

**MINUTES OF THE RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
JANUARY 3, 2006**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Caruso at 6:00 p.m. Seated at the dais were Council Members Burke, Fitzpatrick, Murray, Savarese and Re.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Mayor Caruso introduced Monsignor Robert Fuhrman of Saint Gabriel the Archangel Church who then 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 28, 2005."

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

OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCIL MEMBERS-ELECT

Mayor Conrad S. Caruso administered the Oath of Office. M. Carole FitzPatrick and Samuel S. Raia were sworn in.

Judge Philip F. Sheridan, Jr. was sworn in by Mayor Conrad S. Caruso.

Mayor Caruso to chair the meeting.

AWARDS AND CEREMONIES

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Motion by Council Member Murray to elect Council Member Burke as Council President for 2006. Seconded by Council Member Re.
Roll Call Vote: AYES Unanimous

ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS FOR 2006:

Council Member Burke moved to adopt the by-laws for 2006, with pending changes in the future.

Seconded by Council Member Savarese
Roll-Call Vote-AYES-Unanimous

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Caruso proposed the following liaison assignments:

	COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE
Board of Education	John E. Murray Alternate Louis A. Savarese
Board of Health	Louis A. Savarese
Environmental Commission	Maurice R. Burke
Landmarks Commission	Carole FitzPatrick
Liaison to Bergen County Freeholders	Samuel S. Raia
Parks & Recreation Commission	Samuel S. Raia
Planning Board	Louis A. Savarese
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Carole FitzPatrick

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

STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Caruso proposed the following appointments of the Council:

Standing Committees

Council Appointments

Buildings & Grounds

Carole FitzPatrick, Chairperson
Louis A. Savarese

Construction &
Zoning Enforcement

Louis A. Savarese, Chairperson
Maurice R. Burke
John Scialla, Construction Official

Dept. of Public Safety

Maurice R. Burke, Chairperson
Robert Re
Charles S. Cuccia, Borough Admin.

Environmental, Recycling &
Sanitation

Maurice R. Burke, Chairperson
Carole FitzPatrick

Finance

John E. Murray, Chairperson
Louis Savarese
Charles S. Cuccia, CFO

Memorial Day Committee

Carole FitzPatrick, Chairperson
John E. Murray

Public Information
& Personnel

Carole FitzPatrick, Chairperson
John E. Murray

Roads, Street Lighting
& Drainage

Samuel S. Raia, Chairperson
Maurice R. Burke

Council Member Savarese moved to confirm Standing Committee Appointments.
Seconded by Council Member Raia
Roll-Call Vote: AYES Unanimous

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS

Mayor Caruso to propose the following appointments. Said appointments shall be for the term specified.

<u>Planning Board</u>		Term of Office	Expiration Date
Class II	Michael Mutter	2 Yr	12/31/06*
Class IV	Carol Boyajian	4 Yrs	12/31/09
Alt#1	Nicholas Barker	2 Yrs	12/31/07
Alt#2	Jerry Treglia	2 Yr	12/31/07

*filling an unexpired term

Board of Parks & Recreation Commissioners

No new appointments.

<u>Environmental Commission</u>		Term of Office	Expiration Date
Michael Mutter (Planning Bd. Rep)		3 Yrs	12/31/06*
Marilyn Goldfisher		3 Yrs	12/31/07*
George Kakaty		3 Yrs	12/31/08
Mariel Noyes		3 Yrs	12/31/08

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

Council Member Re moved to confirm the Environmental Commission appointments.
Seconded by Council Member Raia
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Planning Board
Council Representative

		Term of Office	Expiration
Class III	Louis A. Savarese	1 Yr	12/31/06

Resolution Offered by Council Member Murray
Seconded by Council Member Raia
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

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

Mayor Caruso proposes the following appointments. Said appointments shall be for the term specified.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

David Petrocine	4 Yrs	12/31/09
Carroll Dowden	4 Yrs	12/31/09
		12/31/08
<u>Alt#1</u> Louis Perrin	2 Yrs	12/31/07
David L. Rutherford, Esq.	1 Yr.	12/31/06

Resolution Offered by Council Member Burke
Seconded by Council Member FitzPatrick
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

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<u>Board of Health</u>	Term of Office	Expiration Date
Victoria Jensen	3 Yrs	12/31/08
Lisa Coccoziello	3 Yrs	12/31/07*
Stuart Ostrow, Environmental Health Specialist	1 Yr	12/31/06
John Christ, Health Officer	1 Yr	12/31/06

Resolution Offered by Council Member Savarese
Seconded by Council Member Raia
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

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Landmarks Commission

Penny Neil Toomey	3 Yrs	12/31/08
David Brown	3 Yrs	12/31/08
Kevin Collins	3 Yrs	12/31/08
Mary Bello Mutter	3 Yrs.	12/31/08
Attorney, Daniel FitzPatrick,	1 Yr	12/31/06

Resolution Offered by Council Member FitzPatrick
Seconded by Council Member Re
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

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Board of Social Services (Bergen County)

***filling unexpired term**

R# 1-06

COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER

Date: 1/3/06

Resolution Offered by Council Member Burke
Seconded Council Member Murray

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Mayor Caruso to propose the following municipal appointments. Said appointments shall be for a period of one (1) year, expiring on December **12/31/06 unless otherwise noted.**

Administrator (term expires 12/31/07)
Chief Financial Officer NJSA40A;9-140.13(Tenured)
Deputy Borough Clerk, Deputy Emergency
Management Coordinator, Qualified Purchasing Agent
Personnel Officer

Charles S. Cuccia

Borough Clerk (NJSA 40A:9-134 Tenured) Election Officer,
Registrar of Vital Statistics
Affirmative Action Compliance Officer,
Assessment Search Officer, Safety Delegate
Dog/Cat Licensing Agent
Secretary to Zoning Board of Adjustment

Marie Elena Macari

Borough Attorney
Norton, Arpert, Sheehy & Higgins, P.C.

Harry D. Norton, Jr

Auditor
Dickinson, Vrabel & Cassells

Timothy Vrabel

Borough Engineers,
Search Officer, Land Subdivision,
Flood Information Coordinator

**Charles J. Wilde
Martin Spence**

Administrative Secretary to Mayor & Council,
Recycling Coordinator & Deputy Registrar,
Secretary to Planning Board

Georgia Silverman

Tax Collector, (NJSA40A:9-142 Exp. Tenured)
Tax Search Officer
and Local Improvement Assessment Officer
Confidential Administrative Assistant
Secretary to Board of Health

Linda Canavan

Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer

Maria Reda

Confidential Administrative Assistant
Confidential Administrative Assistant

Dobbie Burgio
Joy Convertini

Tax Assessor (NJSA40:9A-146) Tenured

Stuart Stolarz

Property Maintenance Supervisor

Bruce Mautz

Property Maintenance Worker – Lead Man

Donald Averno

Property Maintenance Worker

Basil Persaud

Emergency Management Coordinator,
Fire Official
School Crossing Guard
Secretary to Police Department and
Police Matron

Walter R. Ash, Jr.

Patricia Boublis

Senior Communications Officer
Senior Communications Officer
Senior Communications Officer
Communications Officer

Frederick Borchert
Joseph Azevdo
Ryan Muller
Erik Kato

MUNICIPAL COURT:

Judge (3yr.)expires 12/31/08
Court Administrator
Deputy Court Administrator – Part time
Municipal Prosecutor
Public Defender

Philip F. Sheridan Jr.
Carol Poitier
Christine Oravetz
Christine Lilore
Salvatore Sclafani

CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICE:

Construction Code Offl./Building
Sub-code Official, Property Maintenance
Officer, and Zoning Officer and Municipal Code
Enforcement Officer-

John Scialla

Building Inspector, Asst. Zoning Officer

Michelle Wood

Plumbing Inspector - P T

George Duemmer

Electrical Sub-Code Official – P T 4 yr terms

Chris Walthour

Fire Sub-code Official - P T 4 yr terms

Richard Silvia

Control Person/Construction Code Secretary
Senior Administrative Clerk

Dorothy Giesenhaus
Jane Innocenti

Administrative Clerk

Kirsten Bloss

Environmental Health Specialist P/T

Stuart Ostrow

Secretary to Commissions
Landmarks, Board of Parks and Recreation, and
Environmental

Kirsten Bloss

	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
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Burke, Maurice R.	X			
Fitzpatrick, Carol	X			
Murray, John E.	X			
Raia, Samuel S.	X			
Re, Robert	X			
Savarese, Louis A	X			
Caruso, Conrad S., Mayor				

Date Passed: January 3, 2006

_____ (Mayor)

_____ (Borough Clerk)

CONSENT AGENDA- Open to public for these items only.

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

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

- R# 2-06 Designation of Depositories
- R# 3-06 Approving the Borough's Cash Management Plan
- R# 4-06 Designation of Official Newspapers
- R# 5-06 Approving Council Meeting Dates
- R# 6-06 Establishing Delinquent Tax Rates
- R# 7-06 Approving Temporary Budget
- R# 8-06 Authorizing Payment of Certain Bills Prior to Council Approval
- R# 9-06 Authorizing Signing of Professional Contracts
- R# 10-06 Authorization to Enter Into Contracts Awarded by the State & County
- R# 11-06 Approving the Filing of Appeals and Settlements
- R# 12-06 Approving the Appointment of Professionals
- R# 13-06 Authorizing the Carry-Over of Contracts
- R# 14-06 Appointing Certifying Agent
- R# 15-06 Appointing Fund Commissioners, Safety Delegates and Alternates
- R# 16-06 Resolution Appointing Professional Insurance Associates Inc., Risk Managers
- R# 17-06 Appointing Professional Insurance Associates Inc., Health Benefits Consultants
- R# 18-06 Appointing Saddle River Municipal Alliance
- R# 19-06 Appointing the Municipal, Court Judge

R# 20-06 Appointing Officers in the Saddle River Fire Department

COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS: Council President Burke stated that he is honored to serve in this position.

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

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Council Member FitzPatrick stated that she met with two council members from Woodcliff Lake regarding finding a solution to providing library services to residents of both boroughs.

Council Member Raia thanked everyone and stated that he plans to work diligently as a Council Member.

Council Member Re stated that the Council is planning to continue to work hard for the good of the Borough of Saddle River.

Council Member Murray commended the people who were responsible for finances in the Borough of Saddle River.

Mayor Caruso stated that he plans to support his commitment as Mayor to the best of his ability. He further stated that he and the Council Members have and will continue to perform their duties with utmost of integrity.

BENEDICTION

Mayor Caruso called upon Reverend Wesley W. Smith II of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church to deliver the benediction.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie Elena Macari
Borough Clerk