

**BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
2020 REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 5, 2020**

1. Meeting called to order at _____ p.m.

2. OPENING STATEMENT

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the notice requirements have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting by Resolution #19-345 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 to your left. Please turn off all cell phones.

3. Salute to the Flag. The Bergenfield Police Honor Guard presents the colors and Mayor asks all veterans to please stand.

4. INVOCATION

SWEARING-IN OF MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

5. Reading of the Election Certificate of Mayor-Elect Arvin Amatorio by Bergen County Clerk John Hogan.

Mayor-Elect Arvin Amatorio sworn in by Senator Joseph A. Lagana.

6. Reading of the Election Certificate of Councilman-Elect Buddy Deauna by Bergen County Clerk John Hogan.

Councilman-Elect Buddy Deauna sworn in by former Mayor Robert C. Rivas.

7. Reading of the Election Certificate of Councilwoman-Elect Ora Kornbluth by Bergen County Clerk John Hogan.

Councilwoman-Elect Ora Kornbluth sworn in by Congressman Josh Gottheimer.

8. Roll Call of 2020 Council

Roll Call	Present	Absent
MAYOR ARVIN AMATORIO		
COUNCILMAN BUDDY DEAUNA		
COUNCILWOMAN ORA C. KORNBLUTH		
COUNCILMAN THOMAS A. LODATO		
COUNCILMAN RAFAEL MARTE		
COUNCILMAN HERNANDO RIVERA		
VACANCY		

9. STATEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

10. **RESOLUTION 20-001**/To Appoint Rafael Marte as Council President.

OFFERED by _____, **SECONDED** by _____.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					

DEAUNA					
MARTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
VACANCY					
AMATORIO (tie)					

11. **RESOLUTION 20-002**/To Establish the Seating Order of the 2020 Governing Body.

Councilman Thomas A. Lodato
 Councilman Buddy Deauna
 Councilman Marte
 Mayor Arvin Amatorio
 Councilwoman Ora C. Kornbluth
 Councilman Hernando Rivera
Vacancy

OFFERED by _____, **SECONDED** by _____.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
MARTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
VACANCY					
AMATORIO (tie)					

12. Mayor recommends and nominates John L. Schettino, Esq. to the position of Borough Attorney for a one-year term, expiring 12/31/2020.

RESOLUTION 20-003/To Confirm Mayor’s nomination of John L. Schettino, Esq. as Borough Attorney.

OFFERED by _____, **SECONDED** by _____.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
MARTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
VACANCY					
AMATORIO (tie)					

13. Mayor recommends and nominates Franklin Montero, Esq. to the position of Municipal Court Judge for a three-year term, expiring 12/31/22.

RESOLUTION 20-004/To Confirm Mayor’s nomination of Franklin Montero, Esq. as Municipal Court Judge.

OFFERED by _____, **SECONDED** by _____.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse

LODATO					
DEAUNA					
MARTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
VACANCY					
AMATORIO (tie)					

14. **PRESENTATIONS** – At this time, any presentations may be made

15. **CONSENT RESOLUTION 20-005**

- a. **20-006/Adopt By-Laws for 2020**
- b. **20-007/Establishing Regular Meetings and Dates**
- c. **20-008/Reaffirming Interest Rates and Dates on Delinquent Taxes**
- d. **20-009/Authorize Fire Department Mutual Aid**
- e. **20-010/Confirming Source Separation and Recycling**
- f. **20-011/Reaffirming Petty Cash and Change Funds**
- g. **20-012/Designate Official Depositories for Current Operating Funds**
- h. **20-013/Designate Secondary Bank Accounts, Signatories and Fiduciary Responsibilities**
- i. **20-014/Authorizing the Utilization of GovDeals, Inc. for Purpose of Disposing of Surplus Equipment**
- j. **20-015/Authorize Tax Collector to Cancel Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amounts less than \$10**
- k. **20-016/Authorize \$20 Fee for Tax Payments Returned for Insufficient Funds**
- l. **20-017/Authorize Police Department Mutual Aid**
- m. **20-018/Authorize \$50 fee for Third Request or More for Redemption Tax Sale Certificate**
- n. **20-019/Authorize the Issuance of a Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate Pursuant to Chapter 99 of the Public Law as of 1997**
- o. **20-020/To Approve the Minutes of the December 17, 2019 Regular Meeting, and December 17, 2019 Closed Session (not to be released)**
- p. **20-021/To Approve 2020 Tow Companies**
- q. **20-022/To Approve Proposal – Environmental Engineering Services for Biennial Certification – Remington & Vernick Engineers**
- r. **20-023/To Hire Per Diem Crossing Guard – Richard Addon**
- s. **20-024/To Appoint Special Counsel – Albert Wunsch, Esq.**
- t. **20-025/To Approve Cancellation of 2018 and 2019 Added & Omitted Assessment – 67 Val Valkenburg Avenue**
- u. **20-026/To Approve Bill List**

OFFERED by _____, **SECONDED** by _____.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
MARTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
VACANCY					
AMATORIO (tie)					

16. **RESOLUTION 20-027/To Approve Temporary Budget Appropriations in CY2020.**

OFFERED by _____, **SECONDED** by Council _____

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
MARTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
VACANCY					
AMATORIO (tie)					

17. Mayor recommends and nominates Remington & Vernick Engineers as the Borough Engineer for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/20.

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nomination be confirmed. All in favor _____

18. Mayor recommends and nominates T&M Associates as the Special Projects Engineer for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/20.

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nomination be confirmed. All in favor _____

19. Mayor recommends and nominates Rogut McCarthy LLC as the Bond Counsel for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/20.

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nomination be confirmed. All in favor _____

20. Mayor recommends and nominates Gloria Oh Law Group, LLC, as the Tax Appeal Counsel, for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/20.

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nomination be confirmed. All in favor _____

21. Mayor recommends and nominates Boggia Boggia Betesh & Voytus, LLC as the Tax Appeal Counsel, for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/20.

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nomination be confirmed. All in favor _____

22. Mayor recommends and nominates Lerch, Vinci, & Higgins, LLP as the Borough Auditor for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/20.

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nomination be confirmed. All in favor _____

23. Mayor recommends and nominates GJEM – Otterstedt Insurance Agency as the Risk Consultant for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/20.

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nomination be confirmed. All in favor _____

24. Mayor recommends and nominates Millennium Strategies LLC as the Grant Writer and Consultant for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/20.

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nomination be confirmed. All in favor _____

25. Mayor recommends and nominates Associated Appraisal Group as the Borough Appraiser for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/20.

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nomination be confirmed. All in favor _____

26. Mayor recommends and nominates Marc A. Calello, Esq. as the Borough Prosecutor for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/20.

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nomination be confirmed. All in favor _____

27. Mayor recommends and nominates _____ as the Alternate Borough Prosecutor for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/20.

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nomination be confirmed. All in favor _____

28. Mayor recommends and nominates _____ as the Alternate Public Defender for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/20.

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nomination be confirmed. All in favor _____

29. Mayor recommends and nominates Phoenix Advisors, LLC for Continuing Disclosure and Independent Registered Municipal Advisor Services.

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nomination be confirmed. All in favor _____

30. **RESOLUTION 20-028**/To Confirm Professional Nominations.

OFFERED by Council _____, **SECONDED** by Council _____

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
MARTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
VACANCY					
AMATORIO (tie)					

31. Mayor recommends and nominates John L. Shahdanian, Esq. as the Labor Counsel for a one-year term, term expiring 1/31/20.

RESOLUTION 20-029/To Approve Appointment – Labor Counsel - John L. Shahdanian, Esq.

OFFERED by _____, **SECONDED** by Council _____

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
MARTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
VACANCY					
AMATORIO (tie)					

32. Mayor recommends and nominates Kristofher Beralo, Esq. as the Public Defender for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/20.

RESOLUTION 20-030/To Approve Appointment --Public Defender - Kristofher Beralo, Esq.

OFFERED by _____, **SECONDED** by Council _____

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
MARTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
VACANCY					
AMATORIO (tie)					

33. Mayor recommends and nominates John Pampaloni as the Wastewater Consultant C-3 Licensed Collection Operator, term expiring 12/31/20.

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nomination be confirmed. All in favor _____

34. Mayor recommends and nominates Edward Volmer as Director of Recreation for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/20.

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nomination be confirmed. All in favor _____

35. Mayor recommends and nominates Corey Gallo as Public Agency Compliance Officer for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/20.

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nomination be confirmed. All in favor _____

36. Mayor recommends and nominates Robert E. Byrnes, Jr. as Safety Coordinator for a one-year term, term expiring 12/31/20.

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nomination be confirmed. All in favor _____

37. Mayor recommends and nominates Robert E. Byrnes, Jr. as Commissioner and Marie Quinones-Wilson as Alternate Commissioner to the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nomination be confirmed. All in favor _____

38. RESOLUTION 20-031/To Ratify the Administrative Appointments for 2020.

OFFERED by _____, **SECONDED** by _____

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
MARTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
VACANCY					
AMATORIO (tie)					

Recommendations and Nominations for Boards and Committees are as follows:

BARRIER FREE COMMITTEE

39. Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Barrier Free Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2020.

- Dr. Delores E. Harrison
- Kathy Moore
- Lee Brinkman
- Linda Williams
- Lorraine Forcier
- Pat Flaherty
- Patti Enders
- Sharon Thiermann
- Patricia August, Public Health Nurse
- Harry Hillenius, Building Department
- John Maggi, Police Captain
- Phil Neville, Superintendent of DPW
- Robert Mader, Police Officer

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor _____

BOARD OF HEALTH

40. Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Board of Health for the following terms:

Aurea B. Tobias-Quiroz 4-year term, term exp. 12/31/23

MOTION by _____ seconded by _____, that the nomination be confirmed. R.C. All in favor _____

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

41. Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Environmental Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2020.

Angela Meister
Craig Voyt, Principal at Jefferson School
Cris Bontia
Jessica Aleman
Joseph Verga
Laura Michelson
Niki Nath
Paul Stypulkoski
Robert Gallione
Venus Rose
Phil Neville, Superintendent of DPW

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor _____

GREEN TEAM

42. Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Green Team for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2020.

Paul Stypulkoski, Environmental Committee Member
Sarah Stypulkoski, Environmental Committee Member
Jessica Aleman, Environmental Committee Member
Joe Verga, Environmental Committee Member
Constantina Meis, Environmental Committee Member
Robert Gallione, Environmental Committee Member
Fred Clark, Jr., Environmental Committee Member
Hernando Rivera, Council Liaison
Gerald Naylis, Environmental Committee Member
Corey Gallo, Borough Administrator
Phil Neville, DPW Superintendent
_____, Shade Tree Committee
Phil Neville, DPW Superintendent
_____, DPW Supervisor
Chris Tully, Board of Education
Craig Vogt, Board of Education Liaison and Principal of Jefferson School
Patricia August, Health Department Nurse

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor _____

LIBRARY BOARD

43. Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Library Board of Trustees for the following terms:

Marcela Deauna	5-year term, term exp. 12/31/24
Sarah Shaffren	5-year term, term exp. 12/31/24

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor _____

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COUNCIL

44. Mayor appoints the following to serve on the Local Emergency Planning Council for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2020.

- Ryan Shell, Emergency Management Coordinator
- Richard Goddin, Jr., Deputy OEM Coordinator
- Ora Kornbluth, Council Liaison
- Arvin Amatorio, Mayor
- Corey Gallo, Borough Administrator
- Mustafa Rabboh, Police Chief
- Christopher Naylis, Fire Chief
- Melissa Naylis, 1st Lieutenant
- Robert Byrnes Jr., Safety Coordinator
- Philip Neville, Superintendent of DPW
- Pat August, Nurse
- Mike Ravenda, Construction Code Official
- Christopher Tully, Board of Education Liaison
- J. Gordon Beattie, Jr., R.A.C.E.S. Officer

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor _____

MAYOR’S SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

45. Mayor appoints the following to serve on the Senior Citizen Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2020.

- Loretta Amara
- Marge Alfano
- Donna Bellottie
- Annette Roge
- Fred Bellottie
- Carl Berman
- Carole Berman
- Eileen Conroy
- Maria Hoernlein
- Roger Hoernlein
- John Horsman
- Linda Horsman
- Gary Romano
- Patricia Wagner

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor _____

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE

46. Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Municipal Alliance Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2020.

- Michael Merlo
- Linda DePinto, Member
- Mr. James Fasano, Bergenfield School District
- Nicholas Montello, Bergen County
- Mark William Ennis, Member
- Thomas O’ Reilly, Member
- Saba Daneshyar, Vantage Health System

_____, Member
Pat August, Public Health Nurse
Sgt. Rich Ramos, Police Department
Dr. Christopher Tully, Superintendent
_____, Student Member

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor _____

SITE PLAN COMMITTEE

47. Mayor appoints the following members to serve on the Site Plan Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2020.

Richard Morf	<i>Zoning Board</i>
Robert Rivas	<i>Planning Board</i>
Mustafa Rabboh	<i>Police Chief</i>
Christopher Naylis	<i>Fire Department</i>
Gerard Naylis	<i>Fire Department</i>
Phil Neville	<i>DPW Superintendent</i>
_____	<i>Shade Tree</i>
John Pampaloni	<i>WWC Operator</i>
Mike Ravenda	<i>Code Enforcement</i>
Perry Sulich	<i>Ambulance Corp.</i>
Joseph Scalora	<i>Resident</i>
Thomas O'Reilly	<i>S.I.D.</i>
_____	<i>Clerk</i>

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor _____

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

48. Mayor appoints the following members to serve on the Traffic Safety Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2020.

Arvin Amatorio	Mayor
_____	Council Liaison
Corey Gallo	Borough Administrator
Mustafa Rabboh	Police Department
Phil Neville	DPW Superintendent
Chris Tully	Board of Education
Christopher Naylis	Fire Department
Ryan Shell	OEM
Perry Sulich	Ambulance Corp.
Jacquelyn Romney	Community Representative
Vincent Sto Tomas	Community Representative
Elysha Garibaldi	Community Representative
Cynthia Lee	Community Representative

PLANNING BOARD

49. Mayor appoints the following to serve on the Planning Board for the following terms:

Gerard Naylis	Class II, 1-year term, exp. 12/31/20
Ernesto Acosta	Class IV, 4-year term, exp. 12/31/23

Robert Rivas
Miguel Vasquez

Class IV, 4-year term, exp. 12/31/23
Alternate #1, 2-year term, exp. 12/31/21

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, to appoint Thomas A. Lodato as a Class III, 1-year term, expiring 12/31/20. All present in favor, none opposed. R.C. All in favor _____

RECREATION COMMITTEE

50. Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Recreation Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2020.

Ed Volmer
Vinny Malley
Priscilla Pascual
Fernando Yabut
Mariann Canino
Juan Arango
Pedro Martinez
Kathie Lacey
Edgar Hernandez
Tony Londono
Libia Placencia
Ryan Martin
Belinda Mendez
Dick Ong
Domingo Almonte
Brian Timmons
Melissa Weigl
Terry Infield

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor _____

RENT LEVELING BOARD

51. Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Rent Leveling Board as follows:

Maureen Sullivan	Tenant, 3-year term, term exp. 12/31/22
Diane Carlson	Tenant, 3-year term, term exp. 12/31/22
Dolores Butler	Member, 3-year term, term exp. 12/31/22
Catherine Steinel	Member, 2-year term, term exp. 12/31/21
_____	Alt. Landlord, 1-year term, term exp. 12/31/20
Andrew Lehr	Alt. Tenant, 1-year term, term exp. 12/31/20

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor _____

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

52. Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Shade Tree Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2020.

Dan Muller

Joe Schade
Mike Cassidy
Jules Orkin
Phil Neville, DPW Superintendent
Dixie Rainey, Secretary

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor_____

STIGMA FREE COMMITTEE

53. Mayor appoints the following to serve on the Stigma Free Committee for a one-year term, term expiring December 31, 2020.

Carolyn Schmelz
Christine Monaghan
Donna Flannery
Katarzyna Zylka Budiman
Liza Jackson
Tom Boyce
Jacky Fernandez
Maria Balajadia
Ovelis Muñoz

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor_____

VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

54. Mayor recommends and nominates the following to serve on the Veterans Advisory Committee for a one-year term, expiring December 31, 2020.

Al Roberts
Amos White
Edward C. Andreus IV
Fred Sahlberg
John Hickey
John Smith
Kevin Clancy
Mike Mattesich
Ralph Ritter
Thomas Lang, Commander
William Owens
Johnny Oh

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor_____

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

55. Council President Marte recommends and nominates the following to serve as members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Shimmy Stein	Member, 4-year term exp. 12/31/23
Richard Morf	Member, 4-year term exp. 12/31/23
Amnon Wegner	Member, 4-year unexpired term, 12/31/20 (R. Palma)

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations be confirmed. R.C. All in favor _____

STANDING COMMITTEES

56. Council President Marte nominates the following Councilmembers to serve on the following committees. The first named of each shall be the Chairman.

FINANCE	Kornbluth	Marte	Rivera
POLICE	Rivera	Kornbluth	<i>Vacancy</i>
FIRE	Lodato	Deauna	<i>Vacancy</i>
DPW & PARKS	Marte	Kornbluth	Rivera
BUILDING & GROUNDS	Deauna	Marte	Lodato
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS	<i>Vacancy</i>	Lodato	Deauna

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations for all Standing Committees named by the Council President be confirmed.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
MARTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
VACANCY					
AMATORIO (tie)					

LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

57. Council President Marte nominates the following Councilmembers to serve as Liaisons to the following Boards and Committees:

AMBULANCE CORPS	Kornbluth
BARRIER FREE COMMITTEE	Deauna
BOARD OF EDUCATION	Marte
BOARD OF HEALTH	Deauna
COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM	<i>Vacancy</i>
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE (<i>Ecology</i>)	Rivera
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	Kornbluth
LIBRARY BOARD	Lodato
MAYOR'S SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE	<i>Vacancy</i>
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE	<i>Vacancy</i>
PLANNING BOARD	Lodato
RECREATION COMMITTEE	Kornbluth
RENT LEVELING BOARD	<i>Vacancy</i>
SITE PLAN	Rivera
SHADE TREE COMMITTEE	Deauna
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	<i>Vacancy</i>
STIGMA FREE	Rivera
VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Marte
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	Marte

MOTION by _____, seconded by _____, that the nominations for Liaison to all Boards and Committees named by the Council President be confirmed.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
MARTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
VACANCY					
AMATORIO (tie)					

ADJOURNMENT

58. There being nothing further to come before the meeting on **MOTION** offered by _____, seconded by _____, and carried the meeting adjourned at _____ p.m. R.C. All in favor _____