #22-286 be approved.

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

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

## Committee/Department Reports

Motion offered by Councilperson Lodato that the Committee/Department Reports be spread upon the minutes in full and filed. Councilperson Marte seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.

## VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS II

Council President Deauna opened the meeting to Verbal Communications II and invited the public to comment on any subject, limited to five minutes per speaker.

Loida Abando, resident, stated the store is supposed to close at 11:00 pm, but there are parties and a lot of noise until 5:00 am. The smoking that comes to her apartment is bad for her daughter and baby. She inquired if the police can do something about it and whether this is legal or illegal.

Carolyn Schmelz, resident, stated the town is supposed to put in the ramps for the crosswalk at Main Street and Portland Avenue and the County is supposed to draw the lines. She stated she does not understand why it is taking so long to put a crosswalk in, especially because it is so dangerous. Mrs. Schmelz stated that hopefully the homeless man at the Nissan dealership was offered resources as he is no longer there. There are many homeless people at Coopers Pond and it does not seem like anything is being done. Mrs. Schmelz stated, growing up, you could not stop to hang out and loiter, but the day workers are bussed into town and sit on the ground all day long. She commented that they do not need to stand around the town. She inquired if the sanctions on the fire department were lifted and who imposed them. She stated that was disgraceful and the Bergenfield fire department deserves an apology. She heard her name was brought up in a meeting stating that she wanted to be at the front of the parade and the person who said it stirs the pot all the time. She never asked to be in front of the parade. Mrs. Schmelz stated there is nothing being done about the flooding. She suggested putting in a retention pond even if it only lasts 10 years.

Michael Ramos, resident, stated, he read the June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 meeting minutes regarding Metzler's Brook. He stated, in the engineer's review, along with the proposed basin to address the overflow, vegetation, the three retaining wall causing damage is discussed. There is nothing that can be done without a permit from NJDEP. He inquired what is being done to get the permit to address the immediate problem.

Fred Sahlberg, resident, stated, there was a fireman that died on Washington Avenue in 1969 fighting a fire for this town. He commented that the firefighters never came to the Mayor or the Administrator to use a vehicle to honor the fallen fireman. Mr. Sahlberg stated that he read the article regarding the restrictions on the fire department. If they chose not to march, it is their right. He inquired if there are any restrictions on the police department as he did not see them march. Mr. Sahlberg stated that there was not an honor guard for Tommy Lee when he passed. He stated that if a fireman dies fighting a fire, did 30 years or died of old age, it is inappropriate for the fire department to have to ask for a firetruck and is embarrassing. There is comradery between the members of the fire department and members of the police department. He stated that if he was the fire chief and if a fireman died fighting a fire, he would not go to the borough administrator or the council. It is a travesty what is happening between the veteran's administration, the council, and the fire department. The retribution is inappropriate and embarrassing.

Karen Glover, resident, stated if it was not for the firefighters and the paramedics, her son would not have lived for 9 days and would not have been able to be an organ donor, who saved seven people's lives. Ms. Glover stated, it is because of the EMT's, paramedics, and volunteer firefighters, they were able to get her son out of the car after an accident and worked tirelessly and selflessly on him for three hours as they were not able to intubate him. She applauded each and every one of them. She inquired how dare they sanction firefighters who fight fires and save lives.

John Smith, resident, stated, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 is national POW/MIA day. The veterans committee is conducting a service. This ceremony is by presidential order. Mr. Smith stated that he has been attending the meetings now for a long time, with there being five different administrators. Everyone has their own opinions. Mr. Smith stated that he sees transparency, correspondence, and honesty.

Kathy Sahlberg, resident, stated, she is on the side of the fire department. She explained that forty years ago, she was marching with her daughter in Teaneck and the police department behind them had an emergency call. They put their lights on and had to get through the crowd. It was havoc. She yanked her daughter one way and someone yanked her another way. Trucks may be stinky, but they have to go first.

Brian Dover, resident, stated that he was hoping the mayor was here because his words will be directed to him and the people he voted for. The Borough Administrator is quoted in an article in the northjerseymedia.com regarding the ongoing mess with the fire department. The Administrator is quoted as stating that the disrespect the fire department demonstrated by not attending is unacceptable and discipline has been issued. Mr. Dover stated that the Bergenfield ordinance chapter 17, article 3, section 17-18 states the fire department shall be and is at all times under the control and supervision and subject to the orders of the mayor and the borough council. He inquired if the Borough Administrator acted on behalf of the mayor and council and at which meeting was the discipline discussed and approved. He went on to say that discussion was not confidential according to the Open Public Meetings Act and should have been discussed at a public meeting. Mr. Dover stated the decision the fire chief made was in the interest of public safety of the residents. Mr. Dover felt disheartened that the elected officials had no problem having allowed first responders get thrown under the bus. The elected officials have to put the residents first and are getting the short end of the deal. It's trivial trying to punish the fire chief, the fire department, and the people who save lives because they decided not to do something in the interest of public safety. Mr. Dover stated that the council needs to apologize to the town. He stated that since this council and Mayor have been running the town, the town is more divided than ever before. The Borough Administrator needs to apologize as well. The one thing everyone agrees on is that the Borough Administrator is no good for the town even as divided as Bergenfield is.

Diana Flagg, resident, stated that she was stunned to see a Josh Gottheimer banner at the start of the public meeting. She saw nothing about it in the newspaper. Ms. Flagg complimented Mr. Gallo for solving the problem of a Pepsi truck being illegally parked in a handicapped spot. Ms. Flagg stated that she read in the police department's report there were children caught with controlled substances and made her think about the marijuana growing farm in Bergenfield. She inquired about who paid for the towing of the fire truck donated. Ms. Flagg suggested the parade next year should be done by the borough officials and they should march behind the fire department.

Joseph Verga, resident, stated that he's lived in Bergenfield for 49 years and had the pleasure and honor of working with hundreds of Bergenfield friends and neighbors on many projects and organizations. Mr. Verga stated that they have different cultural backgrounds and political views, but all share the same common love for the Bergenfield community. They put aside their differences and did what was best for Bergenfield. He is saddened to see the conflict between the veterans, fire department and ambulance, and the government organizations. Everyone involved contributes significantly. Mr. Verga stated, for the sake of Bergenfield, the friendly town, this must stop. All parties need to meet behind closed doors, figure out a solution, and apologize and forgive each other.

Kathryn Gorman, resident, stated her mother, who is 85 years old and has dementia, lives above the smoke shop. The marijuana smell permeates in her apartment. They have called the police department several times and were told there is nothing they can do because marijuana has been legalized in New Jersey. Ms. Gorman stated that people go behind the building and party there. The pediatrician's office and Rony's Rockin' Grill also complain to no avail. It's unhealthy and causing a

health issue. It is unfair to her mom who has lived here since the 1970's. The landlord told her it's not his job when she confronted him to do something. She wanted everyone to be aware of what is happening in town and that it is such an embarrassment to think there is going to be a smoke farm. Ms. Gorman stated that she is the President of the Bergenfield Property Owner's Association and led the fight against the property taxes and the salaries from 2005-2009. She stated that she is going to get involved again and is going to question every penny. Ms. Gorman stated that Mike from the fire department, had gone to her house and saved her home.

Norman Schmelz, resident, stated that he did an OPRA request in which he learned that the county said if the borough puts in ramps, they would paint the street on Portland Avenue. Mr. Schmelz stated that this still has not happened and inquired why it is taking so long. Mr. Schmelz stated that the money for the brook is all going to the engineer and not to solve the problem. The engineer is bashing the previous engineers who did the study, but they are the engineers who are doing the work on Hickory Ave. He inquired if they are good or bad engineers. He inquired if there is an update on the marijuana factory. He stated there are no crosswalks on Demarest Avenue and Church Street. The safety committee was supposed to have citizens on the committee. He stated it is ridiculous how the issue with the fire department was in the newspaper. Mr. Schmelz inquired if the council had discussed it and if everyone was in agreement with the sanctions. The fire department does so much more than just going into burning buildings. He also commented there is still no contract for the police. There used to be a Junior Police Academy. He inquired how much money was put into the fire trucks before donating them. He inquired if someone gets hurt in the fire truck, would the town be held liable and be sued.

There being no one else who wishes to be heard, Council President Deauna closed Verbal Communications II.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that he will confirm with the contractor why the handicapped ramps have not been done yet. Mr. Gallo stated they are interacting with the homeless man. He does not want help, and as such, there is not much that can be done. Mr. Gallo stated that he has spoken with the police department about the day workers. The 7-Eleven owner notified the day workers they can stay on his property. The Police Department has tried to move them. He will need to review the ordinance. Mr. Gallo stated they are making an effort to clean the brook, but need a permit from DEP. He explained that it is an extensive process in which the borough is mandated to have a survey done of the entire brook just to be able clean it. The borough cannot cut the vegetation without a permit. The engineers have been completing the surveys of the properties. Mr. Gallo stated that the plan that was devised by Remington & Vernick Engineers was good for a 10-year flood. He explained that T&M Associates noted that the 10-year flood is now every storm. As such, the plan is no longer applicable and will not alleviate the issue. He stated that the engineers are devising a new plan. Mr. Gallo stated that Tenafly and Cresskill are having flooding problems and want the brook cleaned. The borough engineers have been in touch with Cresskill, Tenafly, Teaneck, and Englewood. Mr. Gallo stated that the borough committed \$146,000 for the permit. Mr. Gallo stated they have addressed the place with the marijuana with the police department. The property owner of Sears who applied for a permit for the marijuana farm does not have a permit. Mr. Gallo explained that it is a secured facility and not a point of sale. The smoke shop doesn't have a permit to sell marijuana. If they are selling marijuana, the police can document it and report it to the zoning board. Mr. Gallo explained their business license can be pulled because they are violating the laws.

Councilperson Rivera stated, the council didn't give a permit for the retail sale of marijuana. His vote is no.

Mr. Gallo stated that applications can be issued in different ways. They don't want people to open retail establishments in town. Manufacturing, creating oils and growing, are the least invasive. If a permit were issued, it would be a secured facility. No outside people would be able to go in. Mr. Gallo stated, any movement of materials would be moved by armored vehicles. It would be highly



regulated by the state. If the town didn't take any action, the state would have chosen for the town. Mr. Gallo stated there were no sanctions put on the BVAC. They attended the parade. He stated, he takes zero pleasure in implementing the sanctions. Mr. Gallo stated, on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the fire officer's meeting, the Chief of the Fire Department, in his meeting minutes had stated, if they were not first in the parade, they were not marching. Mr. Gallo stated, on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, there was a pre-parade meeting. At the meeting, members of the police department, DPW, fire department, BVAC, OEM, a member from the clerk's office, member from the administrator's office, and veterans committee were all in attendance to coordinate the efforts of the parade. Mr. Gallo stated, there was no reference from the fire department about safety. There was no reference from them about not attending if they were not going to march first. Mr. Gallo stated, he had brought up, based on the minutes of their meeting, to address the issue of the placement. The chief of the police department had stated they wanted to be in the front. A member of the veterans committee, Sergeant Major Williams, had presented the lineup of the parade and stated, for safety reasons, it would be better if the fire department marched at the end. The traffic division of the police department had discussed with the fire department where the fire trucks would line up. The chief of the fire department—at no time during the meeting—stated, the fire department was not going to attend the parade. Mr. Gallo stated, at no time before or after the fire department's ceremony, in the morning, did anyone tell him the fire department was not going to attend the parade. Members of the veterans committee and mayor and council were upset the fire department didn't show up. He called the fire chief and he didn't answer his phone. Mr. Gallo stated, he spoke with him two days later and as the administrator, told him he owed an apology. Mr. Gallo stated, he respects and supports the volunteer fire department. He stated, the borough didn't take the issue to the newspaper. Mr. Gallo stated it's upsetting because they have to deal with it. Memorial Day is for those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and not about where people line up in the parade. He stated there are police officers and DPW staff blocking off the intersections and would have been cleared if it was needed. There was only one incident in 40 years where there was a fire on Memorial Day. The fire department and the veterans committee are supposed to meet. He stated it hasn't happened yet due to vacation schedules. Mr. Gallo stated, if you can't march on Memorial Day for the veterans, then they shouldn't have a choice to do the events when they want to. Mr. Gallo stated, he would have had the career staff march in the parade if they had respectfully told him they were not going to attend the parade. It's tradition to march in the parade. Mr. Gallo stated there is a policy and procedures manual and as administrator he issues the discipline. The fire department has the right to petition for an appeal. There's hasn't been an appeal nor a meeting. Mr. Gallo stated, he hopes the situation gets resolved. The comments made on social media are ridiculous and untrue.

Mr. Gallo stated, before COVID-19, the governing body authorized the old ladder trucks, that are no longer in use, be donated to other communities less fortunate. The ladder truck went to an area in the Dominican Republic where residents of this community have either family or reside. The price of the transportation was thousands of dollars due to COVID-19. The truck was sent to the Paramus fire department to have the fuel hose replaced. The fire department got the truck to run the day before and were asked to wash the truck. The tire was replaced onsite.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council President Deauna stated the parade was not complete without the fire department. Mr. Gallo has a special place in his heart and is doing his job. He never made any decision without the consent of the council.

Councilperson Lodato stated there were two meetings with the Chief Naylis and Lora Schade from BVAC regarding the Memorial Day parade. Both meetings were cordial, open, and honest. There was a tentative meeting scheduled, but the Chief was away on vacation. Councilperson Lodato stated, after the Chief came back, then key members from veterans committee were away. The meeting will happen and the matter will be resolved. He had inquired if the sanctions are lifted, can events the fire department planned still go forward. Councilperson Lodato stated this could have

been eliminated or lessened if the borough had known on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, about the fire department's participation.

Councilperson Marte stated, as the liaison to the veterans committee, they have been trying to put a meeting together to come to an agreement. They need to come together, come to an agreement, and move forward. He thanked the VFW and stated the parade is to honor the veterans.

Councilperson Rivera stated God, brings peace here.

Councilperson Pascual stated he is sorry that it had to lead to this. He was there at the meeting with Council Lodato, Councilwoman Kornbluth, Chief Naylis, and Lora Schade. It was a productive meeting. Councilperson Pascual stated he didn't know what happened. He would like to try to correct it and wished the fire department can march in the front and back for the next event coming up. He stated they need to come together and show respect for each other.

#### CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION **22-287**/Authorizing the Governing Body to Enter into Closed Executive Session to discuss:

- A. Attorney-Client Privilege
  - 1. Personnel Matters
  - 2. PBA Local #309
  - 3. FMBA Local #65

Minutes will be taken of the meeting and released to the public at the time that the matter is resolved. After the Closed Executive Session, the mayor and council will reconvene in the Executive Chambers to adjourn this public meeting.

On a motion by Councilperson Lodato, second by Councilperson Rivera, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session in the Executive Chambers at 10:02 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilperson Marte, second by Councilperson Rivera, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Quinones  
Borough Clerk