

**MINUTES OF THE RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
JANUARY 1, 2015**

PRESENT: Mayor Raia, Council Members: Gray, Jensen, Kerner, Kurpis Schulstad, Walenczyk, Administrator Shenkler, Borough Clerk Macari, Borough Attorney Russell Huntington

ABSENT:

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

OATH OF OFFICE

Borough Attorney Huntington administered separately the Oath of Offices to **Council Member Elect Schulstad and Council Member Elect Jensen.**

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 of Saint Gabriel the Archangel Church 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 emailing notice thereof to the Herald News and The Record on December 17, 2014." Also on the official Borough website.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Raia stated that it is his hope that the Council will work together harmoniously this year for the good of the Borough and its residents.

He further stated that as he embarks on his final term in office, he considers being the Mayor of Saddle River the privilege of his life and wants to work to continually improve this special community.

ELECTION OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Motion by Council Member Walenczyk to elect Council Member Kurpis as Council President for 2015. Seconded by Council Member Gray
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS FOR 2015:

Mayor Raia stated that the By-Laws for 2015 have not changed from 2014.

Council President Kurpis moved to adopt the by-laws for 2015.
Seconded by Council Member Walenczyk
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Raia proposed the following liaison assignments:

	COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE
Board of Education	Paul Schulstad
Board of Health	Albert Kurpis
Environmental Commission	Paul Schulstad
Finance	Al Kurpis Bruce E. Walenczyk Corinne Kerner
Landmarks Commission	Albert Kurpis
Parks & Recreation Commission	Ron Gray
Planning Board	Eric Jensen
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Corinne Kerner

STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Raia proposed the following appointments of the Council:

STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Standing Committees	Council Appointments
Board of Parks and Rec.	Ron Gray
Board of Health	Albert Kurpis
Buildings & Grounds Roads, Streets, Lighting Drainage, & Sanitation	Paul Schulstad
Board of Education	Paul Schulstad
COAH	Eric Jensen Corinne Jensen
Construction & Zoning Enforcement	Eric Jensen John Scialla, Construction Official
Dept. of Public Safety	Police: Albert Kurpis Fire: Ron Gray EMS: Corinne Kerner Les Shenkler - Administrator
Environmental	Paul Schulstad
Finance	Albert Kurpis Bruce Walenczyk Corinne Kerner Michael Mariniello, CFO
Green Team	Paul Schulstad Corinne Kerner
Landmarks Commission	Albert Kurpis
Memorial Day Committee	Paul Schulstad Bruce E. Walenczyk Co- Chairpersons

Ordinance & Legislation	Ron Gray, Chairman Eric Jensen
Personnel	Bruce E. Walenczyk Ron Gray Corinne Kerner Les Shenkler, Administrator
Planning Board	Eric Jensen
Public Information	Ron Gray
Wildlife Management Committee	Paul Schulstad
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Corinne Kerner

Motion to Ratify Moved by Council Member Jensen
 Seconded by Council President Kurpis
 Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS

<u>Planning Board</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Class IV Ed Russo	4 yrs	12/31/18
Alternate #2 Adam Grossman	2 yrs	12/31/16

<u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
George Tashji	3 yrs	12/31/17
Darlene Mandeville, Environmental Health Specialist	1 yr	12/31/15
Northwest Bergen Regional, Health Officer	1 yr	12/31/15

<u>BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS</u>		
Tim Egan	5 yrs	12/31/19
John B. Weiss	5 yrs	12/31/19
Chris Barry	5 yrs	12/31/19

<u>ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION</u>		
Jerry DeCrosta	3 yrs	12/31/17
Robert LaViano, Chairman	3 yrs	12/31/17
Ron Yates	3 yrs	12/31/17
Nik Aktas	3 yrs	12/31/17
Nicholas Turturro	3 yrs	12/31/17

LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Maria Harper	3 yrs	12/31/17
Michael Trepicchio	3 yrs	12/31/17
Jon Kurpis	3 yrs	12/31/17
Dr. Mary Bello	3 yrs	12/31/17
Fern Lambert	3 yrs	12/31/15
John Lasalandra	3 yrs	12/31/17*

*Subject to revising existing ordinance to eight members

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, moved by Council Member Kerner
Seconded by Council Member Gray

Council President Kurpis stated that the Landmarks Commission had intended to add an additional member to insure a quorum and have a strong connection from the Wandell School. The Landmarks Commission voted unanimously to appoint School Board Member John Lasalandra, however he would be the eighth member of the Commission, where the code specifies the Commission is to be comprised of seven members at this time. Attorney Huntington stated that the Historic Preservation code would have to be amended to include this language.

Council Member Kerner amended the original motion to include the appointment of John Lasalandra to the Landmarks Commission for a term of three years to expire on 12/31/17 subject to amending the Borough ordinance, increasing the number of Landmarks Commission members to eight.

Seconded by Council Member Gray

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD

By Bergen County

*filling an unexpired term

The Borough Council proposes the following appointment; said appointment shall be for the term specified.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Council appointment is hereby made by the Borough Council of the Borough of Saddle River.

Planning Board Class III Member

Council Member Jensen	1 Yr	12/31/15
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Motion by Council Member Kerner
Seconded by Council President Kurpis

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Mayor Raia: I propose the following appointments. Said appointments shall be for the term specified.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

George Kakaty	4 yrs	12/31/18
John Montana	4 yrs	12/31/18
Tami Trobiano Alt#2	2 yrs	12/31/16

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

Motion by Council President Kurpis
Seconded by Council Member Gray
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

RESOLUTION PACKAGE

R# 1-14 Appointment of Borough Officials

Resolution Offered by Council President Kurpis
Seconded by Council Walencyk

At this time Borough Clerk Macari read the Borough Officials Appointments

Council Member Kerner asked about officials that have been removed from this list. Borough Attorney Huntington stated that, if an employee is tenured, they have been removed from this list.

She further inquired about Municipal Court Judge Darren DiBiasi's term and Borough Clerk Macari explained that it is a three year term to expire on 12/31/17. Attorney Huntington stated that he should be appointed as such term as is lawfully available at this time, until clarification can be made.

Council Member Kerner stated that she would like to query both the Planning and Zoning Boards regarding the Borough Planner to insure that the objectives of the Borough are being met. Mayor Raia stated that the current planner, Richard Preiss has significant experience with COAH but an RFQ can be requested; his contract will be carried over at this time.

She further stated that she would like to amend the language in Judge DiBiasi's appointment until clarification of his term can be made and she would like to remove the appointment of Richard Preiss as Borough Planner at this time.

Council Member Kerner stated that it is very important for all council members to have copies of all contracts where action will be taken well in advance for review. She also inquired about the shared services agreement with Ramsey for the Tax Collector. Borough Attorney Huntington stated that the only change from the original contract were the days of the week and the hours worked.

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

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.

Resolution Offered by Council President Kurpis

Seconded by Council Member Walenczyk

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

- R# 02-15 Designation of Depositories
- R# 03-15 Approving the Borough's Accounting Policy
- R# 04-15 Designation of Official Newspapers
- R# 05-15 Approving Council Meeting Dates
- R# 06-15 Establishing Delinquent Tax Rates
- R# 07-15 Approving Temporary Budget
- R# 08-15 Authorizing Payment of Certain Bills Prior to Council Approval
- R# 09-15 Authorizing Signing of Professional Contracts
- R# 10-15 Authorization to Enter Into Contracts Awarded by the State & County
- R# 11-15 Approving the Filing of Appeals and Settlements
- R# 12-15 Authorizing the Carry-Over of Contracts
- R# 13-15 Appointing Certifying Agent
- R# 14-15 Approving the Appointment of Professionals
- R# 15-15 Appointing Professional Insurance Associates Inc., Health Benefits Consultants
- R# 16-15 Appointing Professional Insurance Associates Inc., Risk Managers
- R# 17-15 Appointing Saddle River Municipal Alliance
- R# 18-15 Cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen
- R# 19-15 Appointment of Saddle River Fire Department Officers
- R# 20-15 Inter-local Northwest Bergen Licensed Operator
- R# 21-15 Inter-local Ridgewood Authorizing Municipal Court Video Conferencing
- R# 22-15 Authorizing Action Data Services for payment of payroll
- R# 23-15 Inter-local County of Bergen Police Mutual Aid
- R# 24-15 Inter-local Paramus Contract 911 Emergency Telephone Services
- R# 25-15 Northwest Bergen Regional (Waldwick)
- R# 26-15 Authorization Tyco Animal Control Services
- R# 27-15 Inter-local County of Bergen Blood Borne Pathogens Agreement
- R# 28-15 Inter-local Ramsey Authorizing Tax Collector Service Agreement

COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS:

Council President Kurpis stated that he hopes to carry out his duties to the best of his ability and remain committed to working diligently for the betterment of the town.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Patty Nazzaro, 3 Westwind Court presented the Mayor and Council with a flag, flown over the United States Capitol on November 22, 2014, in recognition of the 120th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Borough of Saddle River. She presented the Mayor with an additional flag, also flown on this day.

Mayor Raia was very appreciative of her efforts and also commended Ms. Nazzaro for her hard work with the Municipal Alliance.

BENEDICTION

Msgr. Frank Del Prete of Saint Gabriel the Archangel Church read the benediction at this time.

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