

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD
MAYOR & COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 1, 2019**

At 12:05 p.m. Mayor Schmelz 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 #18-347 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. In case of an emergency, exits are to the rear and your left. Please turn off all cell phones.

Councilman Rivera led the Salute to the Flag. The Bergenfield Police Honor Guard presented the colors and Mayor asked all veterans to please stand.

SWEARING-IN OF COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Schmelz wished everyone a Happy New Year, and stated that it is an exciting day in Bergenfield, as two councilmembers are being sworn-into office.

Borough Clerk stated that "the Office of the County Clerk has provided a Certificate of Election to Certify that at the General Election held on the 6th day of November, in the year 2018, Thomas A. Lodato was duly elected to serve as Member of the Council for full term in the Borough of Bergenfield, signed by Jamie H. Sheehan-Willis, Chairperson of County Board of Canvassers and John S. Hogan, Clerk of Bergen County."

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

Borough Clerk stated that "the Office of the County Clerk has provided a Certificate of Election to Certify that at the General Election held on the 6th day of November, in the year 2018, Hernando Rivera-Mejia was duly elected to serve as Member of the Council for full term in the Borough of Bergenfield, signed by Jamie H. Sheehan-Willis, Chairperson of County Board of Canvassers and John S. Hogan, Clerk of Bergen County."

Councilman-Elect Hernando Rivera-Mejia was administered the Oath of Office by Freeholder Germaine Ortiz.

Roll Call of 2019 Council

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

STATEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Councilman Lodato wished everyone a happy new year. He introduced his wife, MaryAnn Salemi, who has administered the oath of office for the fifth time, and his daughter Christina.

He stated that although his brother Jim could not be present today, he knows that he extends his best wishes to all, especially the Fire Department. Councilman Lodato stated that his father passed away in June 2017, but had been present the first four times he was sworn into office. Councilman Lodato commented that he knows that even though his father isn't here with him today, his father remains in his mind and his heart. He further commented that he looks forward to working with his colleagues from both parties, as they continue to make Bergenfield a great place to live and raise our families. He expressed that as he sits here today, he has the same enthusiasm and commitment then when he first started in 2007. Councilman Lodato commended Hernando Rivera for being a great Councilman, friend, and running mate. He hopes that work continues as it did in the past years.

Councilman Rivera thanked God for letting us be here in this marvelous, sunny Tuesday that you have given us. Councilman Rivera recognized and extended his gratitude to everyone for taking time from their daily lives to be here with us. He thanked from the bottom of his heart dignitaries Freeholder Germaine Ortiz, Mayor Aguasvivas, and Assemblyman Chris Tully, and his family; his wife Lina, his kids Juan Pablo, Mariana, David, his sister Adriana, Juan Pablo, Melisa, Javier, Gustavo, Beatriz, and other members from his family, for their unconditional support during the last campaign and his daily life. He commented that he could not service without their love and understanding. He thanked everyone for being present during this splendid and historic moment for him, his family, and community, as this is the year that the Borough is celebrating its 125th anniversary. Mr. Rivera congratulated his running mate, the honorable Councilman Tom Lodato and his family. He commented that he couldn't have a better partner capable in all tasks that were proposed in the campaign as well as in the Council. Councilman Rivera stated that it is a great honor and privilege to stand in this marvelous place representing one of the most diverse towns not only because of the colors of skin, but also because of our faith and origins of our name. Councilman Rivera stated that he has been here six years representing this great community, since then he has given a serious look into allocating the resources for the present and the future of services. He has been dedicated to improving and fixing the infrastructure of the Borough, and being proactive to come up with long term solutions that benefit the community. He commented that three years ago, he vowed to improve parks, work on a 10 year road program, parking issues, basketball courts that the Basketball State Champions deserved, create a dog run for our pets, make a mission statement for the town, work in a plan to improve the Borough Hall with more efficiency in all aspects. He stated that from the very beginning, he suggested that something be done to improve Borough Hall, due to all the major building issues such as; heating/air condition, loss of power due to old cables, offices without the minimal required spaces, an outdated Police Station and so on. To maintain the actual building is expensive, and building a new Borough Hall within the next three years is the best solution. In the past three years, the Borough has paved more than 50 roads, improved Memorial Field Park by installing a new light system, built new Basketball courts, and started building the park at Twin Boro Park. We received a million dollar grant for new soccer fields, which has been implemented for the park. We also improved the water quality at Cooper's Pond by replacing the water aeration system allowing us to stock the pond with fish. Councilman Rivera stated that we have improved the summer recreation programs, worked with the business district to bring Halloween on the avenue, which has Borough great success to community day. He stated that the Borough implemented the first phase of the automated garbage collection system improving the quality of life for our town. The second phase is coming with automating the recycling this year. Two fire trucks were purchased to ensure that the Fire Department has the equipment necessary to protect the community, several police vehicles as well so that the Police can keep the community safe, and last year has a zero tax increase due to surplus and so on. Councilman Rivera commented that today he can say mission accomplished, which was done

by the marvelous team comprised of the Councilmen and Councilwoman, as well as the dedication of the Borough Administrator that with his knowledge and expertise, has put the town in better shape for future generations. Councilman Rivera stated that he will continue working hard for Bergenfield in the upcoming years. He wished all a very sweet and prosperous New Year. May God pour his love and blessings on you and your families; Enjoy!

Mayor Schmelz acknowledged and welcomed the dignitaries present; former Mayor Carlos Aguasvivas, Freeholder Germaine Ortiz, Assemblyman Chris Tully, and former Councilman Ray Gorman.

Councilman Deauna wished everyone a happy new year. As he stated last year, he is humbled by the countless blessings bestowed upon him. He stated that he is fortunate to have chosen Bergenfield as his hometown. Councilman Deauna stated he is involved in the town as a family man, business man, and now a Councilman. Bergenfield is woven into a diverse tapestry of different cultures, a melting pot of many ethnic groups, from different contexts, or are simply proud to be called American regardless of origin, religious beliefs and political affiliations. He stated that he is personally he is honored to be part of the elected officials present today, likewise he is ecstatic for the victories of his two favorite Councilmen, Thomas A. Lodato and Hernando Rivera, he considers them as his friends. Congratulations to them, both were presented challenges, and has to build consensus, for a progressive town. When he was sworn in two years ago, he said he would serve the town ethically and honorably. God bless you all, God bless Bergenfield, and God bless America.

Councilman Amatorio, wished everyone very happy and prosperous new year, this is a great day to start this year, there is much work to be done this year, and I hope that with the help of the re-elected Councilmembers, we can do all those things. He thanked his friend Assemblyman Chris Tully for being present, as he knows that the County Executive is also being sworn-in, but he chose Bergenfield. He also thanked Freeholder Germaine Ortiz for choosing Bergenfield to spend the New Year, and former Mayor Carlos Aguasvivas. He also congratulated Chief Naylis for his return and thanked the Fire Department for their service. Councilman Amatorio thanked the families of Councilman Lodato and Rivera, and extended his sincere congratulations to them. Thank you and God bless all.

Councilwoman Kornbluth, wished everyone a happy new year, and thanked all for coming. She also thanked Assemblyman Chris Tully, Freeholder Ortiz, former Mayor Aguasvivas, and former Councilman Gorman for being here as well. She congratulated her Council colleagues Hernando Rivera and Thomas Lodato on their victories, and stated that she looks forward to working together for many more years and moving Bergenfield forward. Councilwoman Kornbluth stated that they do not always agree, but enjoys the give and take and the banter, but at the end of the day, they all share a common goal, which is to make Bergenfield the best place it can possible be for its residents. Congratulations to the Fire Department and all its officers on their appointment, and thank you all for coming.

Councilman Marte wished everyone a happy new year and thanked all for coming. He would like to congratulate the newly elected Councilmen Hernando Rivera and Thomas Lodato, thanked them for the commitment they have shown over and over. Congratulations to you and your family. Councilman Marte also thanked all the dignitaries and distinguished guest present, and thanked the Fire Department for being here today.

Mayor Schmelz congratulated Councilman Lodato and Councilman Rivera, and stated that he is the only one that ran against them and lost to them six years ago. He stated that this Council is a very great team, and has made a lot of progress, Councilman Rivera read the Borough resume off, as a lot of work has been done, and as Councilwoman Kornbluth stated,

the work will continue. There is a lot of progress that needs to be maintained. He congratulated the Fire Department on their reorganization, and thanked everyone for coming, especially the elected officials that chose to be in Bergenfield today.

AGENDA CHANGES

Mayor Schmelz stated that there are several changes to the agenda, and that he would like to remove John Hickey from the Veteran's Committee, and add William Betesh as a Tax Appeal Attorney.

Councilman Rivera stated that he would like to change item #50 on the agenda to include Joel Nunez as the full-term member, and add Joel Berkowitz as the Alt. #2. Also, in item #52, he would like to add Councilman Rafael Marte as the Liaison to the Bergenfield Special Improvement District.

On a motion by Councilwoman Kornbluth, seconded by Councilman Rafael Marte, and all present voting in favor, the agenda changes were approved.

RESOLUTION 19-001/To Appoint Ora Kornbluth as Council President

Motion by Councilman Amatorio, second by Councilman Rivera that Resolution #19-001 be approved.

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

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Council President Kornbluth:	<i>abstain</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>aye</i>

RESOLUTION 19-002/To Establish the Seating Order of the 2019 Governing Body

Councilman Thomas A. Lodato
Councilman Buddy Deauna
Councilman Arvin Amatorio
Mayor Norman Schmelz
Councilwoman Ora C. Kornbluth
Councilman Hernando Rivera
Councilman Rafael Marte

Motion by Councilman Rivera, second by Councilman Marte, that Resolution #19-002 be approved.

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

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

RESOLUTION 19-003/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 12/31/2019.

Motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Marte, that Resolution #19-003 be approved.

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

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

PRESENTATIONS

Freeholder Germaine Ortiz stated that she is extremely honored that Hernando Rivera asked her to swear him in. She is extremely proud of all his accomplishments. Freeholder Ortiz stated that her and Hernando share a lot in common, including that they are both from Colombian background. She further stated that she knows it was very difficult for him when he came here fourteen years ago, but he came here and embraced the United States and his town, and right away he became involved in the community. Freeholder Ortiz commended Councilman Rivera for his hard work and commitment due to all the time serving takes from the family. She also commended Thomas Lodato for his commitment to the friendly town. Freeholder Ortiz stated that the County Executive is being sworn in at the moment, but sent citations to be presented to the Councilmembers for their commitment to serve their residents in Bergenfield. She also presented the Councilmembers with certificates from the Board of Chosen Freeholders in honor for their public service.

Assemblyman Chris Tully wished everyone a happy new year. He commented that he proudly represents District 38, including the Borough of Bergenfield. Assemblyman Tully stated hat like Councilwoman Kornbluth and Councilman Marte, he was always stuck with giving the last word. He thanked and congratulated his friends Tom Lodato and Hernando Rivera, who have served this Council admirably, representing Bergenfield which is a very diverse and friendly town, and they all head together. He commented that whether it was a zero tax increase or improving the infrastructure, they did it together, and were fiscally responsible. Assemblyman Tully commended the Council for everything they are doing. Assemblyman Tully presented Councilman Lodato and Councilman Rivera with State Proclamations for their leadership, commitment, and successful public service, on behalf of himself, Senator Joseph Lagana, and Assemblywoman Lisa Swain. He wished everyone the best of luck for a successful 2019.

CONSENT RESOLUTION 19-004

- a. **19-005**/Adopt By-Laws for 2019
- b. **19-006**/Establishing Regular Meetings and Dates
- c. **19-007**/Reaffirming Interest Rates and Dates on Delinquent Taxes
- d. **19-008**/Authorizing Fire Department Mutual Aid
- e. **19-009**/Confirming Source Separation and Recycling
- f. **19-010**/Reaffirming Petty Cash and Change Funds
- g. **19-011**/ Designate Official Depositories for Current Operating Funds
- h. **19-012**/ Designate Secondary Bank Accounts, Signatories and Fiduciary Responsibilities
- i. **19-013**/Authorizing the Utilization of GovDeals, Inc. for Purpose of Disposing of Surplus Equipment
- j. **19-014**/ Authorize Tax Collector to Cancel Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amounts less than \$10.00
- k. **19-015**/Authorize \$20 Fee for Tax Payments Returned for Insufficient Funds

1. **19-016**/Authorizing Police Department Mutual Aid

Motion by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilman Rivera, that the Consent Resolution be approved.

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

RESOLUTION 19-017/To Approve Temporary Budget Appropriations in CY2019

Motion by Councilman Deauna, second by Councilman Rivera, that Resolution 19-017 be approved.

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

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

PROFESSIONAL NOMINATIONS

Mayor Schmelz stated that the next nomination is for Borough Engineer, and explained that extensive conversation was held between him and the Council. Mayor Schmelz explained that the appointment is his recommendation, but it has to be on approval by the Council. He further explained that the Council feels that the Borough should have two engineers this year. Mayor Schmelz expressed that he does not feel that one of the engineers is worthy of the appointment, and is only appointing one engineer. He further expressed that the other engineers were in the position for several years, and the Borough experienced issues with them. Therefore, he would feel stronger with the one engineer.

Mayor recommends and nominates T & M Associates as the Borough Engineer for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/19.

MOTION by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilman Rivera, that the nomination be approved.

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

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>nay</i>	Council President Kornbluth:	<i>nay</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>nay</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>nay</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>nay</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>nay</i>

MOTION by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilman Rivera, that Remington & Vernick Engineers and T&M Associates be appointed as Borough Engineer for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/19.

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

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

Mayor recommends and nominates Rogut McCarthy LLC as the Bond Counsel for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/19.

MOTION by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilman Rivera, that the nomination be confirmed. All present in favor, none opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates Chasan, Lamparello, Mallon, and Cappuzzo, PC as the Labor Counsel for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/19.

MOTION by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilman Rivera, that the nomination be confirmed. All present in favor, none opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates Gloria Oh Law Group, LLC, John Bang/The Choi Law Group, LLC, and William Betesh/Boggia & Boggia as the Tax Appeal Counsel, for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/19.

MOTION by Councilperson Amatorio, second by Councilman Deauna, that the nomination be confirmed. All present in favor, none opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates Lerch, Vinci & Higgins LLP as the Borough Auditor for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/19.

MOTION by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilman Rivera, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates GJEM Insurance Agency, Inc., Division of Otterstedt Agency as the Risk Consultant for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/19.

MOTION by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilman Deauna, that the nomination be confirmed. All present in favor, none opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates Millennium Strategies LLC as the Grant Writer and Consultant for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/19.

MOTION by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilman Rivera, that the nomination be confirmed. All present in favor, none opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates Associated Appraisal Group, Inc. as the Borough Appraiser for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/19.

MOTION by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilman Rivera, that the nomination be confirmed. All present in favor, none opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates Franklin S. Montero as the Borough Prosecutor for a one year term, term expiring 12/31/19.

MOTION by Councilman Amatorio, second by Councilman Marte, that the nomination be confirmed. All present in favor, none opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates Giannantonio & Roth, LLC, as the Alternate Borough Prosecutor for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/19.

MOTION by Councilman Amatorio, second by Councilman Deauna, that the nomination be confirmed. All present in favor, none opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates Phoenix Advisors LLC for Continuing Disclosure and Independent Registered Municipal Advisor Services.

MOTION by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilman Rivera, that the nomination be confirmed. All present in favor, none opposed.

RESOLUTION 19-018/To Confirm Professional Nominations and Authorize Execution of Contracts as amended.

Motion by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilman Rivera, that Resolution 19-018 be approved as amended.

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

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

The governing body authorized the Borough Clerk to advertise Request for Qualifications for the Public Defender position.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor recommends and nominates John Pampaloni as the Wastewater Consultant C-3 Licensed Collection Operator, term expiring 12/31/19.

MOTION by Councilman Lodato, second by Councilman Deauna, that the nomination be confirmed. All present in favor, none opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates Ed Volmer as Director of Recreation for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/19.

MOTION by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilman Rivera, that the nomination be confirmed. All present in favor, none opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates Corey Gallo as Public Agency Compliance Officer for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/19.

MOTION by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilman Rivera, that the nomination be confirmed. All present in favor, none opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates Robert E. Byrnes, Jr. as Safety Coordinator for a one-year term expiring 12/31/19.

MOTION by Councilman Rivera, second by Council President Kornbluth, that the nomination be confirmed. All present in favor, none opposed.

RESOLUTION 19-019/To Ratify the Administrative Appointments for 2018

Motion by Councilman Rivera, second by Council President Kornbluth, that Resolution 19-019 be approved.

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

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

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, 2019.

Lee Brinkman
Kathy Moore
Robert Mader, Police Officer
Patricia August, Public Health Nurse
Patti Enders
John Maggi, Lieutenant
Lorraine Forcier
Sharon Thiermann
Pat Flaherty
Linda Williams, Chairperson
Barry Doll, Secretary
Phil Neville, DPW Consultant
Harry Hillenius, Building Department

MOTION by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilman Rivera, that the nomination be confirmed. All present 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, 2019.

Robert Gallione
Paul Stypulkoski
Joseph Verga
Barry Doll, Vice-President, Secretary, Clerk
Craig Voyt, Principal at Jefferson School
Jessica Aleman
Angela Meister
Cris Bontia
Niki Nath
Laura Michelson
Phil Neville, DPW Consultant

MOTION by Councilman Marte, second by Councilman Rivera, that the nomination be confirmed. All present 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, 2019.

Barry Doll, Secretary Environmental Committee Member
Paul Stypulkoski, Environmental Committee Member
Sarah Stypulkoski, Environmental Committee Member
Jessica Aleman, Environmental Committee Member
Joe Verga, Chair Environmental Committee Member
Constantina Meis, Environmental Committee Member
Robert Gallione, Environmental Committee Member
Fred Clark, Jr., Environmental Committee Member
Hernando Rivera, Council Liaison
Gerald Naylis, Environmental Committee Member
Corey Gallo, Borough Administrator
Phil Neville, DPW Superintendent
Jules Orkin, Chairman Shade Tree Committee
Phil Neville, DPW Superintendent
Fred Hoyt, DPW Supervisor
Chris Tully, Board of Education
Craig Vogt, Board of Education Liaison and Principal of Jefferson School
Patricia August, Health Department Nurse

MOTION by Councilman Amatorio, second by Councilman Marte, that the nomination be confirmed. All present in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF HEALTH

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

Benjamin Cabuhat	4-year term, term exp. 12/31/22
Jojoy Cheriyan	4-year term, term exp. 12/31/22

MOTION by Councilman Amatorio, second by Councilman Marte, that the nomination be confirmed.

LIBRARY BOARD

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

Dr. Nelson Reynoso	5-year term, term exp. 12/31/23
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MOTION by Councilman Rivera, second by Councilman Deauna, that the nomination be confirmed. All present 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, 2019.

Ryan Shell, Emergency Management Coordinator
Richard Goddin, Jr., Deputy OEM Coordinator
Ora Kornbluth, Council Liaison
Norman Schmelz, Mayor
Corey Gallo, Borough Administrator
Cathy Madalone, Police Chief
Christopher Naylis, Fire Chief
Melissa Naylis, 1st Lieutenant
Robert Byrnes Jr., Safety Coordinator
Philip Neville, DPW Superintendent
Pat August, Nurse
Mike Ravenda, Construction Code Official
Christopher Tully, Board of Education Liaison
J. Gordon Beattie, Jr., R.A.C.E.S. Officer

MOTION by Councilman Amatorio, second by Councilman Deauna, that the nomination be confirmed as amended. All present 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, 2019.

Pat Ammaccapane
Marge Alfano
Donna Bellottie
Annette Roge
Loretta Amara
Fred Bellottie
Carl Berman
Carole Berman
Eileen Conroy
Maria Hoernlein
Roger Hoernlein
Gary Romano
Pat Wagner

Rose Toscano, Emeritus

MOTION by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilman Rivera, that the nomination be confirmed. All present 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, 2019.

Michael Merlo, Chairperson
Linda DePinto, Member
Mr. James Fasano, Bergenfield School District
Nicholas Montello, Bergen County
Mark William Ennis, Member
Thomas O' Reilly, Member

Vicki Sudrow, Vantage Health System
Christine Internicola, Member
Pat August, Public Health Nurse
Sgt. Rich Ramos, Police Department
Dr. Christopher Tully, Superintendent
Student Member

MOTION by Councilman Rivera, second by Council President Kornbluth, that the nomination be confirmed. All present 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, 2019.

Richard Morf	<i>Zoning Board</i>
Robert Rivas	<i>Planning Board</i>
Cathy Madalone	<i>Police Chief</i>
Christopher Naylis	<i>Fire Department</i>
Gerard Naylis	<i>Fire Department</i>
Phil Neville	<i>DPW</i>
Jules Orkin	<i>Shade Tree</i>
John Pampaloni	<i>WWC Operator</i>
Mike Ravenda	<i>Code Enforcement</i>
Perry Sulich	<i>Ambulance Corp.</i>
Joseph Scalora	<i>Resident</i>
Thomas O'Reilly	<i>S.I.D.</i>
Karen Glass	<i>Clerk</i>

MOTION by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilman Deauna, that the nomination be confirmed. All present in favor, none opposed.

PLANNING BOARD

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

Gerard Naylis	Class II, 1-year term, exp. 12/31/19
Gerald Berger	Class IV, 4-year term, exp. 12/31/22
Greg Polandick	Alternate #2, 2-year term, exp. 12/31/20

MOTION by Councilman Marte, second by Councilman Amatorio, to appoint Thomas A. Lodato as a Class III, 1-year term, expiring 12/31/19. All present in favor, none opposed.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Mayor Schmelz recused himself from the appointment.

Council President Kornbluth recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Recreation Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2019.

Ed Volmer
Vinny Malley

Steve Carmona
Mariann Canino
Juan Arango
John Gallagher
Kathie Lacey
Jim Lodato
Tony Londono
Pat Lynch
Ryan Martin
Belinda Mendez
Steve Neff
Carolyn Schmelz
Brian Timmons
Melissa Weigl

MOTION by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilman Rivera, that the nomination be confirmed. All present in favor, none opposed.

RENT LEVELING BOARD

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

_____ Alt. Landlord, 1-year term, term exp. 12/31/19
Andrew Lehr Alt. Tenant, 1-year term, term exp. 12/31/19

MOTION by Councilman Amatorio, second by Councilman Lodato, that the nomination be confirmed. All present 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, 2019.

Mike Cassidy
Dan Muller
Jules Orkin
Joe Schade
Phil Neville, DPW Superintendent, Consultant
Hilda Tavitian, Clerk

MOTION by Councilman Deauna, second by Councilman Marte, that the nomination be confirmed. All present in favor, none opposed.

STIGMA FREE COMMITTEE

Mayor Schmelz recused himself from the appointment.

Council President Kornbluth recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Stigma Free Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2019.

Donna Flannery
Christine Monaghan

Katarzyna Zylka Budiman
Carolyn Schmelz
Tom Boyce
Liza Jackson

MOTION by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilman Rivera, that the nomination be confirmed. All present in favor, none opposed.

VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Veterans Advisory Committee for a one-year term, expiring December 31, 2019.

Kevin Clancy
Thomas Lang
Martin Marquez
Ralph Ritter
Al Roberts
John Smith
James Stewart
Amos White
Fred Sahlberg

MOTION by Councilman Amatorio, second by Council President Kornbluth, that the nomination be confirmed. All present in favor, none opposed.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

Charlie Steinel	Member, 4-year term exp. 12/31/22
Joel Nunez	Member, 4-year term exp. 12/31/22
Joel Berkowitz	Alt. #2, 2-year term exp. 12/31/19

MOTION by Councilman Rivera, second by Councilman Amatorio, that the nomination be confirmed. All present in favor, none opposed.

STANDING COMMITTEES

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

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

MOTION by Councilman Marte, second by Councilman Rivera, that the nominations be

confirmed. All present in favor, none opposed.

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

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

LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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

AMBULANCE CORPS	Kornbluth
BARRIER FREE COMMITTEE	Deauna
BOARD OF EDUCATION	Marte
BOARD OF HEALTH	Deauna
COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM	<i>Vacancy</i>
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE (<i>Ecology</i>)	Rivera
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	Kornbluth
LIBRARY BOARD	Lodato
MAYOR'S SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE	Marte
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE	Marte
PLANNING BOARD	Lodato
RECREATION COMMITTEE	Kornbluth
RENT LEVELING BOARD	Amatorio
SITE PLAN	Rivera
SHADE TREE COMMITTEE	Deauna
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	Marte
STIGMA FREE	Rivera
VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Amatorio
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	Amatorio

MOTION by Councilman Rivera, second by Councilman Deauna, that the nomination be confirmed. All present in favor, none opposed.

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

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT INTRODUCTION OF 2019 OFFICERS

Christopher Naylis, Chief
 Joseph Frino, Jr. 1st Deputy Chief
 Edward Kneisler III, 2nd Deputy Chief
 Steven Naylis, Captain
 Norman Hoyt, Jr., Captain
 Alex Kneisler, Captain
 Richard O'Connor, Lieutenant
 Colin Swift, Lieutenant
 Dylan Meny, Lieutenant

Gerard Naylis, former Chief of the Fire Department, made the following statement and presentation:

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of the Bergenfield Fire Department, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and thank you all for being in attendance today as we swear in our 2019 officers. During this period of transition, we would be remiss if we didn't mention some of the ups and downs of the past year.

2018 was again a busy year for the fire department where our members responded to a total of 729 calls. We responded to 137 general alarms and 616 single company responses. Our operational skill set was put to the task in 2018. The fire department had to combat a higher than usual number of serious structure fires this past year located on Elder Avenue, North Prospect Avenue, Merritt Avenue, Hampton Court, Bergen Avenue, Howard Drive, Wildrose Avenue, Trinity Court, Brook Street and East Clinton Avenue. A major lesson that was reinforced to us is that fire does not discriminate. It strikes at any time, day or night, and doesn't care about your social status, religion, ethnicity, marital status, gender or whether you are home or away. The serious fires that we dealt with this year were all residential. We also responded in a mutual aid capacity to many of our neighboring towns to assist them during serious fires. There were multiple calls to Teaneck and Englewood. 3 multiple alarm fires in Hackensack in a period of just 10 days. And a severe multiple dwelling fire in New Milford were among the mutual aid responses that Bergenfield was dispatched to. Whether to cover empty firehouses or respond to the scene and work, our firefighters rose to the challenge working alongside firefighters from other towns to protect life and property. These mutual assistance arrangements have been in place for over 60 years and continue to be a clear example of how the fire service has used local and regional solutions to help provide superior service to our residents, property owners, and taxpayers.

The fire department continues to answer a fairly high call volume that involves responding to activated smoke detectors, fire alarms, and carbon monoxide detectors going off. Elevated carbon monoxide readings are being found more frequently primarily due to extensive cooking combined with homes becoming more tightly sealed to conserve energy. Many of the fires that happen are kept relatively minor due to early activation of alarm systems.

During 2018, the fire department realized a number of improvements such as:

1. We have been working for a number of years to get new apparatus. This past year, the borough government including our borough administrator worked with us to provide funding for the purchase of a new aerial ladder truck and a new pumper. Both pieces have been ordered and are under construction. We anticipate delivery of both pieces sometime this coming spring.
2. The new Holmalto rescue and extrication equipment was put in service. Changes in vehicle technology that include new and stronger vehicle steel along with changes in vehicle construction as well as the age and normal wear and tear on the existing extrication equipment made this acquisition a necessity. Within two weeks of placing this equipment in service, the fire department was called to a serious automobile crash that required rapid extrication so that the injured driver could receive the required medical attention.
3. Two new command vehicles were acquired and put into service.
4. We continued the managed replacement of firefighter personal protection equipment through the purchase of new turnout gear.

5. Continued our leadership role in preparing for potential railroad incidents through planning and training.
6. Following a meeting with Congressman Josh Gotthiemer hosted by the Bergenfield Fire Department, CSX Railroad provided three classes on Emergency Response to Rail Incidents, three days and nights of on hands training sessions with their safety train, and additional table top training exercises over a three day period for area fire departments held at the Bergen County Fire Academy directly related to the CSX River Line in 2018. CSX Railroad has committed to providing this type of situational training for fire and emergency responders on a regular revolving basis so that we and our partners will be better prepared for a rail emergency should it occur.
7. We received an updated CSX Hazardous Materials Density Study
8. We promoted member participation in the Buscio Cardio and Pulmonary medical exam program and held an informational session in house to provide guidance for our members to take advantage of this unique program to improve their health, again at no cost to the taxpayers. The fire department also embraced a national level program to address the rising risk of cancer in the fire service. We are incorporating best practices into our regular operations to reduce the risk of cancer among our members.
9. The borough made a number of changes to the municipal ordinance governing the organization of the fire department. We are now able to accept members from contiguous municipalities and we can now have individuals join us to assist in non-fire fighting positions. The ordinance now puts the fire department in compliance with state laws dictating training and certification of our firefighters and assures that our fire department is operating within the state and federal National Incident Management framework and the state's emergency services deployment regulations. Finally, changes were made to enhance our succession planning for our officer ranks.

Closing out 2018 would not be complete without recognizing our fire commissioner and liaison to the municipal government, Councilman Tom Lodato. Commissioner, please step forward and join me up front.

Tom, we understand that you will continue in your current role as the council's fire liaison, which we ceremonially call our fire commissioner so you will be retaining your fire commissioner's badge and our offer still stands to equip you with a set of turnout gear if you would like. We do have a small gift for you as a token of our thanks and appreciation for all that you have done for us this past year.

As a result of changes in the borough ordinance governing the fire department, Christopher Naylis will again be serving as Fire Chief in 2019. I ask Chris to come forward along with his wife Elise to be sworn in as Fire Chief for 2019. Chris holds a Bachelor of Science degree in fire science from New Jersey City University as well as certifications from the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety as Firefighter One, Firefighter Two, Fire Officer One, Fire Official, Fire Instructor Level Two, Live Burn Instructor and On-Scene Hazardous Materials Incident Commander. He is also certified by the Emergency Vehicle Commission as an emergency vehicle technician for both pumps and aerial apparatus. Chris first joined the Bergenfield Fire Department as a junior firefighter in 2003. He joined as a regular firefighter in 2005. He was lieutenant with Prospect Fire Company for three years from 2010 to 2012. He served three years as captain from 2013 to 2015. In 2016 and 2017 he served as a deputy chief for the first time. He was fire chief in 2018 and now repeats his service in that position in 2019.

Elise, I would like you to pin on Christopher's Chief's badge.
Elise, on behalf of the department, please accept this small gift with our thanks and appreciation. Congratulations Chief.

THE OATH OF OFFICE TO CHIEF CHRISTOPHER NAYLIS WAS ADMINISTERED BY MAYOR NORMAN SCHMELZ.

Serving as Deputy Fire Chief from Fire Company #2 in 2019 will be Joseph Frino. I would ask that Joe come forward together with his wife Erin and his children Deanna, Lindsey and Kaylee to be sworn in.

Joe started his fire service career with the Lodi Fire Department joining on September 11, 2002. He was a lieutenant in Lodi in 2006 and remained in the position until he moved to Bergenfield and joined Fire Company #2. He was a lieutenant in Fire Company #2 in 2009, 2010 and 2011. He moved up and served two years as captain in 2012 and 2013. When a medical condition required one of our deputies to take a medical leave of absence, Joe filled in as the Acting Deputy Chief for 7 weeks. Joe was elected by the fire department at their December meeting as Deputy Chief for 2019.

I would ask that Erin please pin on Joe's Deputy Chief's badge. Erin please accept this small token of our thanks and appreciation. Joe, congratulations to you.

THE OATH OF OFFICE TO DEPUTY CHIEF JOSEPH FRINO WAS ADMINISTERED BY MAYOR NORMAN SCHMELZ.

I would ask that Edward J. Kneisler III to please step forward along with his mother, Cindy, and brothers Eric and Alex to be sworn in as Deputy Fire Chief for the year 2019. Ed joined the Bergenfield Fire Department as a junior firefighter in 2004. When he turned 18 in 2006, he joined Alert Fire Company as a firefighter following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. He has served as lieutenant of Alert Fire Company in 2014, 2015 and 2016 and as Captain of Alert Fire Company in 2017 and 2018. Our newest Deputy Chief will have his mother pin on his Deputy Chief's badge. Cindy please accept this small token of our thanks and appreciation.

THE OATH OF OFFICE TO SECOND DEPUTY CHIEF EDWARD J. KNEISLER III WAS ADMINISTERED BY MAYOR NORMAN SCHMELZ.

Now I would like to introduce the fire department line officers and ask them to come forward as they are announced to line up here to receive their oath of office.

From Prospect Fire Company No. 1:
Captain Steven Naylis and Lieutenant Richard O'Connor

From Alert Fire Company No. 1:
Captain Alex Kneisler and Lieutenant Dylan Meny

THE OATH OF OFFICE TO LINE OFFICERS WAS ADMINISTERED BY MAYOR NORMAN SCHMELZ.

In conclusion, I would like to offer congratulations and best wishes to all of our 2019 officers. I know that you will continue to work hard to keep us all safe. Again, on behalf of the Bergenfield Fire Department, I would like to wish everyone a healthy and safe New Year. A

gathering in Chris's honor will take place immediately at Prospect Fire Company on West Clinton Avenue and we look forward to seeing you, Mayor, and all of the council members there.

ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to come before the Council, on a motion by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilman Rivera, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Quinones, RMC
Borough Clerk

