

**AGENDA
BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2025
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		
Council Pres. Kornbluth		
Councilman 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 the minutes of the 2025 Reorganization Meeting held on January 2, 2025. 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. Bergenfield Elks Lodge #1477 - Presentation of Donation

9. Correspondence

a.) Wrendelken/Little League Baseball Club of Bergenfield, Inc. **RE:** Coin Toss Requests for Several Dates in 2025 to Fund Raise/New Bridge & Washington Ave., Main St. & Washington Ave. S. Prospect & W. Clinton Ave., Clinton

- b.) Forcier/Barrier Free Committee Ave. & Washington Ave., Church St. & Washington Ave., Hickory Ave. & Washington Ave./9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
RE: Request to Reserve the Second Floor Conference Room for 2025 Meeting Dates
- c.) Chavarria/Bergenfield Parent Association **RE:** Request to Reserve Memorial Park Pavilion and Field for 5th Grade BBQ/June 12, 2025/9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Rain Date: June 18, 2025)
- d.) Alfano/Senior Citizen’s Advisory Committee **RE:** Request to Reserve Memorial Park Pavilion for Annual Senior BBQ/June 17, 2025/12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- e.) Eaches/Bergenfield Garden Club **RE:** Request to Reserve Cooper’s Pond for 2025 Meeting Dates

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

10. Ordinances
A. Ordinance for Introduction

Motion that the following ordinances be introduced and passed on first reading and setting Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard as the date and time and the Council Chambers of the Bergenfield Borough Hall as the place for a hearing on said ordinance.

ORDINANCE 25-2637- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 186.50.1 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “GARAGES”

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 25-024. 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.

- 25-025/**To Approve Bill List
- 25-026/**To Support Brookside Garden’s Bergen County Community Development Grant Application for Elevator Replacement Project *(Mayor & Council)*
- 25-027/**To Approve Notice of Claim Form *(Borough Administrator)*
- 25-028/**To Approve Tax Appeal Settlement – 55 Woodbine Street *(Tax Appeal Counsel)*

- 25-029**/To Approve Tax Appeal Settlement – 69 S. Washington Avenue *(Tax Appeal Counsel)*
- 25-030**/To Approve Tax Appeal Settlement – 71 S. Washington Avenue *(Tax Appeal Counsel)*
- 25-031**/To Approve Tax Appeal Settlement – 11 W. Main Street *(Tax Appeal Counsel)*
- 25-032**/To Approve Tax Refund – 65 Thames Boulevard *(Tax Collector)*
- 25-033**/To Approve Tax Refund – 142 Baker Avenue *(Tax Collector)*
- 25-034**/To Authorize Grant Application from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the Installation of Scoreboards at Twin Boro Field *(Borough Administrator)*
- 25-035**/To Approve Service Agreement for Annual Maintenance for Fixed Network Equipment and Mobile/Portable Equipment and Maintenance for the Police Department – Goosetown Communications *(Deputy CFO)*
- 25-036**/To Approve Agreement for Mobile Communications Services and Equipment for Department of Public Works – Goosetown Communications *(Deputy CFO)*
- 25-037**/To Approve Agreement – Borough Attorney – John L. Schettino, Esq. *(Borough Administrator)*
- 25-038**/To Approve Agreement – Borough Engineer – Remington & Vernick Engineers *(Borough Administrator)*
- 25-039**/To Approve Agreement – Special Projects Engineer – T&M Associates *(Borough Administrator)*
- 25-040**/To Approve Agreement – Special Projects Engineer – Pennoni Engineers Inc. *(Borough Administrator)*
- 25-041**/To Approve Agreement – Bond Counsel – Rogut McCarthy LLC *(Borough Administrator)*
- 25-042**/To Approve Agreement – Labor Counsel – John L. Shahdanian II Esq., Trenk Isabel Siddiqi & Shahdanian P.C. *(Borough Administrator)*
- 25-043**/To Approve Agreement – Tax Appeal Counsel – Boggia Boggia & Betesh, LLC *(Borough Administrator)*
- 25-044**/To Approve Agreement – Borough Auditor – Lerch, Vinci, & Bliss, LLP *(Borough Administrator)*
- 25-045**/To Approve Agreement – Risk Manager – GJEM – Otterstedt Insurance Agency *(Borough Administrator)*
- 25-046**/To Approve Agreement – Grant Writer and Consultant – Millennium Strategies LLC *(Borough Administrator)*
- 25-047**/To Approve Agreement – Borough Appraiser – Associated Appraisal Group *(Borough Administrator)*
- 25-048**/To Approve Agreement – Borough Prosecutor – Marc A. Calello, P.C. *(Borough Administrator)*
- 25-049**/To Approve Agreement – Borough Public Defender – Robert C. Metzdorf, Metzdorf Law Office *(Borough Administrator)*
- 25-050**/To Approve Agreement – Planner/Engineer for Economic Development – Neglia Engineering Associates *(Borough Administrator)*
- 25-051**/To Approve Change Order #1 and Pay Certificate No. 4 Final – 2024 Road Improvement Program Phase 1 – Vektor Corporation *(Deputy CFO)*
- 25-052**/To Approve Shared Services Agreement – Animal Control Services – Bergen County Department of Health Services *(Borough Administrator)*
- 25-053**/To Approve Agreement for Housing Rehabilitation Program Administrative Services – Community Grants, Planning and Housing, LLC “CGP&H” *(Deputy CFO)*
- 25-054**/To Approve an Addendum to the License Agreement with Office Superstore East LLC *(Deputy CFO)*
- 25-055**/To Approve Affordable Housing Resolution – *(Borough Planner)*

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

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

B. Resolutions

25-056/To Approve Tax Collector Agreement – Juan C. Ortiz (*Borough Administrator*)

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

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

25-057/To Re-Appoint Emergency Management Coordinator – Ryan Shell (*Borough Administrator*)

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

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

25-058/To Approve Part-Time Code Enforcement Employment – Todd Gelayder (*Borough Administrator*)

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

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

PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

25-059/To Promote to Full-Time Code Enforcement – Joseph 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)					

25-060/To Hire Interim Court Administrator – Nadia Cavli (*Borough Administrator*)

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

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

25-061/To Hire Violations Keyboard Clerk I – Aidan Traina (*Borough Administrator*)

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

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

25-062/To Hire Keyboard Clerk II TACO – Jayne Mania (*Borough Administrator*)

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

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
ALMONTE					
KORNBLUTH					

RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

25-063/To Hire Keyboard Clerk I – Angelina Capalbo (*Borough Administrator*)

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

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

25-064/To Hire Part-Time Laborer – Luis Mendez (*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

- A. Library Ordinance for Unreturned Materials (*Library Director*)
- B. Veteran’s Advisory Committee and VFW Post 6467 Food Mobile Unit to Support Veteran Groups (*Borough Administrator*)
- C. Appointment and Nomination to the Recreation Committee (*Mayor Amatorio*)

Mayor recommends and nominates Nishant Desai to serve on the Recreation Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2025.

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nomination be confirmed. All in favor _____.

14. Committee/Department Reports

MOTION offered by Council President Kornbluth 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 **25-065**/Authorizing the Governing Body to Enter into Closed Executive Session to discuss:

A. Attorney-Client Privilege/Contract Negotiations

1. PBA Local 309 Status Update (*Borough Administrator*)

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.**