

125th
**REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF WESTWOOD, NEW JERSEY
COMMUNITY CENTER
55 JEFFERSON AVENUE
JANUARY 2nd, 2019
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Birkner called the the 125th Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council to order: “This meeting which conforms with the OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW, CHAPTER 231, PUBLIC LAWS OF 1975, is a regular Borough Council meeting. Notices have been filed with our local official newspapers and posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board”.

2. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:

Mayor Birkner led those present in the salute to the flag. The Invocation was delivered by Rev. Thomas Pranschke. Rev. Pranschke invited everyone to attend the annual Martin Luther King celebration on Sunday, January 20th at 2:00 pm.

3. COUNCILMEMBERS - ELECT:

Jodi Murphy was administered her Oath of Office as Member of the Council for a three year term by Mayor Birkner. Term expiring, 12/31/21.

Councilmember-Elect James Whelan was not sworn due to a court order staying his Oath of Office until a hearing is held on the election challenge.

4. ROLL CALL

Mayor Birkner - present
Councilmember Bicocchi - present
Councilmember Collins - present
Councilmember Dell - present
Councilmember Montana - present
Councilmember Murphy - present
Borough Administrator Kezmarsky - present
Borough Clerk Hughes - present

5. PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING COUNCILMEMBERS: Dawson, Grefrath.

Mayor Birkner presented Former Councilmember Dawson with a commemoration of her service.

Mayor Birkner presented Councilmember Emeritus Peter Grefrath with a commemoration of his 23 years of service to the Borough. Mr. Grefrath then addressed the audience.

Mayor Birkner invited Julie O'Brien of the organization "We Do" to make a presentation to Councilmember Murphy.

6. PUBLIC FORUM:

Motion to open the Public Forum: Councilmember Bicocchi Second: Councilmember Collins

Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the affirmative.

Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi congratulated Councilmember Murphy. She also thanked Ms. Dawson and Mr. Grefrath for their service.

Motion to close the Public Forum: Council President Montana Second: Councilmember Murphy

Voice Vote: A voice vote was taken with all present voting in the affirmative.

7. BUDGET MEETINGS:

Mayor Birkner announced that preliminary work has been done on the 2019 Municipal Budget, and a schedule of Budget Meetings will soon be posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and Borough website.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Birkner announced that the Resolutions listed on the Consent Agenda will be enacted with one motion. Copies of all Resolutions are available to any person upon request. Any Councilmember wishing to remove any Resolution(s) to be voted upon may do so at this time and said Resolution(s) will be moved and voted upon separately.

Motion to adopt resolution #19-1 through #19-25: Councilmember Dell Second: Councilmember Collins

Roll Call: Councilmember Bicocchi - Yes Councilmember Collins - Yes
Councilmember Dell – Yes Council President Montana - Yes
Councilmember Murphy – Yes

Resolution Titles

19-1	OFFICIAL ELECTRONIC MEDIA
19-2	DEPOSITORIES OF FUNDS
19-3	AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT SIGNATORIES FOR 2019
19-4	FACSIMILE SIGNATURES ON CHECKS
19-5	ESTABLISHMENT OF INT. RATES ON DELINQUENT TAXES & ASSESS.
19-6	ADOPTION OF PETTY CASH & CREDIT CARD POLICIES
19-7	ESTABLISHMENT OF PETTY CASH FUND
19-8	ESTABLISHMENT OF PETTY CASH FUND FOR RECREATION
19-9	ESTABLISHMENT OF PETTY CASH FUND FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
19-10	DEPOSITORY OF ATTENDANCE RECORDS
19-11	APPOINTMENT OF ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER
19-12	APPOINTMENT OF TAX SEARCH OFFICER
19-13	MAGISTRATE'S ORDER DESIGNATING VIOLATIONS CLERK

19-14	APPOINTMENT TAX ASSESSOR / ATTORNEY - TAX APPEALS
19-15	2019 MUNICIPAL HOLIDAYS
19-16	OFFICIAL BOROUGH NEWSPAPERS
19-17	\$35.00 CHARGE FOR PAYMENTS MADE WITH INSUFFICIENT FUNDS
19-18	\$5.00 CHARGE FOR TAX ACCOUNT REPORTS TO SEARCH COMPANIES
19-19	TAX SALE COSTS
19-20	CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN 2019
19-21	MUTUAL AID – PASCACK VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENTS
19-22	AUTHORIZATION OF A FEE FOR ISSUANCE OF DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATES
19-23	BERGEN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID
19-24	MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2019
19-25	TEMPORARY BUDGET

9. ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS TO VARIOUS MUNICIPAL OFFICES:

Mayor Birkner nominated the following appointments:

Administrator Ben Kezmarsky – Affirmative Action Compliance Official, Alternate Fund Commissioner B-MED, B-MEL & JIF
Mayor John Birkner, Jr. - Fund Commissioner B-MED, B-MEL & JIF
Karen Hughes - Assessment Search Officer, Local Ethics Official
Denise Holmes - Deputy Borough Clerk
Letitia Candeloro - Court Administrator
Elizabeth Kraus - Deputy Court Administrator
Rick Woods - Recycling Coordinator, Clean Community Coordinator
Sharon Blehl - Right-To-Know Coordinator, Bloodborne Pathogens Coordinator
Stefanie Stokes – Tax Search Officer
Robert Hibler - Borough Historian
Robert & Annie James – Master Gardeners

Mayor Birkner invited all appointees to the dais. Judge Fazio administered the Oaths of Office.

10. OATHS OF OFFICE, POLICE RESERVES

Mayor Birkner invited the 2019 Police Reservists to the dais to be administered their Oaths of Office by Judge Fazio.

Mayo Credle, Capt.	Damon Vincenty
John Brobson, Lt.	Shawn Yates
Michael Amoruso, Sgt.	Kevin Natalizio
Kenroy Morrison, Sgt.	Esequiel Cortez
Andrew Cavaniola	Misael Cortez
PO Christopher Horst, Liaison Officer	

11. OATHS OF OFFICE, AMBULANCE CORPS OFFICIALS

Mayor Birkner invited the 2019 Ambulance Corps Officers to the dais to be administered their Oaths of Office by Judge Fazio.

Captain Matthew Foley

Secretary Nicole De Joie

1st Lt. Linda Andresen

Trustee Jeri Bowman

2nd Lt. Jon Andresen

Trustee Craig Hegner

President Robert Simak

Trustee Jennifer Hughes

Vice President Ed Casey

Trustee Ruth Ann Lang

Treasurer Denise Burns

12. OATHS OF OFFICE, FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

Mayor Birkner invited the 2019 Fire Department Officers to the dais to be administered their Oaths of Office by Judge Fazio.

Fire Chief Kevin Woods

1st Lt. Scott Stewart

Deputy Chief Michael Griffin Senior

2nd Lt. Michael Griffin Junior

Senior Captain Brian Kronewitter

3rd Lt. Jason Durie

Captain Brian Wiecenski

4th Lt. Ryan Weaver

13. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Mayor Birkner made the following presentations:

Thomas Voorhis, Volunteer Fire Department;

Kris Rasmussen, Volunteer Ambulance Corps.;

Mayo Credle, Police Reserves;

in acknowledgement of their induction into the Volunteer Emergency Services Hall of Fame. Each of these recipients was nominated by their peers in recognition of outstanding service.

b) Volunteer of the Year:

Mayor Birkner read the proclamation for the Volunteer of the Year, the Andresen Family. He invited them to the dais to receive the proclamation.

14. MAYOR'S REMARKS

Text of the Mayor's speech is attached.

15. BENEDICTION

The Benediction was delivered by Pastor Pranschke.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: Councilmember Murphy Second: Councilmember Dell

Voice Vote: All those present vote in the affirmative. The time was 8:25 PM.

Attest:

(Karen Hughes)

Karen Hughes, RMC

Borough Clerk

Proofed by: Denise Holmes, Deputy Clerk