

BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD
MAYOR & COUNCIL SIN DIE MEETING
11:00 A.M.
JANUARY 1, 2016

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Schmelz, Council President Thomas A. Lodato and Council members Charles Steinel, Arvin Amatorio, Ora Kornbluth, P. Christopher Tully and Hernando Rivera

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator Corey Gallo
Borough Attorney John Schettino
Acting Borough Clerk Marie Quinones

Mayor Schmelz called the meeting to order at 11:18 a.m. with the reading of the Open Public Meetings Act Statement, "In compliance with the Open Public Meetings, the notice requirements have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting 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."

The Salute to the Flag was led by Mayor Schmelz.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilperson Tully, second by Councilperson Rivera, to approve minutes of the December 15, 2016 Regular Meeting and December 15, 2016 Closed Session (not to be released). All members present voting in favor, none opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. J. Lodato/Board of Fire Officers Re: Personnel Action for Council Approval

Motion by Councilperson Lodato, second by Councilperson Rivera to approve Correspondence Item A. All members present voting in favor, none opposed.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Schmelz opened the meeting and invited the public for comments on agenda items only, limited to five minutes per speaker.

No one came forward.

There being no one else who wishes to be heard, Mayor Schmelz closed Verbal Communications I.

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT RESOLUTION 15-408. All matters listed below are considered by the Governing Body to be routine in nature. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by the Governing Body, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

Borough Attorney Schettino advised that Item C should be tabled because there was an issue with the Escrow agreement, which is not reflected on the Developer's Agreement that is being voted on.

- a. **15-409**/To Authorize Contract Time Extension
- b. **15-410**/To Authorize Refund – Overpayment of Taxes
- c. ~~**15-411**/To Approve Developer's Agreement – McDonald's USA LLC~~

Motion by Councilperson Tully, second by Councilperson Kornbluth that the Consent Resolution be approved as amended.

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

Councilperson Steinel:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Tully:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>aye</i>

Motion by Councilperson Steinel, second by Councilperson Tully that Resolution #15-411 be tabled.

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

Councilperson Steinel:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Tully:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>aye</i>

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Tabled Ordinance

1. Ordinance 15-2480

ORDINANCE 15-2480 – AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF FIRE DIRECTOR OF THE BERGENFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT – Tabled on August 4, 2015.

No action was taken.

ANNUAL REPORTS 2015

Motion offered by Council President Lodato that reports of the various Departments, Committees, and Boards of the Borough be spread upon the minutes in full and filed. Second by Councilperson Tully. All members present voting in favor, none opposed.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2015

Motion offered by Council President Lodato that reports be spread upon the minutes in full and filed. Second by Councilperson Kornbluth. All members present voting in favor, none opposed.

PRESENTATIONS

No presentations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilperson Steinel, second by Councilperson Kornbluth, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Quinones
Acting Borough Clerk