



SUNSHINE NOTICE

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION

The Mayor and Council Regular Public Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, January 16, 2024** will be held at the **Bergenfield High School located at 80 South Prospect Avenue in Bergenfield, NJ**. The meeting will take place in the **Front Cafeteria** and will commence at **8:00 p.m.**

FORMAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

Deputy Borough Clerk
Borough of Bergenfield
Friday, January 12, 2024

THIS IS A PUBLIC NOTICE, NOT A PAID LEGAL AD.

**AGENDA
BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2024
8:00 P.M.**

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

2. **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT – Mayor Amatorio**

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the notice requirements have been satisfied. Meeting dates for the year are confirmed at the Annual Meeting. The Annual Notice is sent to the Record, Star Ledger, Twin Boro News, and Cablevision, placed on two Municipal Bulletin Boards and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk. Notice of this meeting dated Friday, January 12, 2024 was sent to the Record, the Star Ledger, Twin Boro News, and Cablevision, 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 your left. Please turn off all cell phones.

3. Roll Call:

Roll Call	Present	Absent
Councilman Lodato		
Councilman Deauna		
Councilman Almonte		
Councilwoman Kornbluth		
Council President Rivera		
Councilman Pascual		
Mayor Amatorio		

4. Salute to the Flag

5. Agenda Changes – additions or revisions

6. Approval of Minutes

MOTION OFFERED by Council _____, **SECOND** by Council _____, to approve minutes of the January 2, 2024 Reorganization Meeting. All present voting in favor _____.

7. Verbal Communications I

Mayor Amatorio opens the meeting and invites the public for comments on agenda items only and asks if anyone present wishes to be heard. Please be advised there will be a limit of five (5) minutes per speaker.

There being no one else who wishes to be heard, Mayor Amatorio closes Verbal Communications I.

8. Presentations

A. Fire Department Presentations

- ❖ **Resolution 24-027/To Hire Brendan McLaughlin to the Rank of Firefighter in the Bergenfield Fire Department**
- ❖ **Oath of Office – Firefighter Brendan McLaughlin**

MOTION OFFERED by Council _____ **SECOND** by Council _____

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

- ❖ **Resolution 24-028**/To Hire Christopher Provost to the Rank of Firefighter in the Bergenfield Fire Department
- ❖ Oath of Office – Firefighter Christopher Provost

MOTION OFFERED by Council _____ **SECOND** by Council _____

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

9. Correspondence

a.) Eaches/Bergenfield Garden Club

RE: Request to Reserve Coopers Pond for Meetings in Calendar Year 2024

b.) Sahlberg/Bergenfield Republican Organization

RE: Request to Reserve Coopers Pond for Meetings in Calendar Year 2024

MOTION OFFERED by Council _____, **SECOND** by Council _____, to accept Correspondence Item A. All present voting in favor _____.

10. Ordinances

11. Consent Agenda

CONSENT RESOLUTION 24-029. 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. **24-030**/To Approve Bill List
- b. **24-031**/To Approve Raffle Applications – RA 1410 and RA 1411(*Deputy Borough Clerk*)
- c. **24-032**/To Authorize Tax Refund for Tax Court Judgment – 80 New Bridge Road (*Tax Collector*)
- d. **24-033**/ To Authorize Tax Refund for Tax Court Judgment – 51 East Main Street (*Tax Collector*)
- e. **24-034**/To Approve the Person to Person and Place to Place Transfer of an Unsited Pocket Liquor License No. 0203-33-010-004 from Front Street Tavern, Inc. to K1BBQ LLC located at 58 S. Washington Avenue (*Deputy Borough Clerk*)
- f. **24-035**/To Approve Tax Refund – 155 N. Washington Avenue (*Tax Collector*)

- g. **24-036**/To Approve Agreement – Borough Attorney – John L. Schettino, Esq. (*Borough Administrator*)
- h. **24-037**/To Approve Agreement – Borough Engineer – Remington & Vernick Engineers (*Borough Administrator*)
- i. **24-038**/To Approve Agreement – Special Projects Engineer – T&M Associates (*Borough Administrator*)
- j. **24-039**/To Approve Agreement – Special Project Engineer – Pennoni Engineering (*Borough Administrator*)
- k. **24-040**/To Approve Agreement – Bond Counsel – Rogut McCarthy LLC (*Borough Administrator*)
- l. **24-041**/To Approve Agreement – Labor Counsel – John L. Shahdanian II Esq., Trenk Isable Siddiqi & Shahdanian P.C. (*Borough Administrator*)
- m. **24-042**/To Approve Agreement – Tax Appeal Counsel – Boggia, Boggia, and Betesh (*Borough Administrator*)
- n. **24-043**/To Approve Agreement – Borough Auditor – Paul J. Lerch, CPA, RMA, PSA – Lerch, Vinci & Bliss LLP (*Borough Administrator*)
- o. **24-044**/To Approve Agreement – Risk Manager – GJEM:Otterstedt Insurance Agency (*Borough Administrator*)
- p. **24-045**/To Approve Agreement – Grant Consultant – Millennium Strategies (*Borough Administrator*)
- q. **24-046**/To Approve Agreement – Borough Appraiser – Associated Appraisal Group Inc. (*Borough Administrator*)
- r. **24-047**/To Approve Agreement – Borough Prosecutor – Marc A. Calello, Esq. (*Borough Administrator*)
- s. **24-048**/To Approve Agreement – Alternate Prosecutor – Linda H. Schwager (*Borough Administrator*)
- t. **24-049**/To Approve Agreement – Public Defender – Robert C. Metzdorf, Esq. (*Borough Administrator*)
- u. **24-050**/To Approve Agreement – Alternate Public Defender – Steven Sciancalepore, Esq. (*Borough Administrator*)
- v. **24-051**/To Approve Agreement – Planner/Engineer for Economic Development – Neglia Engineering Associates (*Borough Administrator*)
- w. **24-052**/To Approve Agreement – Municipal Advisor Services – Phoenix Advisors LLC (*Borough Administrator*)

MOTION OFFERED by Council _____ **SECOND** by Council _____

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

B. Resolutions

24-053/To Approve Hire – Full-Time Laborer – Michael Sheakan

MOTION OFFERED by Council _____ **SECOND** by Council _____

Roll Call	Yes				

LODATO					
DEAUNA					
ALMONTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

24-054/To Approve Hire – Part-Time Laborer – Omar Kahok

MOTION OFFERED by Council _____ **SECOND** by Council _____

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

24-055/To Approve Hire – Part-Time Laborer – Stephen C. Manor II

MOTION OFFERED by Council _____ **SECOND** by Council _____

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

24-056/To Approve Hire – Part-Time Laborer – Brandon C. Haw

MOTION OFFERED by Council _____ **SECOND** by Council _____

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

24-057/To Approve Hire – School Crossing Guard – Luiz Balanza

MOTION OFFERED by Council _____ **SECOND** by Council _____

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
ALMONTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO					

12. Unfinished Business

13. New Business

14. Committee/Department Reports

MOTION offered by Council President Rivera that the Committee/Department Reports be spread upon the minutes in full and filed. **SECOND** by _____. All in favor_____.

15. Verbal Communications II

Mayor Amatorio opens the meeting to Verbal Communications II and invites the public to comment on any subject matter, limited to five (5) minutes per speaker.

There being no one else who wishes to be heard, Mayor Amatorio closes Verbal Communications II.

16. Council Comments

17. Closed Session

RESOLUTION 24-058/Authorizing the Governing Body to Enter into Closed Executive Session to discuss:

A. Attorney/Client Privilege

1. New Municipal Building Construction Contracts (*Borough Administrator*)
2. PBA Matters (*Borough Administrator*)

Motion Offered by Council_____ **Second** by Council_____ All in favor_____.

18. Return to Open Session

Motion Offered by Council_____ **Second** by Council_____ All in favor_____.

19. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Mayor and Council, on a **MOTION** offered by _____, **SECOND** by _____, the meeting is adjourned at _____ p.m. All in favor_____.

***THE AGENDA IS ADVERTISED TO THE EXTENT KNOWN AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**