



BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK  
COUNTY OF HUDSON  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

***REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL***

DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023  
TIME: 7:00 PM

**MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Newark was called to order at approximately 7:00 P.M., by Borough Attorney Michael A. Cifelli.

**MEETING NOTICE STATEMENT**

Borough Attorney Cifelli 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.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Borough Attorney Cifelli conducted a roll call of the dais.

**Present:**

Mayor Dina M. Grilo  
Council Member Hans Peter Lucas  
Council Member Rose M. Evaristo  
Council Member Kenneth J. Graham  
Council Member Christopher Reis  
Council Member Jeanne Zincavage

**Absent:**

Council Member Jessica H. Diaz

**Also Present:**

Michael Cifelli, Esq., Borough Attorney  
Kenneth Louis, Borough Clerk

Borough Attorney Cifelli informed the Mayor and Council that a quorum had been established.



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**ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING**

No ordinances for first reading.

**ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING**

No ordinances for second reading.

**RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA**

Borough Attorney Cifelli asked if Council Members wished to have any of the above resolutions removed for separate vote.

Councilwoman Evaristo asked to have resolution #33-23 removed for separate vote. Councilman Graham asked to have resolution #34-23 and #35-23 removed for separate vote.

Borough Attorney Cifelli asked if there was motion to remove items 1-5 on the consent agenda to a separate vote. Councilmember Graham made the motion. The Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evaristo and approved on the following roll call vote:

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz						X
Evaristo		X	X			
Graham	X		X			
Lucas			X			
Reis			X			
Zincavage			X			

Borough Attorney Cifelli read the title of the first item for consideration which was:

29-23 RESOLUTION APPOINTING KENNETH LOUIS AS ACTING BOROUGH CLERK AND REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK.

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz						X
Evaristo			X			
Graham	X		X			
Lucas		X	X			
Reis			X			
Zincavage			X			

Borough Attorney Cifelli announced the results of the vote and that the motion carried. Resolutions numbered 29-23 was adopted.



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Borough Attorney Cifelli informed Kenneth Louis, who was just appointed the interim Borough Clerk, to sign his resolution and that he was now authorized to resume control of the meeting.

Borough Clerk Louis introduced the items remaining on the consent agenda as follows:

30-23 RESOLUTION APPOINTING A RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT TO ASSIST THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BOROUGH'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE SUBURBAN METRO JOINT INSURANCE FUND

31-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40a:11-5(1)(a)(i) FOR A FINANCIAL ADVISOR

32-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF MONIES PAID TO THE BOROUGH FOR WEDDING/MARRIAGE CEREMONIES

33-23 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 2023, REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

34-23 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2023, REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

35-23 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8, 2023, REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

36-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH APRIL 12, 2023, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$356,189.84

37-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF MONIES PAID TO THE BOROUGH FOR WEDDING/MARRIAGE CEREMONIES

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

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

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz						X
Evaristo	X		X			
Graham		X	X			
Lucas			X			
Reis			X			
Zincavage			X			



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**RESOLUTION(S) FOR SEPARATE ACTION**

25-23 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF CANDY LEY VELASQUEZ, ESQUIRE, TO THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz						X
Evaristo	X		X			
Graham		X	X			
Lucas			X			
Reis			X			
Zincavage			X			

26-23 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION AS KENNETH J. LINDENFELSER AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz						X
Evaristo	X		X			
Graham		X	X			
Lucas			X			
Reis			X			
Zincavage			X			

27-23 RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK FOR THE 2023 CALENDAR YEAR

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz						X
Evaristo	X		X			
Graham			X			
Lucas		X	X			
Reis			X			
Zincavage			X			

28-23 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CANDY LEY VELASQUEZ, ESQUIRE, TO THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz						X
Evaristo	X		X			
Graham		X	X			



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Lucas			X			
Reis			X			
Zincavage			X			

33-23 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 2023, REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz						X
Evaristo					X	
Graham			X			
Lucas			X			
Reis		X	X			
Zincavage	X		X			

34-23 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2023, REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz						X
Evaristo			X			
Graham					X	
Lucas			X			
Reis		X	X			
Zincavage	X		X			

35-23 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8, 2023, REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST NEWARK

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz						X
Evaristo	X		X			
Graham		X	X			
Lucas					X	
Reis			X			
Zincavage			X			

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Borough Clerk Louis 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.

There were no members of the public wishing to address the Council this evening and Borough Clerk Louis closed the public hearing.



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**OLD BUSINESS**

Borough Clerk Louis asked if anyone had any old business, they wanted to bring forward this evening. There were no old business items presented and the Borough Clerk closed that portion of the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Municipal Attorney announced that there are 3 items for new business.

1. Swearing in of new municipal judge, Candy Ley Velasquez
2. Statement of recognition for now former municipal judge, Kenneth J. Lindenfelser
  
3. Swearing in of new volunteer firefighter, Didac Seara

**MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Borough Clerk Louis announced that he was in receipt of the following Department Reports for the month of May 2023 which have been provided to the Mayor, Council and Administration in their agenda packets.

1. Police Department – May 2023
2. Fire Department – May 2023
3. Engineering Center – May 2023

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Diaz						X
Evaristo	X		X			
Graham			X			
Lucas			X			
Reis		X	X			
Zincavage			X			

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE BOROUGH**

Borough Clerk Louis asked prior to entertaining a motion to adjourn if there was anything further anyone wanted to offer for the “good of the Borough”.

There was no further discussion for the “good of the Borough”.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business to discuss for the evening.



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Councilman Graham moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Zincavage and approved on the following vote:

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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TATIANA DA COSTA  
Borough Administrative Assistant

Dated: May 10, 2023

Accepted and approved by Council: \_\_\_\_\_