

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE  
BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD  
MAYOR & COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING  
JANUARY 5, 2023**

At 8:10 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 #22-392 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 December 30, 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.

**SWEARING-IN OF COUNCILMEMBERS**

Bergen County Clerk John Hogan stated we are here to celebrate a Democratic republic. Democracy is difficult, challenging, ever changing, but they rise through it and America goes on. People were elected through open, honest, and fair elections, with no fraud. Bergen County Clerk John Hogan stated they are elected to serve and help the people in the community.

County Clerk John Hogan read the Election Certificate of Councilwoman-Elect Ora Kornbluth. He stated that Councilwoman-Elect Kornbluth received 4,492 votes, and presented her a certificate.

Bergen County Clerk John Hogan read the Election Certificate of Councilman Salvador “Buddy” Deauna. He stated that Councilman-Elect Deauna received 4,231 votes, and presented him a certificate.

Councilwoman-Elect Kornbluth was administered the Oath of Office by New Jersey State Assemblyman Chris Tully.

Councilman-Elect Buddy Deauna was administered the Oath of Office by Former Mayor Robert Rivas.

Roll Call of 2023 Council

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

Assemblyman Chris Tully stated that it is always great to be in Bergenfield and speak about the Mayor and Council’s leadership. It is an honor to swear-in Councilwoman Kornbluth for a 4<sup>th</sup> term because of all she has done in her service to the community. Senator Joe Lagana

and Assemblywoman Lisa Swain also thank you for your service. He presented Councilwoman Kornbluth and Councilman Deauna with a State proclamation on behalf of Legislative District 38.

Bergen County Commissioner Tracy Silna Zur stated that it is important to have competent, caring people as elected. She stated that serving is not the most glamorous job. She thanked the councilmembers for their dedication on behalf of her colleagues and congratulated them on their re-election.

Bergen County Commissioner Mary Amoroso stated she grew up in Bergenfield and is very happy the council members were re-elected.

Nvair Beylerian, on behalf of WEDO of Bergen County, congratulated the councilmembers on their re-election. Ms. Beylerian stated she grew up blocks away from Bergenfield. She knows how dedicated Councilwoman Kornbluth is and how she serves with passion. She congratulated Councilwoman Kornbluth and thanked her for her service.

Bergen County Sheriff Anthony Cureton thanked the Mayor and Council for serving the people. He congratulated Councilwoman Kornbluth and Councilman Deauna for their dedication and re-election.

#### **STATEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

Councilperson Lodato congratulated his friends and colleagues on their re-elections. He stated that it has been a pleasure working with both of them in the past. He stated he is looking forward to working with them in the next few years. He stated they don't always agree, but they get the job done.

Councilperson Deauna stated he is pleased and honored to serve Bergenfield. It's been a remarkable journey that started in 2016, unfolding in front of his eyes like a dream. He stated he is proud to be working with friends, not as politicians, but individuals who have dedicated themselves to public service devoid of ego and self-interest. He stated being elected as a councilman is not enough and knows he must serve at a high level in order to be effective. He appreciates that in the past six years, he learned from a lot of people in this room, including adversaries. He found himself tackling issues despite controversies and passionate oppositions, especially in deciding to construct a new municipal building and the marijuana plantation issue. He stated they are here to make decisions to make things better, not for the Councilmembers, but for the community that elected them. Councilman Deauna stated he is humbled and privileged to serve for a third term. This election would have been a difficult one for our party if it wasn't for the great leadership of our beloved Mayor Arvin Amatorio. He stated victory never comes easy and that the party leaders will take note that here in Bergenfield they got re-elected not only because people like them, but because they get things done. The road ahead is still long with plenty of work still to do, including updating and fixing town roads, installing speed bumps to improve traffic safety, working on a new soccer field at the new Twin Boro Field, updating the various parks, and cleaning the creeks to solve perennial flooding during heavy rain seasons. Bergenfield is made up of a rich tapestry of diverse ethnic groups. Councilman Deauna stated they are proud of the diverse heritage and they bring to the adopted country their rich tradition and culture of service. He stated one of them is the pride that they have succeeded in realizing the search for the American dream. He stated a few years back another Filipino-American Mayor challenged them to participate in the country's electoral process. He had stated "that as we permeate all level of society and had reached a certain level of success, we are obligated to give back to the community in any capacity that we see fit." He stated, in Bergenfield they

took this to heart and not only did they register to vote, but they actively participated in worthy campaigns that brought some of us to this height. He thanked Robert Rivas for paving the way for being the very first Filipino Mayor elected in the eastern seaboard. He credited his personal success in life to his lifetime partner and love of his life Cely. He thanked her for all the many years of unfiltered happiness. He thanked his children, Jonathan, Jeremiah, and Maryann Josephine, his grandchildren, Gabriela, Julianna, Joshua, Anabelle, Joseph, and Emma, his daughters-in-law both named Maria Teresa, and to his only son-in-law, Dr. Louie Payumo, He loves them all. He wished everyone a good night and a Happy New Year.

Councilperson Marte thanked everyone for being here today. He congratulated Councilman Deauna and Councilwoman Kornbluth for serving the town and doing it the way they have. Councilman Deauna has been a member of the council even before he was elected as he has been so involved in the community. Councilwoman Kornbluth is the backbone of the council.

Councilperson Kornbluth stated that as she sits here embarking on her fifth term, she is no less in awe and excited as she was the first time. She congratulated her running mate, Councilman Buddy Deauna and looks forward to working together again. Councilwoman Kornbluth thanked her family for being here tonight and for sharing her and her time with the citizens of Bergenfield, whether it be on late-night phone calls with a resident, a council committee meeting, or town event. They understand the importance of serving and giving back to the community. She thanked them for being there and supporting her. She thanked her friends for being here tonight and for their friendship. Councilwoman Kornbluth stated she would be remiss not to mention someone who is not physically here tonight, the person who got her involved in politics, her mentor and friend Charlie Steinel who passed away earlier this year. He was always a phone call away and she could always count on him to steer her in the right direction. Councilwoman Kornbluth stated Charlie's presence is missed tonight. Local government is where the rubber meets the road. The council are the one responsible to make certain the garbage is collected and that the roads are plowed to ensure the residents are able to travel safely. The council is responsible to make certain the residents are safe and secure in their own homes. Councilwoman Kornbluth stated they don't do this alone and need partners in Washington, Trenton, and at the County. She thanked Assemblyman Tully, Commissioners Zur and Amoroso, Sheriff Cureton, County Clerk Hogan, as well as many others that joined here tonight, for always being a phone call away, and for all that they do for their constituents on a regular basis. She looks forward to working with them again and together they can make a difference. Councilwoman Kornbluth stated as a Mayor and Council, they have accomplished a lot over the past three years since her last reorganization. They have dealt with covid head on and came out stronger, opening a food bank for residents, putting together vaccine clinics, and being there for the residents for whatever their needs were. Councilwoman Kornbluth stated they have paved over 50 roads, started construction on a new borough hall, as well as a sports multi-purpose turf field. She stated that the borough secured an indoor facility for programming and recreation, and have upgraded many activities for the residents including: family fun days, summer concerts, Halloween weekend, and Holiday in the Park to name a few all the while keeping taxes stable and increasing the bond rating. Councilwoman Kornbluth stated there is a great group on the council, Tommy, Buddy, Rafael, Arvin, Hernando, and Marc. As she has said in the past, they don't always agree, her included, but they are always look out for the best interest of the residents and have accomplished so much working together. She considers all, not only her colleagues, but her friends and look forward to seeing what they can accomplish together over the next three years.

Councilperson Rivera thanked God for allowing all to be present this evening. He thanked the families for their support. He thanked all of the elected officials for being present tonight. He

stated that the Council is trying to leave a legacy for the community and the families of Bergenfield. They are building small projects and the new borough hall for the next hundred years for future generations. Councilperson Rivera thanked all for their presence and wished all a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year.

Councilperson Pascual thanked God first for having the opportunity to be here tonight. He also thanked the county and state representatives for being here tonight. He congratulated Councilman Deauna and Councilwoman Kornbluth on their re-election. He is grateful and proud of working together as a team. They still have a lot of work to do in 2023. He stated they do not always agree, but work through the issues. He thanked Mayor Amatorio for his leadership role, Borough Administrator Gallo, and Borough Clerk Quiñones.

Mayor Arvin Amatorio congratulated Councilman Deauna and Councilwoman Kornbluth on their re-election. It was a pleasure working with them on the campaign. He congratulated all councilmembers for job well done over previous years. He thanked Assemblyman Tully, Commissioners Zur and Amoroso, former Mayor Rivas, and the families of those elected to the council. Mayor Amatorio stated that today marks his third anniversary as Mayor of Bergenfield. It has been an honor and privilege to serve the community. He thanked all for their trust in him. Mayor Amatorio stated they made great strides, accomplished many things, and focused on making Bergenfield a better place. He firmly believes that to make progress, they must set ambitious goals and work every day to achieve them. He explained that last year alone, they embarked on significant infrastructure projects. They started building a new borough hall which is expected to finish this year. They will inaugurate their state-of-the-art turf field at Vivyen Park in the spring. The borough is adding sports facilities, such as pickleball courts, and continuously improving Conlon Hall for indoor and recreation activities. He stated last year, the borough repaved more than a dozen roads, some of which have never been repaired for the last 30 years. They completed work on more than 50 roads in the previous three years, including Hickory Avenue and Marcotte Lane. Mayor Amatorio stated this year they will focus on repairing many of the sidewalks. Mayor Amatorio further stated that they are proud to have a series of concerts and street parties, and Family Fun Day during the summer. The borough had record breaking attendance at the Halloween activities, including the Halloween parade, trunk or treat, and the haunted walk at the pond. The Mayor's Wellness Campaign for 2022 successfully focused on physical and mental health. They had week-long activities for eight weeks. Mayor Amatorio stated they had health education, mental health awareness, and incorporated vaccination drives for the residents. He explained part of his agenda, when he was sworn in, was to spur economic development in the business district. He is happy to announce they have completed declaring the entire Washington Avenue and other areas of business districts as areas of redevelopment. The planning engineers conducted studies that were accepted and endorsed by the Planning Board and Borough Council. This will pave the way for potential investors to renovate and improve the commercial buildings. The town and many of the residents suffered from devastating flooding this past year. The borough has commissioned the engineers to update a more than decade old flooding mitigation plan. They are aggressively collaborating with the state and the neighboring towns to address the flooding at a regional level. They have started cleaning the brooks after getting permission from the state. Mayor Amatorio stated it is going to take a lot of effort, but they are determined to resolve the issues. He stated, this year, they look forward to completing the digital integration with the launching of Gov Pilot, which will make transactions easier with town services, such as paying taxes, applying for construction and building permits, animal licenses, and interactive communications with the residents. Mayor Amatorio stated the town's financial conditions remain strong, and is proud of having record breaking collections at a time of inflation and Covid. They have collected revenues and have added assessments, despite the big projects and programs in the community. He stated more plans need to be completed and done, but

is delighted they are moving in the right direction. He stated they need to continue working together and keep moving Bergenfield forward. He thanked many people that helped achieve their goals. He extended his genuine appreciation to the council for their commitment and support of their agenda. He thanked the department heads and employees for keeping a higher level of commitment to their work. He is grateful to all of the volunteers working on committees and board for their time to the town. He thanked the recreation department, headed by Ed Volmer, for their extraordinary work. He thanked the first responders and public work employees for answering the calls at the most inconvenient and risky times. Mayor Amatorio stated he genuinely appreciates Borough Administrator Corey Gallo for his 24-hour work for the borough. Corey is tasked to do almost everything, and he does it with grace and dedication. He thanked Borough Clerk Marie Quinones, Hilda Tavitian, Conall O'Malley, and Justin Boushay at the administration office for making a formidable team that makes Bergenfield the best town in Bergen County. He thanked John Schettino, John Shahdanian, and all the professional partners in helping move every part of the Bergenfield government. Mayor Amatorio stated, last but not least, he is grateful to his family for their understanding and support. He stated his wife, Ilya, was his greatest ally who helped and led many of the activities, such as the Mayor's Wellness Campaign, and spearheaded community activities and fundraisers, not to mention her patience for his long phone conversations on weekends and after-office hours events and commitments. He stated his two boys, Landon and Andrew, were very understanding and also joined in doing volunteer work for the community. He thanked all for the privilege of allowing him to serve. God bless all and America.

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

John Smith, resident, congratulated Councilman Deauna and Councilwoman Kornbluth on their re-election. He remembered meeting Ora the first time at Cooper's Pond for the homeowner's debate and stated that she has grown a lot of wisdom. Mr. Smith stated he hopes something will be done about parking and lighting requirements this year. He stated that he witnessed a DPW garbage truck back out of his street due to cars being parked on both sides of the road. He further stated that there are three applications requiring seven bedrooms, which will only be required to have two parking spaces. He explained that people no longer use their garages the right way. Mr. Smith stated that something needs to be done about the number of parking spaces required. He stated that a solution would be to widen the roads.

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

**RESOLUTION 23-001/To Appoint Councilman Marc Pascual as Council President**

Motion by Councilperson Lodato, seconded by Councilperson Rivera, that Resolution #23-001 be approved.

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

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| Councilperson Lodato: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Kornbluth:   | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Deauna: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Rivera:      | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Marte:  | <i>aye</i> | Council President Pascual: | <i>aye</i> |

**RESOLUTION 23-002/To Establish the Seating Order of the 2023 Governing Body.**

Councilman Thomas A. Lodato

Councilman Buddy Deauna  
Councilman Rafael Marte  
Mayor Arvin Amatorio  
Councilwoman Ora C. Kornbluth  
Councilman Hernando Rivera  
Council President Marc Pascual

Motion by Councilperson Marte, seconded by Councilperson Deauna, that Resolution #23-002 be approved.

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

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| Councilperson Lodato: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Kornbluth:   | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Deauna: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Rivera:      | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Marte:  | <i>aye</i> | Council President Pascual: | <i>aye</i> |

### **BOROUGH ATTORNEY**

Mayor recommends and nominates John L. Schettino, Esq. to the position of Borough Attorney for a one-year term, expiring 12/31/2023.

**RESOLUTION 23-003/**To Confirm Mayor's nomination of John L. Schettino, Esq. as Borough Attorney.

Motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, seconded by Councilperson Rivera, that Resolution #23-003 be approved.

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

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| Councilperson Lodato: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Kornbluth:   | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Deauna: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Rivera:      | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Marte:  | <i>aye</i> | Council President Pascual: | <i>aye</i> |

### **MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE**

Mayor recommends and nominates Franklin S. Montero, Esq. to the position of Municipal Court Judge for a three-year term, expiring 12/31/2025.

**RESOLUTION 23-004/**To Confirm Mayor's nomination of Franklin S. Montero, Esq. as Municipal Court Judge.

Motion by Councilperson Marte, seconded by Councilperson Kornbluth, that Resolution #23-004 be approved.

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

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| Councilperson Lodato: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Kornbluth:   | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Deauna: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Rivera:      | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Marte:  | <i>aye</i> | Council President Pascual: | <i>aye</i> |

**CONSENT RESOLUTION 23-005.** 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. **23-006**/Adopt By-Laws for 2023
- b. **23-007**/Establishing Meeting Dates
- c. **23-008**/Reaffirming Interest Rates and Dates on Delinquent Taxes
- d. **23-009**/Authorizing Fire Department Mutual Aid
- e. **23-010**/Confirming Source Separation and Recycling
- f. **23-011**/Reaffirming Petty Cash and Change Funds
- g. **23-012**/Designate Official Depositories for Current Operating Funds
- h. **23-013**/Designate Secondary Bank Accounts, Signatories and Fiduciary Responsibilities
- i. **23-014**/Authorizing the Utilization of GovDeals, Inc. for the Purpose of Disposing of Surplus Equipment
- j. **23-015**/Authorizing Tax Collector to Cancel Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amounts less than \$10.00
- k. **23-016**/Authorizing \$20 Fee for Tax Payments Returned for Insufficient Funds
- l. **23-017**/Authorizing Police Department Mutual Aid
- m. **23-018**/Approving the December 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- n. **23-019**/Approving the 2023 Tow Companies
- o. **23-020**/Hiring Crossing Guard – Dave Sappleton
- p. **23-021**/Approving a Tax Sale Certificate \$50 Fee for Third Redemption Request or More
- q. **23-022**/Approving NJ DCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant (LRIG) Application

Motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, seconded by Councilperson Marte, that the Consent Resolution be approved.

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

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| Councilperson Lodato: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Kornbluth:   | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Deauna: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Rivera:      | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Marte:  | <i>aye</i> | Council President Pascual: | <i>aye</i> |

### **TEMPORARY BUDGET**

**RESOLUTION 23-023**/To Approve Temporary Budget Appropriations in CY 2023.

Motion by Councilperson Pascual, seconded by Councilperson Kornbluth, that Resolution #23-023 be approved.

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

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| Councilperson Lodato: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Kornbluth:   | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Deauna: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Rivera:      | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Marte:  | <i>aye</i> | Council President Pascual: | <i>aye</i> |

### **PROFESSIONAL NOMINATIONS**

Mayor recommends and nominates the following professionals for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/23.

- Remington & Vernick Engineers as the Borough Engineer for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/23.
- T&M Associates as the Special Projects Engineer for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/23.
- Rogut McCarthy LLC as the Bond Counsel for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/23.
- John L. Shahdanian II Esq., Trenk Isable Siddiqi & Shahdanian P.C. as the Labor Counsel for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/23.
- Boggia Boggia Betesh & Voytus, LLC as the Tax Appeal Counsel, for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/23.
- Paul J. Lerch, CPA, RMA, PSA - Lerch, Vinci & Bliss LLP as the Borough Auditor for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/23.
- GJEM- Otterstedt Insurance Agency as the Risk Consultant for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/23.
- Millennium Strategies LLC as the Grant Writer and Consultant for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/23.
- Associated Appraisal Group as the Borough Appraiser for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/23.
- Marc A. Calello, Esq. – Maw Law Group Co as the Borough Prosecutor for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/23.
- Linda H. Schwager, Esq. as the Alternate Borough Prosecutor for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/23.
- Robert Metzdorf, Esq. – Metzdorf Law Office as the Public Defender for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/23.
- Steven Sciancalepore, Esq. as the Alternate Public Defender for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/23.
- Neglia Engineering Associates as Planner/Engineer for Economic Development for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/23.
- Phoenix Advisors LLC for Continuing Disclosure and Independent Registered Municipal Advisor Services.

**RESOLUTION 23-024/**To Confirm Professional Nominations an Authorize Execution of Contracts.

Motion by Councilperson Marte, seconded by Council President Pascual, that Resolution #23-024 be approved.

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



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| Councilperson Lodato: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Kornbluth:   | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Deauna: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Rivera:      | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Marte:  | <i>aye</i> | Council President Pascual: | <i>aye</i> |

**ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve in the respective administrative positions for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/23:

- John Pampaloni as the Wastewater Consultant C-3 Licensed Collection Operator, term expiring 12/31/23.
- Edward Volmer as Director of Recreation for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/23.
- Corey Gallo as Public Agency Compliance Officer for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/23.
- Robert E. Byrnes, Jr. as Safety Coordinator for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/23.
- Eva Gallione as Town Historian for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/23.

**RESOLUTION 23-025/To Ratify the Administrative Appointments for 2023**

Motion by Council President Pascual, seconded by Councilperson Kornbluth, that Resolution #23-025 be approved.

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

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| Councilperson Lodato: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Kornbluth:   | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Deauna: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Rivera:      | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Marte:  | <i>aye</i> | Council President Pascual: | <i>aye</i> |

**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 as stated on the agenda. His nomination to the Veteran’s Advisory Committee was amended to remove member John Opatovsky.

**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, 2023.

- Lee Brinkman
- Patti Enders, Secretary
- Pat Flaherty
- Lorraine Forcier
- Dr. Delores Harrison
- Kathy Moore
- Sharon Thiemann
- Liezl Cruz, Public Health Nurse
- Phil Neville, DPW Superintendent

Harry Hillenius, Building Dept.  
Police Officer Robert Mader  
Captain John Maggi

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

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

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| Benjamin Cabuhat | 4-year term, term exp. 12/31/26 |
| Jojoy Cheriyan   | 4-year term, term exp. 12/31/26 |

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Environmental Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2023.

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

**GREEN TEAM**

Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Green Team for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2023.

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

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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

Barbara Chittum

5-year term, term exp. 12/31/27

**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, 2023.

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

**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, 2023.

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

**PLANNING BOARD**

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

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| Robert Byrnes Jr. | Class II, 1-year term, term Boarexp. 12/31/23        |
| Jason Bergman     | Class IV, 4-year term, term exp. 12/31/26            |
| Praveen Joseph    | Alternate #1, 2-year unexp. term, term exp. 12/31/23 |
| _____             | Alternate #2, 2-year term, term exp. 12/31/24        |

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Recreation Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2023.

Domingo Almonte  
Juan Arango  
Mariann Canino, Secretary  
Ron Demenech, Emeritus  
Bryan Ghilligan  
Terry Infield  
Kathie Lacey  
James Lodato  
Tony Londono  
Vinny Malley  
Ryan Martin  
Pedro Martinez  
Belinda Mendez  
Libia Placencia  
Anthony Roldan  
Ines De La Rosa  
Cesar De La Rosa  
Brian Timmons  
Jackie Teel  
Ed Volmer, Director  
Melissa Weigl

**RENT LEVELING BOARD**

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

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Dolores Butler   | Member, 3-year term, term exp. 12/31/25        |
| Diane Carlson    | Tenant, 3-year term, term exp. 12/31/25        |
| Maureen Sullivan | Tenant, 3-year term, term exp. 12/31/25        |
| Andrew Lehr      | Member, 1-year term, term exp. 12/31/23        |
| _____            | Alt. Landlord, 1-year term, term exp. 12/31/23 |
| _____            | Alt. Tenant, 1-year term, term exp. 12/31/23   |

**MAYOR'S SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mayor appoints the following to serve on the Senior Citizen Committee for a one-year term, term, term expiring December 31, 2023.

Loretta Amara, President  
Marge Alfano, Vice President  
Donna Bellottie, Treasurer  
Annette Roge, Secretary  
Steven Bellavia  
Fred Bellottie  
Lorraine Bernich  
Eileen Conroy  
Barbara Gerin  
John Horsman  
Linda Horsman  
Gary Romano

**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, 2023.

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

**SITE PLAN COMMITTEE**

Mayor appoints the following to serve on the Site Plan Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2023.

Robert Byrnes Jr., Fire Captain and Safety Coordinator  
Richard Morf, Zoning Board of Adjustment  
Steven Naylis, Chief of the Fire Department  
Phil Neville, DPW Superintendent and Shade Tree Committee  
John Pampaloni, WWC Operator  
Mustafa Rabboh, Police Chief  
Mike Ravenda, Code Enforcement  
Robert Rivas, Planning Board  
Joseph Scalora, Chair/Resident Member  
Lora Shade, Bergenfield Volunteer Ambulance Corp.  
Tracey Zysman, Clerk

**STIGMA FREE COMMITTEE**

Mayor appoints the following to serve on the Stigma Free Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2023.

Lovely Aquino Garcia  
Maria Balajadia  
Jocelyn Inglis  
Liliza Pancho  
Bartolome Pancho  
Meann Rivera  
Jesse Rivera  
Susan Sytner  
Mairead Tully

**VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Veterans Advisory Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2023.

John Smith, Chairman  
Warren T. Williams, Secretary

Edgar Garcia, Member  
 Thomas Lang, Member  
 Dina Moore, Member  
 Willie Moree Jr., Member  
 Richard Morf, Member  
 Dr. Samuel Paul, Chaplin  
 Alexandra V. Rodriguez, Member  
 Fred Sahlberg, Member  
 Wilfred W. Selby, Member  
 Joseph E. Sokol, Member  
 Benjamin Whaley, Member  
 Amos White, Member

Councilperson Deauna motioned that the nominations be confirmed. Councilperson Rivera seconded the motion.

On all a roll call, the vote was recoded as follows:

|                       |            |                            |            |
|-----------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Councilperson Lodato: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Kornbluth:   | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Deauna: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Rivera:      | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Marte:  | <i>aye</i> | Council President Pascual: | <i>aye</i> |

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Council President Pascual recommends and nominates the following to serve as members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment:

|               |                                    |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
| Jason Bergman | Member, 4-year term exp. 12/31/26  |
| John Smith    | Member, 4-year term exp. 12/31/26  |
| Nishant Desai | Alt. #2, 2-year term exp. 12/31/24 |

Councilperson Deauna motioned that the nominations be confirmed. Councilperson Kornbluth seconded the motion.

On all a roll call, the vote was recoded as follows:

|                       |            |                            |            |
|-----------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Councilperson Lodato: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Kornbluth:   | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Deauna: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Rivera:      | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Marte:  | <i>aye</i> | Council President Pascual: | <i>aye</i> |

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

|                               |           |           |         |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| <b>FINANCE</b>                | Kornbluth | Marte     | Rivera  |
| <b>POLICE</b>                 | Rivera    | Kornbluth | Pascual |
| <b>FIRE</b>                   | Lodato    | Deauna    | Pascual |
| <b>DPW &amp; PARKS</b>        | Marte     | Kornbluth | Rivera  |
| <b>BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS</b> | Deauna    | Marte     | Lodato  |
| <b>COMMUNITY AFFAIRS</b>      | Pascual   | Lodato    | Deauna  |

Councilperson Rivera motioned that the nominations for all Standing Committees named by Council President Pascual be confirmed. Councilperson Kornbluth seconded the motion.

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

|                       |            |                            |            |
|-----------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Councilperson Lodato: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Kornbluth:   | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Deauna: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Rivera:      | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Marte:  | <i>aye</i> | Council President Pascual: | <i>aye</i> |

### **LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

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

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| <b>AMBULANCE CORPS</b>                          | <b>Kornbluth</b> |
| <b>BARRIER FREE COMMITTEE</b>                   | <b>Deauna</b>    |
| <b>BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>                       | <b>Pascual</b>   |
| <b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>                          | <b>Deauna</b>    |
| <b>COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM</b>                  | <b>Pascual</b>   |
| <b>ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE (<i>Ecology</i>)</b> | <b>Rivera</b>    |
| <b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>                     | <b>Kornbluth</b> |
| <b>GREEN TEAM</b>                               | <b>Rivera</b>    |
| <b>LIBRARY BOARD</b>                            | <b>Lodato</b>    |
| <b>MAYOR'S SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE</b>        | <b>Deauna</b>    |
| <b>MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE</b>                       | <b>Deauna</b>    |
| <b>RECREATION COMMITTEE</b>                     | <b>Kornbluth</b> |
| <b>RENT LEVELING BOARD</b>                      | <b>Pascual</b>   |
| <b>SHADE TREE COMMITTEE</b>                     | <b>Marte</b>     |
| <b>SITE PLAN</b>                                | <b>Rivera</b>    |
| <b>STIGMA FREE COMMITTEE</b>                    | <b>Lodato</b>    |
| <b>TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE</b>                 | <b>Rivera</b>    |
| <b>VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>              | <b>Marte</b>     |
| <b>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</b>               | <b>Marte</b>     |

Councilperson Rivera motioned that the nominations for Liaison to all the Boards and Committees named by Council President Pascual be confirmed. Councilperson Kornbluth seconded the motion.

|                       |            |                            |            |
|-----------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Councilperson Lodato: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Kornbluth:   | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Deauna: | <i>aye</i> | Councilperson Rivera:      | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Marte:  | <i>aye</i> | Council President Pascual: | <i>aye</i> |

Mayor Amatorio stated that a separate vote is requested to appoint Council representatives to the Planning Board.

Councilperson Kornbluth motioned to appoint Councilperson Thomas A. Lodato as a Class III member for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/23. Council President Pascual seconded the motion.

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

|                       |                |                          |            |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Councilperson Lodato: | <i>abstain</i> | Councilperson Kornbluth: | <i>aye</i> |
| Councilperson Deauna: | <i>aye</i>     | Councilperson Rivera:    | <i>aye</i> |

Councilperson Marte: *aye* Council President Pascual: *aye*

Mayor Amatorio also appointed Councilperson Hernando as his Alternate Class III member. No vote required because it is the Mayor's appointment.

Mayor Amatorio administered the Oath of Office to Municipal Court Judge Franklin S. Montero, Esq.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being nothing further to come before the Council, on a motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, seconded by Councilperson Rivera, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Quiñones-Wilson, RMC  
Borough Clerk