

**AGENDA  
BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 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 was sent to the Record, Star Ledger, Twin Boro News, and Cablevision, placed on a Municipal Bulletin Board and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk. In case of an emergency, exits are in the back and to your right. 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 June 18, 2024 Regular Public Meeting and June 18, 2024 Closed Session Meeting (not to be released). 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. Police Department Presentations**

**1. Promotion of Sergeant Daniel Brizek to the Rank of Lieutenant**

- ❖ Biography of Sgt. Brizek
- ❖ Resolution **24-199**/To Promote Daniel Brizek to the Rank of Lieutenant in the Bergenfield Police Department.

**MOTION OFFERED** by Council \_\_\_\_\_ **SECOND** by Council \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Oath of Office to be administered to Lieutenant Brizek.*

2. Promotion of Police Officer Ramon Cruz to the Rank of Sergeant

- ❖ Biography of Officer Cruz
- ❖ Resolution **24-200**/To Promote Ramon Cruz to the Rank of Sergeant in the Bergenfield Police Department.

**MOTION OFFERED** by Council \_\_\_\_\_ **SECOND** by Council \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Oath of Office to be administered to Sergeant Cruz.*

3. Hiring of Michael Gidney to the Rank of Police Officer

- ❖ Biography of P.O. Gidney
- ❖ Resolution **24-201**/To Hire Michael Gidney to the Rank of Police Officer in the Bergenfield Police Department.

**MOTION OFFERED** by Council \_\_\_\_\_ **SECOND** by Council \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Oath of Office to be administered to Officer Gidney.*

9. Correspondence

- a.) Salmon/The Garden Club of Bergenfield
- b.) Teopengco/El Shaddai Bergenfield Cell Group
- c.) Pastor Stenberg/Calvary Church

**RE:** Request to Plant Daffodils in Honor of the Garden Club’s Centennial Celebration  
**RE:** Request to Reserve Memorial Park Pavilion/Saturday, July 20, 2024/8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
**RE:** Request for Road Closure/Arlington Avenue, cross streets Delford and Clinton/ Sunday, September 8, 2024/12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m./Rain date Sunday, September 15, 2024

**MOTION OFFERED** by Council \_\_\_\_\_, **SECOND** by Council \_\_\_\_\_, to accept Correspondence. All present voting in favor \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Ordinances

A. Adoption of Ordinances

The following ordinances published herewith were first read by title only on June 18, 2024 and posted on the bulletin board of the municipal center.

**ORDINANCE 24-2629 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 232 ENTITLED “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE” OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD**

**ORDINANCE 24-2630 – AN ORDINANCE TITLED “STORMWATER CONTROL”**

Public Comments on Ordinances 24-2629 and 24-2630.

**MOTION OFFERED** by Council \_\_\_\_\_ **SECOND** by Council \_\_\_\_\_

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

11. Consent Agenda

**CONSENT RESOLUTION 24-202.** 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. **24-203**/To Approve Bill List
- b. **24-204**/To Approve Liquor License Renewals for 2024-2025 License Term  
(Borough Clerk)
- c. **24-205**/To Approve Tax Refund due to Veteran Tax Exemption – 24 Irving Place  
(Tax Collector)

- d. **24-206**/To Approve Tax Refund due to Veteran Tax Exemption – 101 Merritt Avenue (*Tax Collector*)
- e. **24-207**/To Approve Lease Agreement Addendum – Infinite Future Tennis, LLC (*Deputy CFO*)
- f. **24-208**/To Approve Purchase – Automatic License Plate Readers for the Bergenfield Police Department – GTBM Inc. (*Deputy CFO*)
- g. **24-209**/To Approve Change Order #2 – Asbestos Abatement Monitoring Services for Demolition of Old Municipal Building – Pennoni Associates, Inc. (*Deputy CFO*)

**MOTION OFFERED** by Council \_\_\_\_\_ **SECOND** by Council \_\_\_\_\_

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

B. Resolutions

**24-210**/To Promote to Equipment Operator – Paul Dissler (*Borough Administrator*)

**MOTION OFFERED** by Council \_\_\_\_\_ **SECOND** by Council \_\_\_\_\_

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

**24-211**/To Promote to Equipment Operator – Ross Egan (*Borough Administrator*)

**MOTION OFFERED** by Council \_\_\_\_\_ **SECOND** by Council \_\_\_\_\_

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

**24-212**/To Promote to Equipment Operator – David DiLello (*Borough Administrator*)

**MOTION OFFERED** by Council \_\_\_\_\_ **SECOND** by Council \_\_\_\_\_

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

**24-213/**To Promote to Driver – Juan Valencia (*Borough Administrator*)

**MOTION OFFERED** by Council \_\_\_\_\_ **SECOND** by Council \_\_\_\_\_

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

**24-214/**To Promote to Full-Time Laborer – Shane Stapleton (*Borough Administrator*)

**MOTION OFFERED** by Council \_\_\_\_\_ **SECOND** by Council \_\_\_\_\_

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

**24-215/**To Hire Part-Time Code Enforcement Officer – Joe Picheo (*Borough Administrator*)

**MOTION OFFERED** by Council \_\_\_\_\_ **SECOND** by Council \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 24-216**/Authorizing the Governing Body to Enter into Closed Executive Session to discuss:

A. Attorney-Client Privilege

1. Master Plan Reexamination
2. Borough Hall Building Contract

B. Personnel

1. Rent Leveling Board Personnel Matter
2. Borough Employees Personnel Matter

18. 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\_\_\_\_\_.

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