

**BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
2023 REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 5, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.**

1. Meeting called to order at _____ p.m.

2. MAYOR’S 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.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

4. INVOCATION

SWEARING-IN OF COUNCILMEMBERS

5. Reading of the Election Certificate of Councilwoman – Elect Ora C. Kornbluth.

Councilwoman-Elect Ora C. Kornbluth to be sworn in by New Jersey State Assemblyman Chris Tully.

6. Reading of the Election Certificate of Councilman-Elect Salvador “Buddy” Deauna.

Councilman-Elect Buddy Deauna to be sworn in by Former Mayor Robert Rivas.

7. 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		

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

9. STATEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

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

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

MOTION OFFERED by _____, **SECONDED** by _____.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
MARTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

12. **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 OFFERED by _____, **SECONDED** by _____.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
MARTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

13. 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 OFFERED by _____, **SECONDED** by _____.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
MARTE					
KORNBLUTH					

RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

14. Mayor recommends and nominates Franklin S. Montero, Esq. to the position of Municipal Court Judge for a three-year term, expiring 12/31/25.

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

MOTION OFFERED by _____, **SECONDED** by _____.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
MARTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

15. **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 OFFERED by _____, **SECONDED** by _____

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
MARTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

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

MOTION OFFERED by _____, **SECONDED** by _____.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
MARTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

17. PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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

- a. Borough Engineer: Remington & Vernick Engineers
- b. Special Projects Engineer: T&M Associates
- c. Bond Counsel: Rogut McCarthy LLC
- d. Labor Counsel: John L. Shahdanian II Esq., Trenk Isable Siddiqi & Shahdanian P.C.
- e. Tax Appeal Counsel: Boggia Boggia Betesh & Voytus LLC
- f. Borough Auditor: Paul J. Lerch, CPA, RMA, PSA, Lerch, Vinci, & Bliss, LLP
- g. Risk Manager: GJEM – Otterstedt Insurance Agency
- h. Grant Writer and Consultant: Millennium Strategies LLC
- i. Borough Appraiser: Associated Appraisal Group
- j. Borough Prosecutor: Marc A. Calello, Esq., Mac Law Group, CO
- k. Alternate Borough Prosecutor: Linda H. Schwager, Esq.
- l. Public Defender: Robert C. Metzdorf, Metzdorf Law Office
- m. Alternate Public Defender: Steven Sciancalepore, Esq.
- n. Planner/Engineer for Economic Development: Neglia Engineering Associates
- o. Continuing Disclosure and Independent Registered Municipal Advisor Services: Phoenix Advisors, LLC

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

MOTION OFFERED by _____, **SECONDED** by _____.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
MARTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

18. ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

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

- a. Wastewater Consultant C-3 Licensed Collection Operator: John Pampaloni
- b. Director of Recreation: Edward Volmer
- c. Public Agency Compliance Officer: Corey Gallo
- d. Safety Coordinator: Robert E. Byrnes, Jr.
- e. Town Historian: Eva Gallione

RESOLUTION 23-025/To Ratify Administrative Appointments for 2023.

MOTION OFFERED by _____, **SECONDED** by _____.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
MARTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

RECOMMENDATIONS AND NOMINATIONS FOR BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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

BARRIER FREE COMMITTEE

19. 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

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor _____

BOARD OF HEALTH

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

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

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor _____

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

21. 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

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor _____

GREEN TEAM

22. 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

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor_____

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23. 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

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor_____

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COUNCIL

24. 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

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor_____

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE

25. 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

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor _____

PLANNING BOARD

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

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

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, to appoint Thomas A. Lodato as a Class III, 1-year term, expiring 12/31/23 and Hernando Rivera as Class III, 1-year term, expiring 12/31/23. All present in favor, none opposed. R.C. All in favor _____

RECREATION COMMITTEE

27. 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

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor _____

RENT LEVELING BOARD

28. 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

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor _____

MAYOR'S SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

29. 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

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor _____

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

30. 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

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor _____

SITE PLAN COMMITTEE

31. 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

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor _____

STIGMA FREE COMMITTEE

32. 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

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor _____

VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

33. 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
John Opatovsky, Vice 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

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor _____

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

34. 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

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor _____

STANDING COMMITTEES

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

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

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

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
MARTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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

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

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations for Liaison to all Boards and Committees named by _____ be confirmed.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
MARTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

ADJOURNMENT

37. There being nothing further to come before the meeting on **MOTION** offered by _____, seconded by _____, and carried the meeting adjourned at _____ p.m. R.C. All in favor _____