

AGENDA - REORGANIZATION MEETING – JANUARY 2, 2008

Acting Mayor Henning calls meeting to order at

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Absent:

Also Present:

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

Acting Mayor Henning reads the Compliance Statement as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

INVOCATION

Acting Mayor Henning calls on **Reverend Paul Janssen** for the Invocation.

MAYOR DONALD RUSCHMAN SWORN IN

Acting Mayor Henning advises receipt from the County Board of Elections of a certificate of election for **Mayor Donald Ruschman**, said term expiring December 31, 2011.

Judge Ryan administers the oath of office and **Mayor Ruschman** takes his seat on the dais.

COUNCILMAN GERARD MAUGHAN SWORN IN

Mayor Ruschman advises receipt from the County Board of Elections of a certificate of election for **Councilman Gerard Maughan**, said term expiring December 31, 2010.

Judge Ryan administers the oath of office and Councilman Maughan takes his seat on the dais.

COUNCILMAN KEN BROUWER SWORN IN

Mayor Ruschman advises receipt from the County Board of Elections of a certificate of election for **Councilman Ken Brouwer**, said term expiring December 31, 2008.

Judge Ryan administers the oath of office and Councilman Brouwer takes his seat on the dais.

COUNCILWOMAN TAMARA LEVINSON SWORN IN

Mayor Ruschman advises receipt from the County Board of Elections of a certificate of election for **Councilwoman Tamara Levinson**, said term expiring December 31, 2010.

Judge Ryan administers the oath of office and Councilwoman Levinson takes her seat on the dais.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk calls the roll as follows:

Mayor Ruschman, Ms. Ciannella, Mr. Brouwer, Mr. Wells, Mr. Henning, Mr. Maughan, Mrs. Levinson.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **John D’Anton, Borough Attorney** for the year 2008.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm. ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor Ruschman asks for nominations for President of the Council for the year 2008.
Councilmember _____ nominates Councilmember _____ Seconded by
Councilmember _____

Mayor Ruschman asks if there were any further nominations.

A motion is made by Councilman _____ seconded by Councilman _____ that nominations be closed.

Mayor Ruschman declares **Councilmember _____, Council President** for the year 2008.

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Ruschman asks Terence Maguire to join him at the podium for a special presentation by the Governing Body.

Mayor Ruschman asks Ronald Cangialosi to join him at the podium for a special presentation by the Governing Body.

BOROUGH PROSECUTOR

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Catherine M. Elston, Esq. as Borough Prosecutor** for the year 2008.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm. ROLL CALL:

Judge Ryan administers the oath of office to Borough Prosecutor Elston at this time.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Elliot Doliner, Esq. as Public Defender** for the year 2008.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm. ROLL CALL:

Judge Ryan administers the oath of office to Public Defender Doliner at this time.

POLICE RESERVE OFFICERS SWORN IN

Mayor Ruschman calls upon Judge Ryan to administer the oaths of office jointly to the officers of the **Police Reserves** for the year 2008.

- CHIEF Paul Witte**
- CAPTAIN James Duncan**
- LIEUTENANT Peter DePalma**
- LIEUTENANT Charles Forino**
- SERGEANT Christopher Brown**
- SERGEANT Daniel Hoffman**

ZONING OFFICER

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Mary Rathgeb as Zoning Officer** for the year 2008.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Dave Vozza** as **Risk Management Consultant** for the year 2008.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm. ROLL CALL

APPROVE BMED PRODUCER'S AGREEMENT

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **The Vozza Agency** as its producer in accordance with the Fund's bylaws for the period January 1, 2008 to January 1, 2009.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

BOROUGH AUDITOR

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Louis P. Mai** as **Borough Auditor** for the year 2008.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm. ROLL CALL

BOND COUNSEL

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Steve Rogut, Esq.**, as **Bond Counsel** for the year 2008.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm. ROLL CALL

SUB DIVISION SEARCH OFFICER

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Helyn Beer** as **Subdivision Search Officer** for the year 2008.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

BOROUGH HISTORIAN

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Barbara Martine** as **Borough Historian** for the year 2008.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

CUSTODIAN OF PETTY CASH

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Ann Kilmartin** as **Custodian of Petty Cash** for the year 2008.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

POLICE SURGEON

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Dr. John LoCurto** as **Police Surgeon** for the year 2008.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

FIRE SURGEON

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Dr. John LoCurto**, as **Fire Surgeon** for the year 2008.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

POLICE MATRONS

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following Police Matrons for the year 2008.

Lucille Bosco **Judith Hawkins**

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC GUARDS

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following **School Traffic Guards** for the year 2008:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Nikki Ariza | Linda Strabone |
| Joseph Felice | Charles Trojan |
| Renata Guiglia | Richard Varian |
| Robert Muller | Lance Villa |
| Cheryl Neumann | |
| Relief Guard: B.J. Quackenbush | |

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm, with abstention by Councilwoman Levinson.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to designate the following to be **official newspapers** for the Borough of Park Ridge for the year 2008.

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Community Life | Pascack Press |
| The Record | The Ridgewood News |

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

LEGAL DEPOSITORIES

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to designate the following to be **legal depositories** for the Borough of Park Ridge for the year 2008:

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Bank of America | Oritani S&L Association |
| Citibank | PNC Bank |
| Commerce Bank | TD Banknorth NA/Interchange |
| Lakeland Bank | Valley National Bank |
| MBIA-Class | Wachovia Bank |

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

PLANNING BOARD

(Mayor’s appointments, no council confirmation needed)

Mayor Ruschman appoints **Richard Cassata, Class IV member** of the **Planning Board** to a four year term, said term to expire December 31, 2011.

Mayor Ruschman appoints **John O’Donoghue, Class IV member** of the **Planning Board** to a four year term, said term to expire December 31, 2011.

Mayor Ruschman appoints **Gil Sandler, Alternate II member** of the **Planning Board** to a two-year term expiring December 31, 2009.

Mayor Ruschman advises there is a **Class III member** of the **Planning Board** (a member of the Governing Body) to be chosen by the Governing Body.

Councilmember _____ nominates Councilmember _____ .

Mayor Ruschman asks if there are any further nominations.

A motion is made by Councilmember _____ and seconded by Councilmember _____ to close the nominations.

Mayor Ruschman declares **Councilmember _____, Class III member** of the **Planning Board** for the year 2008.

In accordance with terms of the Planning Board Ordinance, **Mayor Ruschman** notes that he automatically becomes and remains a **member (Class I)** of the **Planning Board** for the year 2008.

Mayor Ruschman appoints **Terence Maguire** as the Mayor's designee to the Planning Board for the year 2008.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Marcia Eisen** a **member** of the **Zoning Board of Adjustment** to a full four-year term, said term to expire December 31, 2011.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **William Walker** a **member** of the **Zoning Board of Adjustment** to a full-four year term, said term to expire December 31, 2011.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Dr. Eric von de Lieth** a **member** of the **Zoning Board of Adjustment** to fill an unexpired term, said term expiring December 31, 2008.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **John Monahan**, Alternate I **member** of the **Zoning Board of Adjustment** to fill an unexpired term, said term expiring December 31, 2008.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Matthew Cipilli**, Alternate II **member** of the **Zoning Board of Adjustment** to fill an unexpired term, said term expiring December 31, 2009.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **George Heller**, a member of the **Library Board of Trustees** for a full five year term, said term to expire December 31, 2012.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Dr. Patricia Johnson**, or her designee, as member of the **Library Board of Trustees**.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Tammy Levinson**, Mayor's **Alternate** to the **Library Board of Trustees**.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Denise Soranno**, to fulfill an unexpired term, said term to expire December 31, 2008.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Doctor Joan Valas**, a member of the **Board of Health** for a full three year term, said term to expire December 31, 2010.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Dr. Marilyn Miller**, a member of the **Board of Health** for a full three year term, said term to expire December 31, 2010.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Dr. Robert Lincoln**, Alternate #2 member of the Board of Health, to fulfill an unexpired term, said term to expire December 31, 2008.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **John Pouletsos**, a member of the **Board of Public Works**, for a full three year term, said term to expire December 31, 2010.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Matt Levinson**, a member of the **Board of Public Works**, for a full three year term, said term to expire December 31, 2010.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm, with an abstention by Councilwoman Levinson.

MUNICIPAL SWIM POOL COMMISSION

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Kenneth Christensen**, a member of the **Municipal Swim Pool Commission** for a full five year term, said term to expire December 31, 2012.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Christine Fethes-Connolly**, a member of the Local Assistance Board for a two-year term, said term to expire December 31, 2009.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Karen Tuttle**, Alternate #2 member of the Local Assistance Board for a two-year term, said term to expire December 31, 2009.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

COMMISSIONERS TO BERGEN COUNTY JOINT MUNICIPAL INSURANCE FUND

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Gerard Maughan** and **Gene Vinci**, **Commissioners to Bergen County Joint Municipal Insurance Fund** for the year 2008.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS ARE FOR ONE YEAR, THEY ARE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS WITH COUNCIL CONFIRMATION.

CABLE ACCESS COMMITTEE (PKRG)

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Cable TV Committee** for the year 2008:

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Doctor Ned Barber | Bruce Goldsmith |
| Kerry Butler | Robert Ludwig |
| Meri Freedman | Donald Ruschman |

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Emergency Management Council** for the year 2008:

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Doctor Joan Valas - Coordinator | |
| James Babcock – Deputy Coordinator | |
| Joeen Ciannella | Al Musso |
| Anthony DiBlasi | Cathy Roy |
| Kim Durba | Donald Ruschman |
| Mark Eisen | Nancy Russell |
| Elliot Kolomer | Gail Schaefer |
| Ben Martin | John Van Wetering |
| Barbara Martine | Paul Witte |
| Andy Matuson | |

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

D.A.R.E. COMMITTEE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **D.A.R.E. Committee** for the year 2008:

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Joyce Bruno | PO Scott Malloy |
| Kristen DeLeasa | PO Peter Mauro |
| Liz Falkenstern | Kathy Ryan |
| Dee Ledgerwood | PO Gregory Stalb |

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Municipal Alliance** for the year 2008:

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|---|---|
| Jorge Becerra | Christine McCaffrey, Principal, West Ridge |
| Joyce Bruno | Laraine Meehan, Principal, OLM |
| Captain Craig Coughlin | Sheldon Silver, Principal, East Brook |
| Barbara Dell’Amo | Andy Yaeger |
| Marie Golden | Judi Youngman |
| Paul Higgins | |
| Richard Martinez Principal, PRHS | |

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

HANDICAPPED AWARENESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Handicapped Awareness Advisory Committee** for the year 2008:

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Lucille Barnes | Rosemary Overton |
| Mary Jane Burns | Charles Ryan |
| Joan Favre | Phyllis Schleifer |
| Steve Hopper | Robert Sinski |
| Valerie LoCurto | Mike Smith |

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Historical Advisory Committee** for the year 2008:

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Karen Koehler | Penny Peed |
| Dave Lent | Betty Jean Quakenbush |
| Tamara Levinson | John Thomsen |
| Barbara Martine | |

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Beautification Committee** for the year 2008:

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|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Joeen Ciannella | Peter Jacobsen | Bill Koenig | Gwen Pardi |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Personnel Committee** for the year 2008:

The entire Mayor and Council

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

MAYOR’S HOUSING TASK FORCE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Housing Task Force** for the year 2008:

- John D’Anton, Borough Attorney**
- John Hansen, Fire Official**
- Joseph Madden, Chief of Police**
- Linda Quinn, Inspector, Bergen County Department of Health Services**
- Mary Rathgeb, Zoning Officer**
- C. Nick Saluzzi, Construction Code Official**
- Gene Vinci, Borough Administrator**

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Recreation Committee** for the year 2008:

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Joseph Bruno | Scott Gilmour | Al Mellone |
| Matt Bruno PRHS Liaison | Brian Happ | Louis Meyer |
| Travis Cangialosi | Rosemary Happ | Terri Michalowicz |
| Don Davies | Steve Hopper | Peter Montalbano |
| Joseph Deen | Tom Hoskins | E.J. Napolitano |
| Julie Deen, PRHS Liaison | Jean Joyce | Michael Napolitano |
| Kevin Deen | Bob LaRubbio | Cathy Nooney |
| Andy Deutch | Tammy Levinson | Elaine O'Brien |
| Elliot Doliner | Kathleen Lustig | Vinny O'Rourke |
| Scott Doliner | Kiernan Lynch | Ed Pittarelli |
| Liz Falkenstern | Gerri Ann Madio | Michael Raia |
| Bonnie Ferragut | Liz Madio | Jay Roemer |
| George Ferragut | Barbara Martine | Shirley Roemer |
| Bob Fornatale | Robert Meidanis | Jill (Shifris) Santoro |
| | | Steve Valas |
| | | Paul Wharton |

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

VISION PLAN COMMITTEE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Vision Plan Committee** for the year 2008:

Peter Wells, Co-Chairman **Rich Henning, Co-Chairman**

- | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Bill Beattie | Denise Cardona | Barbara Martine |
| Brigitte Bogart | Joeen Ciannella | Mark Pascale |
| Don Browne | Jim Hespe | Mayor Ruschman |
| Joe Bruno | Terence Maguire | Gene Vinci |
| | | William Walker |

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Senior Citizen Advisory Committee** for the year 2008:

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Mary Badame | Jane Ford | Alys Rea |
| Mabel Belson | Irene Koehler | Ceil Roch |
| Ann Biasi | Bill Ledgerwood | Andrew Veleber |
| Susan DeLorenzo | Bernie Nicolosi | |
| Christine Fethes-Connolly | Eva Nicolosi | |

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Shade Tree Committee** for the year 2008:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Jim Hespe, Chairman | Beverly Mancini |
| Kathryn Boyle | Florence McGarrity |
| Bruce Doxey | Mike Taber |
| Ruth Goldman | Janet Tunick |
| Penny Hoyt | B.J. Quackenbush |
| Peter Jacobsen | |

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Solid Waste & Recycling Advisory Committee** for the year 2008:

Doctor Robert Balentine Kenneth Suehnholz
Bonnie Ferragut Gene Vinci
Florence Suehnholz

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Open Space Committee** for the year 2008:

Lyn Beer Ken Koehler
Jerry Brunetto Barbara Martine
Rich Henning

Chairmen of Planning and Zoning Boards

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Technology Committee** for the year 2008.

Rich Henning
Peter Wells

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

STANDING COMMITTEES – 2008

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION	Henning, Brouwer, Maughan
FIRE	Brouwer
INSURANCE	Maughan
OPERATIONS	Ciannella
PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	Wells
PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE	Maughan
PUBLIC SAFETY	Henning
RECREATION & CULTURAL	Levinson

BOARDS & COMMITTEES LIAISONS FOR 2008

BERGEN COUNTY 9-1-1	Coughlin
BOARD OF EDUCATION	Brouwer, Maughan
BOARD OF HEALTH	Maughan
FIELD COORDINATOR	Davies
BUSINESS COMMUNITY	Wells
CABLE TV	Vinci
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	Vinci, Maughan (alt.)
D.A.R.E. COMMITTEE	Levinson
HANDICAPPED AWARENESS ADVISORY	Brouwer
HISTORICAL ADVISORY	Levinson
LIBRARY BOARD	Levinson
MUNICIPAL POOL	Levinson
PASCACK MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	Henning
P.R.A.A.	Maughan
PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE	Vinci
SAFETY COMMITTEE	Wells
SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY	Brouwer
SHADE TREE	Ciannella
SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING	Ciannella

SEATING ON DAIS: 2008 (from Mayor’s left to right)

Ciannella, Brouwer, Wells, MAYOR, Henning, Maughan, Levinson

2008 TEMPORARY BUDGET RESOLUTION

Mayor Ruschman asked the Finance Chairman to present the 2008 Temporary Budget.

Council President, Henning, notes the Temporary Budget is adopted each year to fund operations until the Municipal Budget is approved in March. The Temporary Budget represents one-fourth of the prior year’s appropriations.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to adopt the 2008 Temporary Budget.

Motion: Second: Roll Call:

ADOPTION OF 2008 BY-LAWS

Mayor Ruschman notes the By-Laws govern the manner in which the Mayor and Council meetings are run.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to adopt the 2008 By-Laws.

Motion: Second: Roll Call:

ADOPTION OF 2008 MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to adopt the meeting schedule for 2008.

Motion: Second: Roll Call:

COUNCILMEMBERS REMARKS:

MAYOR’S ADDRESS

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Ruschman asks if anyone present wishes to be heard on any matter.

Speaker:

BENEDICTION

Mayor Ruschman calls on **Rabbi Gerald Friedman** for the Benediction.

There being no further business, Mayor Ruschman asked for a motion to close the Re-organization meeting.

A motion is made by and seconded by to close the Reorganization meeting.

The Re-organization Meeting was closed at p.m.