

**MINUTES OF THE RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER  
JANUARY 2, 2009**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Raia, Council President Burke, Council Members:  
Mastriano, Murray, Mutter, Re, Toomey, Administrator Cuccia,  
Borough Clerk Macari, Borough Attorney Russell Huntington

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**ABSENT:**

**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 Council Member Mutter would deliver the invocation and 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 10, 2008."

**OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mayor Raia administered the Oath of Office as follows:

Council Member Mutter

Council Member Toomey

**MAYOR’S COMMENTS**

Mayor Raia stated that it has been a busy year and many pending projects have either been completed or are continuing in a positive direction to include the Burning Hollow Water Line, the traffic light on Boroline Road, Saddle River Crossing, the completion of the third round COAH obligation, bringing paramedics into the Borough, the Green Committee and general clean-up in high profile areas in the Borough.

He further stated that he has received positive response from many residents and commended all of the Borough volunteers for their hard work.

**ELECTION OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Council Member Murray stated that Council President Burke has worked diligently and with great dedication, as a Council Member for 31 years and serving as Council President for 25 of those years.

Motion by Council Member Murray to elect Council Member Burke as Council President for 2009. Seconded by Council Member Re.

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS FOR 2009:**

Council Member Murray moved to adopt the by-laws for 2009.

Seconded by Council President Burke.

Roll-Call Vote-AYES-Unanimous

**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS:**

Mayor Raia proposed the following liaison assignments:

	<b>COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE</b>
Board of Education	Karen Mastriano, Chrmn. John E. Murray
Board of Health	Michael Mutter
Environmental Commission	Maurice R. Burke
Landmarks Commission	Michael Toomey

Parks & Recreation Commission	Karen Mastriano
Planning Board	Maurice R. Burke
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Michael Toomey

Council Member Mastriano moved to confirm Council Representative Appointments.  
 Seconded by: Council Member Murray  
 Roll-Call Vote: AYES Unanimous

**STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Raia proposed the following appointments of the Council:

**STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

<b>Standing Committees</b>	<b>Council Appointments</b>
Board of Health	Michael Mutter
Buildings & Grounds	Michael Mutter
Board of Education	Karen Mastriano, Chairperson John E. Murray
Board of Parks and Rec.	Karen Mastriano
Construction & Zoning Enforcement	Maurice Burke, Chairperson John Scialla, Construction Official
Dept. of Public Safety	Maurice R. Burke, Chairperson Robert Re
Environmental, Recycling & Sanitation	Maurice R. Burke, Chairperson Robert Re
Finance	John E. Murray, Chairperson Maurice Burke Charles S. Cuccia, CFO
Landmarks Commission	Michael Toomey

Memorial Day Committee	John E. Murray, Co-Chairpersons Karen Mastriano
Personnel	Robert Re, Chairperson Maurice Burke
Planning Board	Maurice Burke
Public Information	Karen Mastriano Robert Re
Roads, Street Lighting & Drainage	Michael Mutter Robert Re
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Michael Toomey

Resolution Moved by Council President Burke  
 Seconded by Council Member Murray  
 Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS**

<b><u>Planning Board</u></b>	<b>Term of Office</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>
Class II Penny Neill	2 yrs	12/31/10
Class IV Nina Bernhardt	4 yrs	12/31/12
Class IV Dr. Warren Boardman	4 yrs	12/31/12
Alt.#1 Ed Russo	2 yrs	12/31/10
Alt#2 Jordon Richin	1 yr	12/31/09*

**Board of Parks & Recreation Commissioners**

Karen Mastriano	12/31/09
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**Environmental Commission**

Henry Senger	3 Yrs	12/31/11
Mariel Noyes	3 Yrs	12/31/11
Ron Yates	3Yrs	12/31/11

Motion moved by Council Member Re  
 Seconded by Council Member Mastriano  
 Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS**

**Planning Board**

**Term of Office**

**Expiration Date**

Class III Maurice Burke

1 Yr.

12/31/09

Motion moved by Council Member Murray  
Seconded by Council Member Re  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**

George Kakaty

4 Yrs

12/31/10\*

Phyllis Cohen

4 Yrs

12/31/12

Louis Perrin

4 yrs

12/31/12

**Alternate:**

Bruce Walenczyk Alt #1

2 yrs

12/31/09\*

Andrew Gatto Alt#2

2yrs

12/31/10

Council Representative,  
Michael Toomey

\*filling an unexpired term

Motion moved by Council Member Re  
Seconded by Council Member Murray  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**Board of Health**

**Term of Office**

**Expiration Date**

George Tashji

3 yrs

12/31/11

Dr. John Azzariti, Alt#1

1 yr

12/31/09

Darlene Mandeville, Environmental  
Health Specialist

1yr

12/31/09

John Christ, Health Officer  
Council Representative,

1Yr

12/31/09

Michael Mutter

1Yr

12/31/09

Motion moved by Council Member Murray  
Seconded by Council Member Mastriano  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**Landmarks Commission**

**Term of Office**

**Expiration Date**

Maria Harper	3 yrs	12/31/11
Kevin Collins	3 yrs	12/31/11
Carole FitzPatrick	3 yrs	12/31/11
Mary Bello Mutter	3 yrs	12/31/11
Council Representative		
Michael Toomey	1 yr	12/31/09

Motion moved by Council Member Mutter  
 Seconded by Council President Burke  
 Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**R# 1-09 Appointment of Borough Officials**

Offered by Council Member Murray  
 Seconded by Council Re  
 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.

Offered by Council President Burke  
 Seconded by Council Member Murray  
 Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**R# 2-09** Designation of Depositories

**R# 3-09** Approving the Borough's Cash Management Plan

**R# 4-09** Designation of Official Newspapers

**R# 5-09** Approving Council Meeting Dates

**R# 6-09** Establishing Delinquent Tax Rates

**R# 7-09** Approving Temporary Budget

**R# 8-09** Authorizing Payment of Certain Bills Prior to Council Approval

**R# 9-09** Authorizing Signing of Professional Contracts

**R# 10-09** Authorization to Enter Into Contracts Awarded by the State & County

- R# 11-09** Approving the Filing of Appeals and Settlements
- R# 12-09** Approving the Appointment of Professionals
- R# 13-09** Authorizing the Carry-Over of Contracts
- R# 14-09** Appointing Certifying Agent
- R# 15-09** Appointing Fund Commissioners, Safety Delegates and Alternates
- R# 16-09** Appointing Professional Insurance Associates Inc., Risk Managers
- R# 17-09** Appointing Professional Insurance Associates Inc., Health Benefits Consultants
- R# 18-09** Appointing Saddle River Municipal Alliance
- R# 19-09** Cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen
- R# 20-09** Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinators LEPC
- R# 21-09** Appointing of Saddle River Fire Department Officers
- R# 22-09** Adoption of Bergen County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

**Open to the Public for Consent Agenda Items Only:** No one from the public wished to be heard.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS:**

Council President Burke thanked The Council and stated that it was an honor and a privilege to act as Council President. He also welcomed Council Member Toomey to the Council and thanked Mayor Raia for his dedication and fine leadership in the Borough of Saddle River.

Mayor Raia stated that he wanted to recognize Carole FitzPatrick, past Council Member, and thanked her for her years of dedication and service to the community.

Mayor Raia further stated that he also wanted to recognize Joe Pera, Planning Board President, who is retiring and commended him for all his years of hard work.

Council Member Re stated that he wanted to commend the Saddle River Fire Department for their dedication and pointed out that they were missing their

swearing in as they were called to a fire during this meeting. He further stated that they would be sworn in at the January 19, 2009 meeting of the Mayor and Council.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

No one from the public wished to be heard.

**CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:**

**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