



BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK
COUNTY OF HUDSON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

*ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
OF THE
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL*

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021
TIME: 7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark was called to order at 7:01 PM , by Borough Clerk Kevin D. Harris .

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS

Borough Clerk Harris first read a Statement of Determination of the November 3, 2020 General Election from the Hudson County Board of Election for both candidates successfully elected to the Council Member at Large offices.

Borough Clerk Harris then administered the oath of offices to Council Members Elect Hans Peter Lucas and Jeanne Zincavage. Borough Attorney John M. Johnson, Esq., held the Holy Bible for each Council Member.

Both Council Members received an ovation from the Assemblydais and the gallery.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Grilo lead the Assembly present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING NOTICE STATEMENT

Borough Clerk Harris read the following statement.

Open Public Meetings Act – This meeting is being held in accordance with the Public Laws of 1975, Chapter 231 and proper notification was issued to the Jersey Journal, Star Ledger and posted on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building and on the official Borough website.

ROLL CALL

Borough Clerk Harris conducted a roll call of the dais.



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Present:

Mayor Dina M. Grilo
Council Member Jessica Diaz
Council Member Rose M. Evaristo
Council Member Kenneth J. Graham
Council Member Hans Peter Lucas
Council Chairman Charles F. Tighe
Council Member Jeanne Zincavage

Also Present:

John M. Johnson, Esq., Borough Attorney
Kevin F. Catrambone, Borough Administrator
Kevin D. Harris, Borough Clerk
Melanie Mattos, Mayor's Office
Scottie Jimenez, IT

There were two (2) members of the public physically present in the gallery and approximately three (3) members of the public present via the Zoom Audio/Video Conferencing System.

Borough Clerk Harris informed the Mayor and Council that a quorum had been established and that the Mayor and Council for the 2021 Calendar year had been seated and empaneled.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Borough Clerk Harris introduced to some and presented to all the Mayor of the Borough of East Newark; the Honorable Dina M. Grilo

Mayor Grilo extended welcome remarks and then thanked the Council and the Administration for working with her during 2020, a year that was filled with challenges amid the COVID-19 Emergency Pandemic.

Mayor Grilo further provided Council on plans and hopes for the 2021 year.

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA

Borough Clerk Harris informed the Council that were nine (9) resolutions on the Consent Agenda for consideration this evening.

Borough Clerk Harris read the titles for the following resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

01-21 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2021 COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS



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02-21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF THE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE 2021 YEAR

03-21 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK FOR THE 2021 YEAR

04-21 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL BANK DEPOSITORIES OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK FOR THE 2021 YEAR

05-21 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK FOR THE 2021 YEAR

06-21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK'S MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IN THE SOUTH BERGEN FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION

07-21 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK DPW EMPLOYEE DANIEL FARINHAS

08-21 RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOROUGH PROFESSIONALS FOR THE 2021 YEAR

09-21 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK PLANNING/ZONING BOARD [ADDED 01/06/2020]

Borough Clerk Harris asked if Council Members wished to have any of the above resolutions removed for separate vote. There were no requests to remove resolutions for separate vote.

Borough Clerk Harris asked if there were any questions regarding resolutions on the Consent Agenda. There were no questions from the Mayor or Council Members.

There was no further discussion regarding the Consent Agenda.

Borough Clerk Harris asked if there was a motion regarding the resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Evaristo moved that the resolutions on the Consent Agenda be adopted. The Motion was seconded by Council Members Graham and Tighe and approved on the following roll call vote:

Trustee Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz			X			
Evaristo	X		X			
Graham		X	X			
Lucas			X			
Tighe		X	X			
Zincavage			X			



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Borough Clerk Harris announced the results of the vote and that the motion carried. Resolutions numbered 01-21; 02-21; 03-21; 04-21; 05-21; 06-21; 07-21; 08-21 and 09-21 were all adopted

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Borough Clerk Harris opened the meeting to the public and asked if there were any members of the public wishing to address the Mayor and Council on any issue.

Borough Clerk Harris asked if there were any members of the public present who wished to address the Mayor and Council on any issue. None of the public members present wished to be heard and Borough Clerk Harris closed the public hearing.

NOMINATION(S) FOR, AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR THE 2021 YEAR

Borough Clerk Harris asked if there were any nominations for Council President for the 2021 Year.

Mayor Grilo submitted the name of Council Member Hans Peter Lucas.

Borough Clerk Harris asked if there were any other nominations. There were no additional nominations and Borough Clerk Harris closed the nominations.

As to the nomination of Council Member Lucas to serve as Council Present for the 2021 Year; Borough Clerk Harris conducted a voice vote and the nomination was approved unanimously. Council Member Hans Peter Lucas was elected Council President for the 2021 Year.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Clerk Harris asked if anyone had any new business they wanted to bring forward this evening. No one had any new business items and the Borough Clerk closed this section of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Graham moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Evaristo and approved unanimously on voice vote. The Annual Reorganization Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Borough Clerk Harris announced that the next Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of East Newark would be on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at 7:00 PM with the Pre-Caucus Meeting (if any is to be held) to begin at 6:30 PM.



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Borough Clerk Harris thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a happy, healthy and safe 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

KEVIN D. HARRIS
Borough Clerk

Dated: January 6, 2021

Accepted and approved by Council: January 20, 2021 by Resolution # 13-21