

**MINUTES OF THE RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
JANUARY 1, 2014**

PRESENT: Mayor Raia, Council Members: DeCrosta, Gray, Kerner,
Toomey, Walencyk, Administrator Cuccia, Borough Clerk Macari, Borough Attorney
Russell Huntington
ABSENT: Council Member Kurpis

Mayor Raia called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NOTIFICATION OF FIRE EXITS – At this time, Mayor Raia pointed out the locations of the fire exits.

INVOCATION:

Mayor Raia stated that Msgr. Frank Del Prete would deliver the invocation; he bestowed blessings to the Borough of Saddle River community and the attending public.

NOTICE OF MEETING READ BY BOROUGH CLERK:

"Notice of this meeting in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 of the laws of 1975, has been given by posting a notice of the scheduled dates of all regular meetings of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Saddle River on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and in the office of the Borough Clerk and by faxing notice thereof to the Ridgewood Newspapers and The Record on December 19, 2013." Also on the official Borough website.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Samuel Raia administered separately the Oath of Offices to **Council Member Elect Gray and Council Member Elect Kerner.**

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Raia thanked Council Member Boardman and Council President Mastriano for their diligent service and commitment to the Borough over the years. He further stated that this is his seventh year as Mayor and he stressed that the primary goal in the Borough is public safety. He further stated that Saddle River is a premiere community which will continue to run efficiently and be mindful of keeping property taxes low.

Appointment of Probationary Police Officer Michael Cooper

Resolution # A1-14 Offered by Council Member Toomey
Seconded by Council Member Walenczyk
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

At this time, Police Officer Michael Cooper was sworn in by Mayor Raia.

ELECTION OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Motion by Council Member DeCrosta to elect Council Member Toomey as Council President for 2014. Seconded by Council Member Walenczyk
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS FOR 2014:

Council President Toomey moved to adopt the by-laws for 2014, as amended
Seconded by Council Member Walenczyk

Before voting, Council Member Kerner requested that changes to the By-Laws be red-lined for identification purposes. Additionally, she addressed other items in the By-Laws for possible amendment specifically **ARTICLE IV MEETINGS Section 4:10 recommending that this be restored to read," Upon the request of a member of the Council, or when ordered by the Mayor, or when directed by Statute, a roll call vote shall be taken in alphabetical order and the Ayes and Nays entered in the minutes of the meeting."** She proposed to not delete these words. After a brief discussion Council Member Kerner's suggestion that we do not delete the language was accepted by Council Member Toomey.

The next item of the By Laws, Council Member Kerner took issue with was also in **ARTICLE IV, Section 4:11** but after discussion and the Borough Attorney's explanation it was deemed that there was no need to change the wording.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: DeCrosta, Gray, Toomey, Walenczyk
 NAYS: Kerner ABSENT: Kurpis

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Raia proposed the following liaison assignments:

	COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE
Board of Education	Jerry DeCrosta
Board of Health	Albert Kurpis
Environmental Commission	Jerry DeCrosta
Landmarks Commission	Albert Kurpis
Finance	Bruce E. Walenczyk Corinne Kerner
Parks & Recreation Commission	Ron Gray
Planning Board	Corinne Kerner
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Michael Toomey

STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Raia proposed the following appointments of the Council:

STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Standing Committees	Council Appointments
Board of Education	Jerry DeCrosta
Board of Health	Albert Kurpis
Board of Parks and Rec.	Ron Gray
Buildings & Grounds Roads, Streets, Lighting Drainage, & Sanitation	Jerry DeCrosta
Construction & Zoning Enforcement	Michael Toomey, Chairperson John Scialla, Construction Official

Dept. of Public Safety	Police – Bruce Walenczyk Fire - Albert Kurpis EMS – Corinne Kerner Charles S. Cuccia - Administrator
Environmental	Jerry DeCrosta
Finance	Bruce E. Walenczyk Corinne Kerner Charles S. Cuccia, CFO
Green Team	Ron Gray
Landmarks Commission	Albert Kurpis
Memorial Day Committee	Bruce E. Walenczyk Michael Toomey
Ordinance & Legislation	Michael Toomey Bruce Walenczyk
Personnel	Michael Toomey Bruce E. Walenczyk Jerry DeCrosta Charles S. Cuccia, Administrator
Planning Board	Corinne Kerner
Public Information	Ron Gray
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Michael Toomey

Motion to Ratify Moved by Council Member Walenczyk
Seconded by Council Member Gray
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS

A motion to appoint **Council Member Kerner to the Planning Board, Class III** was made by Council Member Gray.
Seconded by Council Member Walenczyk
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Joe Laurite	4yrs	12/31/17
Carroll Dowden	4yrs	12/31/17

Alternate #1 John Rosato	2yrs	12/31/15
Alternate #2 Lou Mastriano	2 yrs	12/31/14*

<u>Planning Board</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Class II Jeff Liva, Environ Mbr.	3yrs	12/31/15*
Class IV Rebecca Rogers	4yrs	12/31/15*
Class IV Carol Boyajian	4 yrs	12/31/17
Alternate #1 David Saint	2 yrs	12/31/14*

<u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Dr. C. Rossakis	3yrs	12/31/16
Dr. John Azzariti	3yrs	12/31/16
Darlene Mandeville, Environmental Health Specialist	1yr	12/31/14
Steven Peters, Health Officer	1yr	12/31/14

BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

No Appointments

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Jeff Liva, Planning Bd Rep	3yrs	12/31/15*
Nik Aktas	3yrs	12/31/14*
Emily Kaufman	3yrs	12/31/16

LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Joanne Kakaty	3yrs	12/31/15*
Gloria Blumenthal	3yrs	12/31/15*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following appointments are hereby confirmed by the Borough Council of the Borough of Saddle River.

Motion to Ratify all of the appointments, **with the exception of the Landmarks Commission**. Moved by Council President Toomey
 Seconded by Council Member Walenczyk
 Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Motion to Ratify the Mayor’s Appointments to the Landmarks Commission as presented. Moved by Council President Toomey. Seconded by Council Member Walenczyk.

Council Member Kerner requested tabling this motion until such time as members of the Bishop House and other historical groups in the Borough could be offered an opportunity to join the Landmarks Commission.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: DeCrosta, Toomey, Walenczyk NAYES: Kerner, Gray
 ABSENT: Kurpis

R# 1-14 Appointment of Borough Officials

At this time, Council Member Kerner moved to remove the following professionals from this resolution and vote on them separately: Borough Attorney, Borough Planner, Borough Engineer, Borough Auditor & Borough Risk Manager.

Resolution Offered by Council President Toomey
Seconded by Council Member Walenczyk
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Motion to appoint Russell Huntington as Borough Attorney offered by Council President Toomey. Seconded by Council Member DeCrosta

At this time, Council Member Kerner stated that she feels several Borough ordinances contained legal and drafting errors and this should be an area of focus for the Council and professionals in 2014.

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Motion to appoint Timothy Vrabel as Borough Auditor offered by Council President Toomey. Seconded by Council Member Walenczyk

At this time, Council Member Kerner requested confirmation of the auditor's fees and this was addressed in detail at this time by Administrator Cuccia.

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Motion to appoint Martin Spence as Borough Engineer and Frank Covelli as Borough Risk Manager was offered by Council President Toomey. Seconded by Council Member Walenczyk

At this time, Council Member Kerner inquired about Mr. Spence's rates and Administrator Cuccia confirmed that they did not increase. Council Member DeCrosta stated that Mr. Spence is an invaluable asset to the Borough.

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Motion to appoint Richard Preiss as Borough Planner offered by Council President Toomey. Seconded by Council Member Walenczyk.

At this time, Council Member Kerner stated that many zoning ordinances, which have significant input from Mr. Preiss, are not as concise as they could be. She further stated that she feels that there needs to be more interaction with both Council Members as well as residents in the role of Borough Planner.

Council Member Toomey stated that he has had an opportunity to work with Mr. Preiss on the amendments of several ordinances and feels that Mr. Preiss provides a level of expertise that is a great benefit to the Borough.

Council Member Kerner disagreed and stated that she feels it is a diligence issue, citing errors in code sections as well as the need for residents to bring their own professionals in order to get their points across.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: DeCrosta, Gray, Toomey, Walenczyk NAYES: Kerner
ABSENT: Kurpis

CONSENT AGENDA- Open to public for these items only.

All Resolutions listed hereunder will be enacted in one motion. Any Council Member may request that an item be removed for separate consideration.

Offered by Council President Toomey
Seconded by Council Member Walenczyk
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

At this time, Administrator Cuccia outlined the resolutions contained in the Consent Agenda.

- R# 2-14** Designation of Depositories
- R# 3-14** Approving the Borough's Cash Management Plan
- R# 4-14** Designation of Official Newspapers
- R# 5-14** Approving Council Meeting Dates
- R# 6-14** Establishing Delinquent Tax Rates
- R# 7-14** Approving Temporary Budget
- R# 8-14** Authorizing Payment of Certain Bills Prior to Council Approval
- R# 9-14** Authorizing Signing of Professional Contracts
- R#10-14** Authorization to Enter Into Contracts Awarded by the State & County
- R#11-14** Approving the Filing of Appeals and Settlements
- R#12-14** Authorizing the Carry-Over of Contracts
- R#13-14** Appointing Certifying Agent
- R#14-14** Approving the Appointment of Professionals
- R#15-14** Appointing Professional Insurance Associates Inc., Health Benefits Consultants
- R#16-14** Appointing Professional Insurance Associates Inc., Risk Managers
- R#17-14** Appointing Saddle River Municipal Alliance
- R#18-14** Cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen
- R#19-14** Appointment of Saddle River Fire Department Officers

- R#20-14** Opposition to Approval Process for Non-SHBP Health Plans
- R#21-14** Authorizing Municipal Court Video Conferencing
- R#22-14** Authorizing Action Data Services for payment of payroll
- R#23-14** Chapter 78
- R#24-14** Contract 911 Emergency Telephone Services
- R#25-14** Interlocal Health Services Agreement – City of Hackensack
- R#26-14** Authorization Tyco Animal Control Services
- R#27-14** Blood Borne Pathogens Agreement

Motion to Open to the Public offered by Council President Toomey. Seconded by Council Member Walenczyk. Voice Vote: All Ayes.

Open to the Public for Consent Agenda Items Only:

Patty Nazzaro, 3 Westwind Court thanked the Mayor and Council for their continued support of the Saddle River Municipal Alliance and stated that there are many new programs planned for 2014.

Motion to Close to the Public offered by Council President Toomey. Seconded by Council Member Walenczyk. Voice Vote: All Ayes.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS:

Council President Toomey thanked the Mayor and Council for their vote of confidence in electing him Council President. He welcomed Council Members Gray and Kerner, stating that they bring a level of expertise that will be beneficial to the Borough.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No one from the public wished to be heard.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business before the Council, Mayor Raia asked for a motion for adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie Elena Macari
Borough Clerk