

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD
MAYOR & COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 5, 2021**

At 8:10 p.m. Mayor Amatorio 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 #20-362 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.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilperson Lodato.

INVOCATION by Bishop Victor Nieves, Mercy Church of God

SWEARING-IN OF COUNCILMEMBERS

Bergen County Clerk John Hogan stated this election was like no other due to the pandemic. He noted that he was responsible to have over 600,000 ballots produced and delivered to voters. In addition, 20,000 more ballots had to be done manually and sent out because they were either thrown out, messed up, or were never received. Voter registration in Bergen County went up to 670,313 this year and voter turnout reached 75%. He explained that this number has been the highest in 12 years with 503,000 voters coming out to vote. He expressed that it was a very successful election, including in Bergenfield, where the Borough experienced a 75% turnout. Mr. Hogan confirmed there were 18,807 total votes cast in Bergenfield.

County Clerk John Hogan read the Election Certificate of Councilman-Elect Rafael Marte. He stated that Councilman-Elect Marte received 9,183 votes, and presented him a certificate.

County Clerk John Hogan read the Election Certificate of Councilman-Elect Marc Pascual. He stated that Councilman-Elect Pascual received 9,068 votes, and presented him a certificate.

Councilman-Elect Rafael Marte was administered the Oath of Office by Bergen County Freeholder Germaine Ortiz.

Freeholder Ortiz stated she is honored to be in Bergenfield today. She could not be prouder of Rafael, as he has done an excellent job. Freeholder Ortiz stated he's been dedicated to Bergenfield and complimented the work of the governing body in Bergenfield. She expressed that the governing body truly represents the diversity of this wonderful town. She thanked everyone for the great relationship the Borough has with the County, and expressed that she looks forward to the years to come.

Councilman-Elect Marc Pascual was administered the Oath of Office by Mayor Arvin Amatorio.

Roll Call of 2021 Council

Roll Call	Present	Absent
MAYOR ARVIN AMATORIO	✓	
COUNCILMAN BUDDY DEAUNA	✓	
COUNCILWOMAN ORA C. KORNBLUTH	✓	
COUNCILMAN THOMAS A. LODATO	✓	

COUNCILMAN RAFAEL MARTE	✓	
COUNCILMAN HERNANDO RIVERA	✓	
COUNCILMAN MARC PASCUAL	✓	

Mayor Amatorio stated that Councilperson Rivera is attending the meeting virtually via conference call due to COVID-19 protocol. He decided to attend virtually so everyone remains safe.

AGENDA CHANGES

On a motion by Councilperson Marte, seconded by Councilperson Kornbluth, appointments were added to the agenda, to include Amnon Wenger as a member and Jose Morel as an alternate member on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. A closed session meeting was also added to the agenda to discuss PBA Local 309’s contract and personnel under attorney-client privilege and contracts. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

STATEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Councilman Marte thanked everyone for being here today. He wished everyone a Happy New Year. Last year was a very challenging year for everyone and hopes everyone and their families are doing well. He recognized and acknowledged County Clerk John Hogan, Commissioner Germaine Ortiz, Bishop Victor Nieves and Pastor John, Steve Russo, John Birdman, John Bangs, his wife Natalia Herrera and his children, Daniel, Kaylie, and Lucas, and everyone else attending virtually. He thanked everyone for their support and for being given the opportunity to continue to serve as councilman. Councilman Marte stated this campaign was not just about running for office, but also for promoting the census of 2020. He gave special thanks to his running mate, Councilman Marc Pascual for his victory. Marc Pascual is hardworking, a family man, and a great friend. He expressed his sincere gratitude to Mayor Amatorio and the rest of the council, his wife and children for their sacrifice and unconditional support. He has been a resident and a homeowner in Bergenfield for 25 years and feels he has an obligation to give back. He and the Mayor and Council are working hard to make Bergenfield a more prosperous town where business will flourish, attract new investors and young professionals. He thanked the residents, businessowners and the organizations that have been contributing in helping those in need during the pandemic. They will continue to dine out on the avenue and make it better allowing more selections and better attractions. He thanked the first responders, police, fire, and ambulance corps for keeping everyone safe. He thanked all the parents and the Board of Education for their outstanding academic performance in their children’s education. He thanked Corey Gallo, the town administrator, and the rest of the staff. Councilman Marte stated without him, none of this would be possible. He thanked the DPW, recreation, and the health department and above all a special thanks to the veterans, volunteers and all the committees.

Councilman Pascual thanked everyone at the meeting and the 9,068 residents who voted for him. It means a lot to him knowing people have faith in him and support him. It will only make him work harder. Councilman Pascual stated he has a good team to work with fellow council members and a wonderful Mayor who is helping the town move forward. The borough administrator is on top of everything. The year 2020 was a very tough year for everyone. There are a lot of members that were affected financially and many lives lost. The Borough will continue to move forward with making sure they have a test site in Bergenfield so they can help open businesses and bring back students to schools. God bless everyone.

Councilman Lodato wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting to witness the reorganization meeting. He congratulated Councilmen Marte and Pascual on their recent election. It’s been a pleasure working with them in the past and looks forward to working with them in the years to come. It has been equally a pleasure working

with the other council members and the administrator. The dedication that exists among the council is second to none. They do the very best they can. 2020 was a year like none before and everyone made it through. 2021 should and will be better. Councilman Lodato wished the two councilmen all the best success.

Councilman Deauna wished everyone a happy, prosperous, and safe 2021. It's a great privilege and honor to congratulate Councilman Rafael Marte, and the newest Councilman Pascual for their overwhelming victory during the last election. The people of Bergenfield have spoken loudly by turning out in great numbers despite the opposing party's failure to field their own candidates. Once again, the citizens of this great borough bestowed upon us their full trust and confidence. Councilman Deauna expressed his vow to continue earning that trust by serving them honestly, faithfully, and with God's help in these trying times with a plentiful supply of energy. Bergenfield is made up of a tapestry of different cultures. It has become a melting pot of many different ethnic groups and if he may be allowed to speak freely for the governing body, they are all proud to represent each one regardless of their creed, color and race or origin. He commented that these are trying times. The pandemic has brought the country its biggest challenge. Bergenfield was not spared from this challenge and they would like to acknowledge the great job the first responders, the police officers, fire and ambulance personnel did, as well as the DPW for doing a tremendous job for the people of Bergenfield during the past year. They promise to provide them with all the necessary aid within their power to give and help them keep the citizens safe, healthy and confident of their ability to support them in a time of great need. Likewise, the borough can not function without the able-bodied service of the administration and borough staff headed by Mr. Corey Gallo who day in and day out has always responded to the constituents' needs. It is no mystery where their energy comes from because they know that their great Mayor, Mayor Amatorio and First Lady Ilya have led the way for them with such energy that failure was never an option. It became an inspiration for all of them to follow. Councilman Deauna stated the Bergenfield food bank is full because of the mayor's efforts. The COVID-19 testing program's success is second to none. First Lady Ilya's volunteer of nurses ran most of it. Councilman Deauna thanked all those who volunteered their time. Ilya also spearheaded a successful fundraising campaign for the VFW and local veterans, a small gesture to thank them for their service and sacrifice. Councilman Deauna stated he would be remiss if he did not acknowledge the real, and only source of his energy, his wife Cely and his family who have patiently supported him in all his endeavors. His gratitude extends to the citizens of Bergenfield whom their trust will remain ever vigilant in keeping families and neighbors safe from the pandemic in hopes to defeat it soon. Let us all have a better, greater, and safer 2021. God bless the Borough of Bergenfield. God Bless America!

Councilwoman Kornbluth wished everyone a Happy New Year. She congratulated her colleagues and stated that they are more than colleagues, they are friends. She expressed that it is one of the nicest things being on the council, and commented that besides serving the residents, she is able to get to know and work with an amazing group of people. Councilwoman stated they persevered that year and expressed that who would have known a year ago that we would be sitting here today with masks. She expressed that we might not be better, but we are definitely stronger for that. Councilwoman Kornbluth stated we are going to beat this virus and will be sitting in a much stronger Bergenfield three months from now. She thanked everyone on the council for working with her and for the residents. She congratulated Councilmen Marte and Pascual and their families. Councilwoman Kornbluth thanked Marie, Corey, Chief, the new Chief, and every dignitary that came tonight to honor Rafael and Marc. She appreciates them for taking time out of their schedules to be here. She looks forward to working with everyone doing their best for the citizens of Bergenfield.

Councilman Rivera congratulated Councilman Marte and Councilman Pascual and their families. He knows they are going to work hard to move Bergenfield forward. His apologies for not being here in person but he is following COVID-19 protocols. He wished everyone a Happy, Prosperous, and Healthy New Year. God Bless Everyone.

Councilman Marte wanted to acknowledge and congratulate Ovelis Munoz and her family. He explained Ovelis is a newly elected school board member.

Mayor Amatorio extended his appreciation to guests Commissioner Germaine Ortiz, Bergen County Clerk John Hogan, Pastor Nieves, the families of Councilman Marte and Councilman Pascual, Ovelis Munoz, Chief of Police, and new Fire Chief Edward Kneisler. He congratulated Councilman Marte and Councilman Pascual for running unopposed during the last election. He commented that they did their job reaching out to the residents and expressed their messages with them. Mayor Amatorio stated he has mixed feelings knowing that despite doing great things as a local government with the infrastructure of roads, updating the parks, keeping the budget stable, and provided excellent services to the community, there have also been challenges. There were a lot of lives lost in Bergenfield due to the COVID-19. Families and their lives were shattered and many livelihoods were affected due to the health crisis that is difficult to carry. Mayor Amatorio stated when he was elected on the council for his term six years ago, it was a great honor and privilege to be elected in Bergenfield. He could not be prouder to lead Bergenfield forward as he is beginning his second year as Mayor. His first goal is to keep the residents safe and healthy. Mayor Amatorio stated he committed at the beginning of his term last January that his priorities were influenced by conversations he had with small business owners, seniors, veterans, store keepers, and members of religious faiths, and the moms and dads that have been talking about the future of the town. He is happy and proud to report what the town has achieved this year with the collaborative efforts of all members of the council here tonight, the departments of the borough, with a special mention to the administrator in working hard throughout the years. He commented that we have accomplished many things for the constituents in Bergenfield. Mayor Amatorio stated they have paved around 15 roads this year, being the most amount in several years. The baseball field was renovated and abridged services were provided despite the COVID-19 challenges. We responded to the pandemic by bringing tests available to symptomatic and asymptomatic patients back in April and May, being the first in the County to service thousands of residents. We also collaborated with third party providers to bring antibody testing to the residents. Mayor Amatorio stated the food pantry was expanded in March helping, on average, 600 families every month. DPW workers along with volunteers delivered tons of food to seniors and families in quarantine. Mayor Amatorio thanked the benefactor's generosity, many of them were Bergenfield residents, businesses or organizations. Mayor Amatorio stated they helped the businesses by bringing back the business program to assist the local stores. The town was hit by a devastating storm resulting in town wide loss of power and the destruction of properties. He is proud of the response of the DPW. Bergenfield was listed as the second safest town in the nation on the 100 Safest Cities in America list with 25,000 or more people. This was made possible with the collaboration of the community, the police and the departments that help ensure residents enjoy a good quality of life. He was proud to march with the community, along with the police, residents, and groups that were seeking justice and fairness during the peaceful show of solidarity at the height of civil unrest brought by the death of George Floyd. They managed to keep it peaceful by communicating and coordinating with the organizers. One of his proudest moments in office was raising the pride flag. Mayor Amatorio stated the Borough continues to receive grants to repair the roads and parks, and promote traffic safety. Mayor Amatorio stated as the Borough continues to grow as a community, we need to be more proactive in addressing the challenges ahead of us. Mayor Amatorio stated that the Borough will continue to repave roads, start renovating all 16 parks, construction of the soccer field at Vivyen, the construction of new borough hall, revitalizing the business district and creating economic development. He asks the council to join him in creating new developments conducive to the town by creating opportunity zones, making Bergenfield more business friendly and attractive to investors. They Borough will equip police officers with better cameras to help maintain peace and order in the community. He will continue working with the county, state, and federal officers to identify grants that will allow the borough to deliver services to the residents while saving tax dollars. Mayor Amatorio stated he is eager to

bring the COVID-19 vaccine to Bergenfield as soon as it is possible and make it available to the general population. He will continue to work with the council to create a balanced budget and maintain a healthy financial condition to keep the taxes stable and affordable. There are many people who have made Bergenfield a better place to live throughout the years and would like to thank all of them. A special thanks to the first responders, the Bergenfield Ambulance Corp for risking their own safety, the police department, fire department, and the health department. They all performed beyond the call of their duty this year. He thanked the men and women of DPW who stepped up to the plate in helping the residents with the food pantry operations and the recent storms. He extended his gratitude to all of the volunteers working on the different committees and boards. Your sacrifices and hard work are appreciated. Mayor Amatorio stated he has the privilege of working with great colleagues on the council. He commented that even though they differ on their opinions and are passionate with their principles, they are always respectful. He thanked the councilmembers for their friendship. Mayor Amatorio thanked borough administrator Corey Gallo for his devotion to improving all aspects of governance and tireless efforts of daily administration, especially during the COVID-19. He thanked Marie, Hilda, Conall, and all administrative staff. He will continue to remember his parents whom he owes everything to and instilled in him the value of public service. Lastly, he wouldn't be here without the support from his family. They are the ones that make a lot of sacrifices which will not end anytime soon. Mayor Amatorio thanked his wife, Ilya, for all that she does for the community. He thanked the entire Bergenfield community for the trust and confidence. This year is another challenging year but with the great team here, the administration, and the community, we will beat whatever odds there are. Let's keep Bergenfield moving forward. God Bless You All.

RESOLUTION 21-001/To Appoint Hernando Rivera as Council President.

Motion by Councilperson Lodato, second by Councilperson Marte that Resolution #21-001 be approved.

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

Councilperson Lodato:	aye	Councilperson Kornbluth:	aye
Councilperson Deauna:	aye	Council President Rivera:	aye
Councilperson Marte:	aye	Councilperson Pascual:	aye

RESOLUTION 21-002/To Establish the Seating Order of the 2021 Governing Body.

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

Motion by Councilperson Marte, second by Council President Rivera that Resolution #21-002 be approved.

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

Councilperson Lodato:	aye	Councilperson Kornbluth:	aye
Councilperson Deauna:	aye	Council President Rivera:	aye
Councilperson Marte:	aye	Councilperson Pascual:	aye

RESOLUTION 20-003/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 12/31/2021.

Motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Marte that Resolution #21-003 be approved.

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

Councilperson Lodato:	aye	Councilperson Kornbluth:	aye
Councilperson Deauna:	aye	Council President Rivera:	aye
Councilperson Marte:	aye	Councilperson Pascual:	aye

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

No presentations made.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Please be advised there will be a limit of five (5) minutes per speaker and each may speak only once.

No one came forward.

There being no one who wishes to be heard, Mayor Amatorio closed public comments.

CONSENT RESOLUTION 21-004

- a. **21-005**/Adopt By-Laws for 2021
- b. **21-006**/Establishing Regular Meetings and Dates
- c. **21-007**/Reaffirming Interest Rates and Dates on Delinquent Taxes
- d. **21-008**/Authorizing Fire Department Mutual Aid
- e. **21-009**/Confirming Source Separation and Recycling
- f. **21-010**/Reaffirming Petty Cash and Change Funds
- g. **21-011**/Designate Official Depositories for Current Operating Funds
- h. **21-012**/Designate Secondary Bank Accounts, Signatories and Fiduciary Responsibilities
- i. **21-013**/Authorizing the Utilization of GovDeals, Inc. for Purpose of Disposing of Surplus Equipment
- j. **21-014**/Authorize Tax Collector to Cancel Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amounts less than \$10.00
- k. **21-015**/Authorize \$20 Fee for Tax Payments Returned for Insufficient Funds
- l. **21-016**/Authorize Police Department Mutual Aid
- m. **21-017**/Authorize \$50 fee for Third Request or More for Redemption Tax Sale Certificate
- n. **21-018**/Approve Tax Refund – 263 E. Clinton Avenue
- o. **21-019**/Approve December 15, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes
- p. **21-020**/Approve 2021 Tow Companies
- q. **21-021**/Approve Bergen County Municipal JIF Notice of Tort Claim Form
- r. **21-022**/Appoint Bergen County Municipal JIF Commissioners
- s. **21-023**/Approve Change Order No. 2 – FY' 2017 & 2018 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program – West Central Avenue – A Takton Concrete Corp.
- t. **21-024**/Approve Pay Certificate No. 5 Final – FY'2017 & 2018 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program – West Central Avenue – A Takton Concrete Corp.
- u. **21-025**/Approve Raffle Application RA 1366
- v. **21-026**/Approve Hold Harmless Agreement with AM/PM Walk-in Urgent Care
- w. ~~**21-027**/Approve Hold Harmless Agreement with Baruch Ruttner MD, LLC~~

x. **21-028**/Approve Agreement with Winifred and George Pitkin Foundation Inc.

Motion by Council President Rivera, second by Councilperson Marte that the Consent Agenda be approved as amended.

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

Councilperson Lodato:	aye	Councilperson Kornbluth:	aye
Councilperson Deauna:	aye	Council President Rivera:	aye
Councilperson Marte:	aye	Councilperson Pascual:	aye

W. RESOLUTION 21-027/Approve Hold Harmless Agreement with Baruch Ruttner MD, LLC

Motion by Councilperson Marte, second by Council President Rivera, that Resolution #21-027 be approved.

On a roll, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	aye	Councilperson Kornbluth:	abstain
Councilperson Deauna:	aye	Council President Rivera:	aye
Councilperson Marte:	aye	Councilperson Pascual:	aye

RESOLUTION 21-029/To Approve Temporary Budget Appropriations in CY 2021.

Motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Marte that Resolution #21-029 be approved.

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

Councilperson Lodato:	aye	Councilperson Kornbluth:	aye
Councilperson Deauna:	aye	Council President Rivera:	aye
Councilperson Marte:	aye	Councilperson Pascual:	aye

PROFESSIONAL NOMINATIONS

Mayor recommends and nominates Remington & Vernick Engineers as the Borough Engineer for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/21.

MOTION by Councilperson Marte, seconded by Councilperson Deauna, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, no one opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates T&M Associates as the Special Projects Engineer for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/21.

MOTION by Councilperson Marte, seconded by Council President Rivera, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, no one opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates Rogut McCarthy LLC as the Bond Counsel for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/21.

MOTION by Councilperson Lodato, seconded by Councilperson Marte, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, no one opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates McCusker, Anselmi, Rosen & Carvelli, P.C. as the Labor Counsel for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/21.

MOTION by Councilperson Kornbluth, seconded by Councilperson Marte, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, no one opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates Boggia Boggia Betesh & Voytus, LLC as the Tax Appeal Counsel, for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/21.

MOTION by Councilperson Marte, seconded by Councilperson Deauna, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, no one opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates Gloria Oh Law Group LLC as the Tax Appeal Counsel, for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/21.

MOTION by Councilperson Marte, seconded by Council President Rivera that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, no one opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates Lerch, Vinci & Higgins LLP as the Borough Auditor for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/21.

MOTION by Councilperson Marte, seconded by Council President Rivera, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, no one opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates GJEM- Otterstedt Insurance Agency as the Risk Consultant for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/21.

MOTION by Councilperson Marte, seconded by Councilperson Deauna, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, no one opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates Millennium Strategies LLC as the Grant Writer and Consultant for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/21.

MOTION by Councilperson Marte, seconded by Councilperson Kornbluth, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, no one opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates Associated Appraisal Group as the Borough Appraiser for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/21.

MOTION by Councilperson Marte, seconded by Councilperson Deauna, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, no one opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates Marc A. Calello, Esq. as the Borough Prosecutor for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/21.

MOTION by Councilperson Lodato, seconded by Councilperson Marte, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, no one opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates Linda H. Schwager, Esq. as the Alternate Borough Prosecutor for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/21.

MOTION by Councilperson Lodato, seconded by Council President Rivera, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, no one opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates Robert C. Metzdorf as the Public Defender for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/21.

MOTION by Councilperson Marte, seconded by Councilperson Deauna, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, no one opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates Steven Sciancalepore, Esq. as the Alternate Public Defender for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/21.

MOTION by Councilperson Lodato, seconded by Councilperson Kornbluth, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, no one opposed.

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

MOTION by Councilperson Deauna, seconded by Councilperson Marte, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, no one opposed.

RESOLUTION 21-030/To Confirm Professional Nominations.

Motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Marte that Resolution #21-030 be approved.

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

Councilperson Lodato:	aye	Councilperson Kornbluth:	aye
Councilperson Deauna:	aye	Council President Rivera:	aye
Councilperson Marte:	aye	Councilperson Pascual:	aye

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor recommends and nominates John Pampaloni as the Wastewater Consultant C-3 Licensed Collection Operator, term expiring 12/31/21.

MOTION by Councilperson Marte, seconded by Council President Rivera, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, no one opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates Edward Volmer as Director of Recreation for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/21.

MOTION by Councilperson Kornbluth, seconded by Councilperson Marte, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, no one opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates Corey Gallo as Public Agency Compliance Officer for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/21.

MOTION by Councilperson Marte, seconded by Council President Rivera, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, no one opposed.

Mayor recommends and nominates Robert E. Byrnes, Jr. as Safety Coordinator for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/21.

MOTION by Councilperson Marte, seconded by Councilperson Deauna, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, no one opposed.

RESOLUTION 21-031/To Ratify the Administrative Appointments for 2021.

Motion by Councilperson Marte, second by Councilperson Kornbluth that Resolution #21-031 be approved.

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

Councilperson Lodato:	aye	Councilperson Kornbluth:	aye
Councilperson Deauna:	aye	Council President Rivera:	aye
Councilperson Marte:	aye	Councilperson Pascual:	aye

RECOMMENDATIONS AND NOMINATIONS FOR BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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

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, 2021.

Lee Brinkman
Patti Enders, Secretary
Lorraine Forcier
Pat Flaherty
Kathy Moore
Harry Hillenius, Bldg Dept.
Officer Robert Mader
Sharon Thiemann
Patricia August, Consultant
Public Health Dept.
Dr. Delores Harrison
Phil Neville, Consultant
Captain John Maggi

BOARD OF HEALTH

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

Natalia Herrera-Marte 4-year term, term exp. 12/31/24

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Environmental Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2021.

Jessica Aleman
Cris Bontia
Robert Gallione
Angela Meister
Laura Michelson
Niki Nath
Paul Stypulkoski
Joseph Verga
Craig Vogt
Venus Rose
Rachana Nair

Phil Neville, DPW Consultant

GREEN TEAM

Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Green Team for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2021.

Paul Stypulkoski
Sarah Stypulkoski
Jessica Aleman
Joe Verga
Robert Gallione
Rachana Nair
Corey Gallo, Administrator
Phil Neville, DPW Supt & Shade Tree Committee
Chris Tully, Board of Education
Craig Vogt, Jefferson School Principal
Patricia August, Health Dept Nurse

LIBRARY BOARD

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

Laurie Phipps 5-year term, term exp. 12/31/25

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, 2021.

Ryan Shell, L.E.P.C Chairman, Emergency Management Coordinator
Richard Goddin, Jr., Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator & Auxiliary Police Chief
Arvin Amatorio, Mayor
Ora Kornbluth, Council Liaison
Corey Gallo, Borough Administrator
Mustafa Rabboh, Police Chief
Edward Kneisler III, Fire Chief
Ryan Shell, EMS Chief
Robert Byrnes Jr., Safety Coordinator
Phil Neville, DPW Superintendent
Pat August, Health Department Nurse Supervisor
Mike Ravenda, Construction Code Official
Christopher Tully, Board of Education Liaison

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, 2021.

Loretta Amara, President
Marge Alfano, Vice President
Donna Bellottie, Treasurer
Annette Roge, Secretary

Fred Bellottie
Eileen Conroy
Maria Hoernlein
Roger Hoernlein
John Horsman
Linda Horsman
Gary Romano
Pat Wagner

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, 2021.

Michael Merlo, Chairperson
Linda DePinto
Mr. James Fasano
Nicholas Montello
Mark William Ennis
Thomas O'Reilly
Saba Daneshyar, Vantage Health System
Pat August, Public Health Nurse
Student Member
Christopher Tully, Superintendent
Lt. Rich Ramos, Police Department

PLANNING BOARD

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

Robert Byrnes Jr.	Class II, 1-year term, exp. 12/31/21
Jason Bergman	Alternate #2, 2-year term, exp. 12/31/22

MOTION by Councilperson Kornbluth, seconded by Councilperson Deauna, to appoint Thomas A. Lodato as a Class III and Hernando Rivera as a Class III Alternate, for a 1-year term, expiring 12/31/21. All present voting in favor, no one opposed.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Recreation Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2021.

Domingo Almonte
Juan Arango
Mariann Canino
Ron Domenech (Emeritus)
Angel Dominguez
Edgar Hernandez
Terry Infield
Kathie Lacey
James Lodato
Tony Londono
Vinny Malley, Chair
Ryan Martin
Pedro Martinez
Belinda Mendez

Priscilla Pascual
Libia Placencia
Jacki Teel
Brian Timmons
Ed Volmer, Director
Melissa Weigl
Charlie LaCap
Albeth Gonzales

RENT LEVELING BOARD

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

Robert Policano	Landlord, 3-year term, term exp. 12/31/23
William Fanaras	Landlord, 3-year term, term exp. 12/31/23
Alfred Cardenas	Alt. Member, 1-year term, term exp. 12/31/21
Andrew Lehr	Alt. Tenant, 1-year term, term exp. 12/31/21
_____	Alt. Landlord, 1-year term, term exp. 12/31/21

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, 2021.

Dan Muller
Joe Schade
Jules Orkin
Mike Cassidy
Phil Neville, DPW Superintendent, Consultant
Dixie Rainey, Secretary

SITE PLAN COMMITTEE

Mayor appoints the following members to serve on the Site Plan Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2021.

Richard Morf, Zoning Board
Robert Rivas, Planning Board
Mustafa Rabboh, Police Chief
Edward Kneisler III, Fire Chief
Phil Neville, DPW & Shade Tree
John Pampaloni, WWC Operator
Michael Ravenda, Code
Martin Isler, Volunteer Ambulance Corp.
Joseph Scalora, Resident
Scott Jezequil, Clerk

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mayor appoints the following members to serve on the Traffic Safety Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2021.

Arvin Amatorio, Mayor
Hernando Rivera, Council Liaison
Corey Gallo, Borough Administrator
Chief Mustafa Rabboh, Police Department

Phil Neville, DPW Superintendent
Chris Tully, Board of Education
Edward Kneisler III, Fire Department
Ryan Shell, OEM
Martin Isler, Ambulance Corps
Jacquelyn Romney, Community Representative
David Monegro, Community Representative
Elysha Garibaldi, Community Representative
Cynthia Sherman, Community Representative

VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Veterans Advisory Committee for a one-year term, expiring December 31, 2021.

Amos White
Fred Sahlberg
Kevin Clancy
Ralph Ritter
Warren Williams
John Opatovsky
Joseph Sokol
Richard Morf
John Smith
Thomas Lang, Commander

MOTION by Councilperson Kornbluth, seconded by Council President Rivera, that the nominations referenced be confirmed.

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

Councilperson Lodato:	nay	Councilperson Kornbluth:	aye
Councilperson Deauna:	aye	Council President Rivera:	aye
Councilperson Marte:	aye	Councilperson Pascual:	aye

STIGMA FREE COMMITTEE

Mayor appoints the following to serve on the Stigma Free Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2021.

Lovely Aquino Garcia, RN
Melissa Isip, RN
Dania Huie-Pasigan, RN
Liliza Pancho, RN
Maria Eden Morton, RN
Gina Hernandez
Maria Balajadia, RN
Mairead Tully
Ovelis Munoz
Jacky Fernandez

MOTION by Councilperson Marte, seconded by Councilperson Pascual, that the nominations be confirmed.

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

Councilperson Lodato:	nay	Councilperson Kornbluth:	aye
Councilperson Deauna:	aye	Council President Rivera:	aye
Councilperson Marte:	aye	Councilperson Pascual:	aye

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Councilperson Marte recommends and nominates the following to serve as members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Amnon Wenger	Member, 4-year term exp. 12/31/24
Jose Morel	Alt. #2, 2-year term exp. 12/31/22

MOTION by Councilperson Marte, seconded by Councilperson Kornbluth, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All present voting in favor, no one opposed.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilperson Marte 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 Councilperson Marte, seconded by Councilperson Kornbluth, that the nominations for all Standing Committees named by Council President be confirmed.

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

Councilperson Lodato:	aye	Councilperson Kornbluth:	aye
Councilperson Deauna:	aye	Council President Rivera:	aye
Councilperson Marte:	aye	Councilperson Pascual:	aye

LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Councilperson Marte 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	Pascual
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE (<i>Ecology</i>)	Rivera
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	Kornbluth
LIBRARY BOARD	Lodato
MAYOR'S SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE	Deauna
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE	Deauna
PLANNING BOARD	Lodato
RECREATION COMMITTEE	Kornbluth
RENT LEVELING BOARD	Pascual
SITE PLAN COMMITTEE	Rivera

**SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
STIGMA FREE COMMITTEE
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

**Pascual
Lodato
Rivera
Marte
Marte**

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

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

Councilperson Lodato:	aye	Councilperson Kornbluth:	aye
Councilperson Deauna:	aye	Council President Rivera:	aye
Councilperson Marte:	aye	Councilperson Pascual:	aye

CLOSED SESSION

The Governing Body will enter into Closed Executive Session to discuss:

- A. Attorney-Client Privilege
 - 1. PBA Local 309 Update
- B. Contracts/Agreements
 - 1. Personnel Agreements

Minutes will be taken of the meeting and released to the public at the time that the matter is resolved. After Closed Executive Session, the Mayor and Council will reconvene to adjourn this public meeting.

On a motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Marte, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session in the Executive Chambers at 9:18 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to come before the Council, on a motion by Councilperson Marte, second by Councilperson Kornbluth, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Quinones, RMC
Borough Clerk