

BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD
MAYOR & COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
8:00 p.m.
June 21, 2016

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

ABSENT: Council member Hernando Rivera

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

Mayor Schmelz called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. with the reading of the Open Public Meetings Act Statement, "In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the notice requirements have been satisfied. Meeting dates for the year are confirmed at the Annual Meeting. The Annual Notice is sent to the Record, Star Ledger, Twin Boro News, and Cablevision, placed on two Municipal Bulletin Boards and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk."

The Salute to the Flag was led by Councilperson Lodato.

AGENDA CHANGES

Councilperson Kornbluth requested that Resolution #16-206, Authorization for School Resource Officer, be added to the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Council President Steinel, second by Councilperson Amatorio, to approve minutes of the May 17, 2016 Regular Public Meeting, May 17, 2016 Closed Session (not to be released), June 9, 2016 Work Session, June 9, 2016 Closed Session (not to be released). All members present voting in favor, none opposed.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation in honor of Gordon Beattie.

The proclamation was read by Mayor Schmelz into the record. Mayor Schmelz and Council President Steinel presented the proclamation to Gordon Beattie.

Gordon Beattie thanked his wife and three sons. Mr. Beattie stated that he would be lost without them. Mr. Beattie stated that Bergenfield has been blessed with many scouts and great scout leaders who have served for a long time, including Joe Verga and Joe Sciame. Mr. Beattie thanked his parents, grandparents, and in-laws, especially for giving him a Jesuit education.

B. Police Department Promotions

Biography of Captain Massey read by Police Chief Cathy Madalone into the record;

Captain Chris Massey has served in the Bergenfield Police Department for over 20 years, having been hired as a police officer in January 1995. Captain Massey was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in December 2003, where he was assigned to supervise officers and dispatchers, and was the 4th grade program coordinator. Captain Massey was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in November 2007, where he was assigned to supervise patrol sergeants and officers, checked reports, mentored subordinates, conducted performance evaluations and served as a Domestic Violence Liaison to the Bergen

County Prosecutor's Office. Captain Massey was subsequently assigned to supervise the Detective Bureau in 2009, where he supervised detective sergeants, assigned cases to be investigated, conducted sensitive investigations in conjunction with the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, and trained all Bergenfield Police Officer on Domestic Violence. Captain Massey finished in the top 10 in the State of New Jersey on the 2011 Civil Service Captain Exam and was promoted to Captain in August 2012. Captain Massey is a graduate from Bergenfield High School, had the distinguished honor to study Criminal Justice, and received his Bachelor's Degree from Montclair State University.

Many of Chris's family members and friends were in attendance tonight, including his wife Dana, daughters, Nicole and Jordyn, father William, brother Darren, and his sister Shannon.

Chief Madalone thanked the Mayor and Council for approving the position and the support and attendance of the Bergenfield Police Department.

Resolution 16-192/To Promote Christopher Massey to the Rank of Deputy Chief of Police in the Bergenfield Police Department.

Motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Amatorio, that Resolution #16-192 be approved.

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

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

The Oath of Office was administered by Borough Attorney John Schettino.

Deputy Chief Chris Massey thanked Chief Madalone for the confidence and perseverance in pushing for the Deputy Chief position. He thanked the Mayor and Council, Chief Madalone, the Bergenfield police department, and his family for their support.

COUNCIL COMMENTS I

Councilperson Lodato stated that Deputy Chief Massey's promotion was well deserved and wished him all the best.

Councilperson Amatorio stated that Chief Madalone was strong in her perseverance for the need of a deputy chief and that it would make the police department more efficient. Councilperson Amatorio wished Deputy Chief Massey well and a good career.

Council President Steinel wished Deputy Chief Massey all the best.

Councilperson Kornbluth congratulated Deputy Chief Massey on his promotion and stated that she is looking forward to working with him in the future.

Councilperson Tully congratulated Deputy Chief Massey on his promotion and commented that he has a great amount of support just by looking at all of the police officers who were there for the oath of office.

Mayor Schmelz congratulated Gordon Beattie for his many years of service to the Boy Scout troop. Mayor Schmelz congratulated Deputy Chief Massey for his well-deserved promotion.

Chief Madalone stated that Lieutenant Hegel will be retiring on June 30th after being with the Bergenfield Police Department for 34 years. He has been an excellent worker, putting in 110% everyday he is at work. Chief Madalone stated that he will be greatly missed.

On a motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, Second by Council President Steinel, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was recessed. The meeting re-opened at 8:31 p.m.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS I

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.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Enriquez/St. John's the Evangelist Church **Re:** Request to use Hickory Field – Church Picnic – Saturday, August 6, 2016 – 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- b. Aguasvivas/Democratic Committee **Re:** Request to use Cooper's Pond – Thursday, June 23, 2016 – 8:00 p.m., and several dates in October, November and December
- c. Lodato/Board of Fire Directors **Re:** Personnel Action for Council Approval

Motion by Council President Steinel, second by Councilperson Lodato, and all other members voting in favor, that items A through C are approved.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT RESOLUTION 16-193. 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.

- a. **16-194/**To Pay Bills
- b. **16-195/** To Authorize Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption, Plenary Retail Distribution, and Club Liquor Licenses - 2016-2017 Term
- c. **16-196/**To Authorize Purchase – Four (4) Camera Systems for Patrol Vehicles - \$75,709.64 – G.T.B.M., INC
- d. **16-197/**To Authorize Purchase – Live Scan System with Palmprint - \$29,974.84 – SAFRAN USA, Inc.
- e. **16-198/**To Authorize Purchase – Turnout Gear – \$46,613.40 – Safe T
- f. **16-199/**To Authorize Purchase – Fortinet Wireless Network Upgrade - \$10,995.00 – CTI Global
- g. **16-200/**To Authorize Refund – Block 122 Lot 4
- h. **16-201/**To Authorize Void of Check(s) for Tax Sale Certificate #14-00009
- i. **16-206/**To Authorize School Resource Officer position

Motion by Council President Steinel, second by Councilperson Amatorio, that the Consent Resolution be approved.

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

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

B. Resolutions

16-202/To Approve Contract – Deputy Chief of Police

Motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, second by Council President Steinel, that Resolution #16-202 be approved.

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

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

16-203/To Appoint Junior Records Clerk – Ellen Buckey

Motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Amatorio that Resolution #16-203 be approved.

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

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

16-204/To Hire Recreation Employees

Motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, second by Council President Steinel, that Resolution #16-204 be approved.

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

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>Abstain</i>	Councilperson Kornbluth:	<i>Aye</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>Aye</i>	Councilperson Tully:	<i>Aye</i>
Council President Steinel:	<i>Aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>Absent</i>

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Swim Club

No Report.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Introduction of Ordinance

Motion that the following ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and setting Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard as the date and time and the Executive Chambers of the Bergenfield Borough as the place for a hearing on said ordinances.

ORDINANCE 16-2495 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 344 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “SANITARY CODE”

ORDINANCE 16-2496 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 266 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “SOLID WASTE”

Motion by Council President Steinel, second by Councilperson Kornbluth, to pass Ordinance 16-2494 on first reading as amended, and notice of same shall be published according to law.

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

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

Committee/Department Reports

Motion offered by Council President Steinel that the Committee/Department Reports be spread upon the minutes in full and filed. Second by Councilperson Tully. All in favor, none opposed.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS II

Mayor Schmelz opened the meeting to Verbal Communications II and invited the public to comment on any subject, limited to five minutes per speaker.

Ellen Buckey, thanked the Mayor and Council, Borough Administrator Gallo, and Chief Madalone for her appointment to the Junior Records Clerk position. Ms. Buckey stated that she is excited about her appointment to her new position.

John Smith, resident, stated that he had requested records pertaining to the PAL lease two months and has not gotten anything yet. Mr. Smith inquired if anyone had submitted a letter requesting the information. Mr. Smith stated that he believes that the contract will be up in two months and asked who will be following up with that. Mr. Smith stated that Memorial Field looks fantastic. However, Lincoln School was not able to use the field last week for their picnic since the field was sprayed the night before by DPW.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that he had sent a letter regarding the PAL Lease. However, he had not received a response. Mr. Gallo stated that he will be following up. Mr. Gallo explained that he was aware of Lincoln school not being able to use the field and that it was an oversight. Lincoln school should have notified the Borough.

Mayor Schmelz stated that there was also the issue of double booking Memorial Field. Lincoln school and the senior citizen's committee both had reserved Memorial Field for their picnic. The senior citizen's did not have enough tables for their picnic.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS II

Councilperson Lodato stated that one of the fire trucks for ladder 76 has been out of service for at least 10 years. Councilperson stated that parts for are no longer manufactured and would be available of repairs were to be made. Councilperson Lodato stated that the report he had should be circulated amongst the council and the Borough should take action on this matter, consider disposing of the truck.

Chief Saito stated that the truck is registered and insured through the Borough. If the truck is reduced from the fleet, it could affect insurance rates. Chief Saito stated it was last inspected in 2012.

Mayor Schmelz asked if there was a grant to purchase a new truck.

Administrator Gallo stated that the grant will be received towards the fall and the finance committee would be looking into this for the next year.

Councilperson Amatorio stated that it was a great evening and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Council President Steinel thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Councilperson Kornbluth thanked the recreation department, auxiliary police, volunteer ambulance corp, police department, and all of the volunteers for a great Family Fun Day. Councilperson Kornbluth thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Councilperson Tully reiterated Councilperson Kornbluth's comments of thanking all of the departments for their support on Family Fun Day. Councilperson Tully welcomed Ellen Buckey to her new position and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Mayor Schmelz stated that Family Fun Day was incredible. Mayor Schmelz thanked the senior citizen's committee for their hard work organizing the picnic. Mayor Schmelz welcomed Ellen Buckey and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION **16-205**/Authorizing the Governing Body to Enter into Closed Executive Session to discuss:

- A. Personnel
 - 1. Tax Assessor
- B. Attorney-Client Privilege
 - 1. Tax Appeals
- C. Collective Bargaining
 - 1. Bergenfield DPW Employees Association Contact
 - 2. Bergenfield FMBA Local No. 65 Contract

Minutes will be taken of the meeting and released to the public at the time that the matter is resolved. After Closed Executive Session, the Mayor and Council will reconvene in the Executive Chambers to adjourn this public meeting.

On a motion by Councilperson Tully, second by Councilperson Kornbluth, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session in the Executive Chambers at 8:46 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilperson Tully, second by Councilperson Kornbluth, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Quinones
Acting Borough Clerk