

Approved March 15, 2010

Municipal Building

Park Ridge, NJ

January 1, 2010 – 12:35 p.m.

The Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge was called to order by Mayor Ruschman at the above time, date and place. Mayor Ruschman led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Kane, Levinson, Viola, Maughan (via telephone), Mayor Ruschman
Absent: None
Also Present: Helene Fall, Borough Administrator
Kelley O'Donnell, Borough Clerk.

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

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

INVOCATION:

Mayor Ruschman calls on **Deacon Dominic Buonocore** of St. Paul's Parish, Valley Cottage, Congers, N.Y. for the Invocation.

COUNCILMAN KENNETH BROUWER SWORN IN:

Mayor Ruschman advises receipt from the County Board of Elections of a Certificate of Election for **Councilman Kenneth Brouwer**, said term to expire December 31, 2012.

County Executive Dennis McNerney, joined by Mr. Brouwer and sons administered the Oath of Office and Councilman Brouwer took his seat on the dais.

COUNCILMAN TERENCE MAGUIRE SWORN IN:

Mayor Ruschman advises receipt from the County Board of Elections of a Certificate of Election for **Councilman Terence Maguire**, said term to expire December 31, 2012.

County Executive Dennis McNerney, joined by Mr. Maguire and daughter administered the Oath of Office and Councilman Maguire took his seat on the dais.

ROLL CALL:

The Clerk calls the roll as follows:

Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Levinson, Viola, Maughan (via telephone), Maguire, Mayor Ruschman

BOROUGH ATTORNEY:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Robert J. Mancinelli, Esq.** as **Borough Attorney** for the year 2010.

A motion made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Kane to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Levinson, Viola, Maughan (on telephone), Maguire

Judge Donna Baboulis administers the Oath of Office to Borough Attorney Robert J. Mancinelli and Mr. Mancinelli took his seat on the dais.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mayor Ruschman asks for nominations for **President of the Council** for the year 2010. Councilmember Maguire nominated **Councilmember Tamara Levinson** for Council President and seconded by Councilmember Viola to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Viola, Maughan (on telephone), and Maguire
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Levinson

Mayor Ruschman asks if there are any further nominations. There were none.

Mayor Ruschman declares **Councilmember Levinson, Council President** for the year 2010.

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING COUNCILMEMBERS:

Mayor Ruschman asked Joen Ciannella to join him at the podium and presented Ms. Ciannella with a plaque from the governing body. Mayor Ruschman complimented Ms. Ciannella for the work done in making the downtown look so beautiful during the holidays with her Downtown Beautification Committee and especially so during this holiday season with the lights on the poles and the large red ribbons. He also mentioned her work with the Public Utilities and how often she referred to them all as “her boys” and how she took her role as a liaison very much to heart. Mayor Ruschman then read the words on the plaque.

Ms. Ciannella thanked the mayor and said she wanted to thank everyone for giving her the opportunity to be on the council these past three years. She thanked the volunteers on her committees for all their work and the time spent and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Ruschman asked Peter Wells to join him at the podium and presented Mr. Wells with a plaque from the governing body. Mayor Ruschman said Mr. Wells had been an advocate as far as the governing body went; he always kept them on the right path through rough waters. He said from the point of view of what Mr. Wells had done for the residents of Park Ridge it was really innumerable and that Mr. Wells had previously outlined all the things he had been involved in over the years, planning, vision plan and Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Ruschman then read the words on the plaque.

Mr. Wells thanked the mayor and said this really had been a special opportunity for him and a great three years. He said he had lived in the community for many years and to get involved and try to give back meant a great deal to him and was very humbling. He said he had met so many new people and came to know some of the 250 committee volunteers on the various boards and committees. He said, for him, it had been a unique opportunity and found everyone he had worked with extremely helpful and willing.

BOROUGH PROSECUTOR:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Christopher C. Botta, Esq.** as **Borough Prosecutor** for the year 2010.

A motion was made by Council President Levinson to appoint **Christopher C. Botta, Esq.** as Borough Prosecutor for the year 2010 and seconded by Councilmember Brouwer to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (on telephone), Viola, Maguire

Judge Donna Baboulis administered the Oath of Office to Borough Prosecutor Christopher C. Botta at this time.

PUBLIC DEFENDER:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Scott Mooney, Esq.** as **Public Defender** for the year 2010.

A motion was made by Councilmember Brouwer to appoint **Robert C. Metzdorf, Esq.** as Public Defender for the year 2010 and seconded by Councilmember Maguire to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (on telephone), Viola, Maguire

Judge Donna Baboulis administered the Oath of Office to Public Defender Robert C. Metzdorf at this time.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS SWORN IN:

Mayor Ruschman calls upon Borough Attorney Robert J. Mancinelli to administer the Oaths of Office jointly to the officers of the **Fire Department** for the year 2010.

Chief	Robert Ludwig
Assistant Chief	Peter J. Mauro
Captain	William I. Diedtrich, Jr.
Captain	George Wolfe
Lieutenant	Kurt VanderVliet
Lieutenant	Bernard Schnoor

POLICE RESERVE OFFICERS SWORN IN:

Mayor Ruschman calls upon Borough Attorney Robert J. Mancinelli to administer the Oaths of Office jointly to the following officers of the **Police Reserves** for the year 2010.

Chief	Paul Witte
Captain	Peter DePalma
Lieutenant	Christopher Brown

Lieutenant Duncan, Sergeants Forino and Lawn were not present to be sworn in.

FIRE PREVENTION OFFICERS SWORN IN:

Mayor Ruschman calls upon Borough Attorney Robert J. Mancinelli to administer the Oaths of Office jointly to the officers of the **Fire Prevention Bureau** for a three year term expiring December 31, 2012.

John Hansen, Fire Official	Robert Ludwig, Fire Inspector
Frederick Rothe, Fire Inspector	William Walker, Fire Inspector

Fire Inspector William I. Diedtrich, Sr., was not present to be sworn.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Robert Ludwig**, a member of the **Board of Public Works**, said term expiring on December 31, 2012.

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Viola to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Keith Misciagna**, a member of the **Board of Public Works** for a term expiring December 31, 2012.

A motion was made by Councilmember Viola and seconded by Councilmember Brouwer to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

ZONING OFFICER:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Nick Saluzzi** as **Zoning Officer** for the year 2010.

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Brouwer to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

BOROUGH ENGINEER:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Eve Mancuso, PE of Brooker Engineering, Inc.** as **Borough Engineer** for the year 2010.

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Maguire to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Dave Vozza** as **Risk Management Consultant** for the year 2010.

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Brouwer to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

BOROUGH AUDITOR:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Jeffrey Bliss of Lerch, Vinci, Higgins, LLP** as **Borough Auditor** for the year 2010.

A motion was made by Councilmember Maguire and seconded by Councilmember Brouwer to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

BOND COUNSEL:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Steve Rogut, Esq. of Rogut McCarthy, LLC** as **Bond Counsel** for the year 2010.

A motion was made by Councilmember Maguire and seconded by Council President Levinson to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

BOROUGH PLANNER:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Brigitte Bogart, PP of Burgis Associates** as **Borough Planner** for the year 2010.

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Maguire to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

SUBDIVISION SEARCH OFFICER:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Helyn Beer** as **Subdivision Search Officer** for the year 2010.

A motion was made by Councilmember Brouwer and seconded by Council President Levinson to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

BOROUGH HISTORIAN:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Ned Barber** as **Borough Historian** for the year 2010.

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Kane to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

CUSTODIAN OF PETTY CASH:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Colleen Ennis** as **Custodian of Petty Cash** for the year 2010.

A motion was made by Councilmember Maguire and seconded by Councilmember Viola to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

TAX SEARCH OFFICER:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Colleen Ennis** as **Tax Search Officer** for the year 2010.

A motion was made by Councilmember Viola and seconded by Council President Levinson to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Kelley O'Donnell** as **Assessment Search Officer** for the year 2010.

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Viola to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

POLICE SURGEON:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Dr. John LoCurto** as **Police Surgeon** for the year 2010.

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Viola to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

FIRE SURGEON:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Dr. Lester Levine** as **Fire Surgeon** for the year 2010.

A motion was made by Councilmember Maguire and seconded by Councilmember Kane to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

POLICE MATRONS:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Lucille Bosco** and **Judith Hawkins** as **Police Matrons** for the year 2010.

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Viola to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

SCHOOL TRAFFIC GUARDS:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following School Traffic Guards for the year 2010.

Nikki Ariza
Joseph Felice
Renata Guiglia
Robert Muller
Cheryl Neumann

Linda Strabone
Charles Trojan
Richard Varian
Lance Villa

**Relief Guards: BJ Quackenbush
Tom Hoskins**

A motion was made by Councilmember Viola and seconded by Councilmember Maguire to confirm. Council President Levinson abstained from voting.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

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 2010.

The Record	The Ridgewood News
Community Life	Pascack Press

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Viola to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

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 2010.

Bank of America	Oritani S&L Association
Citibank	PNC Bank
Lakeland Bank	TD Bank
Valley National Bank	Wachovia Bank
Sovereign Bank	New Jersey Cash Management
MBIA	Mariner's Bank

A motion was made by Councilmember Viola and seconded by Councilmember Maguire to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

PLANNING BOARD:

(Mayor's appointments, no council confirmation needed)

Mayor Ruschman appoints **Robert Oppelt, Class 4** member of the **Planning Board** for a four-year term expiring December 31, 2013.

Mayor Ruschman appoints **Peter Von Bradsky, Class 4** member of the **Planning Board** to an unexpired term expiring December 31, 2011.

Mayor Ruschman appointed **Marcia Eisen, Alt. 2** member of the **Planning Board** for a two-year term expiring December 31, 2011.

Mayor Ruschman appointed **Nick Saluzzi, Municipal Official** to the **Planning Board** for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2010.

Mayor Ruschman advises that there is a Class 3 member of the Planning Board (a member of the Governing Body) to be chosen by the Governing Body.

Councilmember Brouwer nominates Councilmember Maguire. Council President Levinson seconded the nomination to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Maguire

Mayor Ruschman declared **Councilmember Terence Maguire** as the **Class 3** member of the **Planning Board** for the year 2010.

In accordance with the terms of the Municipal Land Use Law, Mayor Ruschman notes that he automatically becomes and remains a member (**Class 1**) of the **Planning Board for the year 2010**.

Mayor Ruschman appointed **Councilmember Kenneth Brouwer** as the **Mayor's Designee (Class 1)** of the **Planning Board** for the year 2010.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Jake Flaherty** a member of the **Board of Adjustment** for a four-year term ending December 31, 2013.

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Maguire to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Thomas Hoskins** member of the **Board of Adjustment** for a four-year term ending December 31, 2013.

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Maguire to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Matthew Capilli** a member of the **Board of Adjustment** to an unexpired two-year term ending December 31, 2011.

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Maguire to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Gil Sandler, Alt. 2** to the **Board of Adjustment** for a two-year term expiring December 31, 2011.

A motion was made by Councilmember Maguire and seconded by Council President Levinson to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Peggy Scheulen** a member of the **Library Board of Trustees** for a five-year term ending December 31, 2014.

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Kane to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone) Viola, Maguire

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Lou Meyer** a member of the **Board of Health** for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2012.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kane and seconded by Council President Levinson to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Dr. Robert Lincoln, Alt 1** member of the **Board of Health** for a two year term expiring December 31, 2011.

A motion was made by Councilmember Brouwer and seconded by Councilmember Kane to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **David Alvarez, Alt 2** member of the **Board of Health** for a one-year term expiring December 31, 2010.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kane and seconded by Council President Levinson to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Kathy Bowen** as **Director of the Local Assistance Board** for a five-year term expiring December 31, 2014.

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Kane to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Christine Fethes-Connolly** a member of the **Local Assistance Board** for a two-year term, expiring December 31, 2011.

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Maguire to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Karen Tuttle, Alternate #1** to the **Local Assistance Board** for a two-year term, expiring December 31, 2011.

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Maguire to confirm.

MUNICIPAL POOL COMMISSION:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Kenneth Christensen** a member of the **Municipal Swim Pool Commission** for a three-year term, expiring December 31, 2012.

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Maguire to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Frank Kozar** to the **Municipal Swim Pool Commission** for a three-year term, expiring December 31, 2012.

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Maguire to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

COMMISSIONERS TO BERGEN COUNTY JOINT MUNICIPAL INSURANCE FUND:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Councilman Kenneth Brouwer and Administrator Helene Fall** with **Borough Clerk Kelley O'Donnell, Alternate** as Commissioners to Bergen County Joint Municipal Insurance Fund for the year 2010.

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Kane to confirm.

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

CABLE ACCESS COMMITTEE (PKRG)

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

Doctor Ned Barber	Jamie Lewis
Kerry Butler	Robert Ludwig
Meri Freedman	Donald Ruschman
Bruce Goldsmith	Mary Beth McGuinn
Tracy Dickinson	Tamara Levinson
Rolf Wahl	Bob Howell

A motion was made by Councilmember Maguire and seconded by Councilmember Kane to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Emergency Management Council** for the year 2010:

Dr. Joan Valas, PhD	Donald Ruschman
Kenneth Brouwer	James Babcock
Ron Bosco	Steven Valas
Chief J. Madden	Chief R. Ludwig
Joseph Hughes	William Beattie
Katherine Bowen	June Bertini
Helene Fall	Ned Barber
Anthony DiBlasi	Mark Eisen
Tom Derienzo	Colleen Ennis
Sue Kiley	Greg Stalb
Paul Witte	Nick Saluzzi
Dr. Patricia Johnson	Laraine Meehan
Chris Fethes-Connolly	Ben Martin
Justin Mattes	Kim Durba
Cathy Roth	Rev. Wilma Houston White
George Bottinor	Steve DeSalvo
Greg Donnetello	Ted Poseski
Sony Representative	Barbara Schwartz
David Vozza	

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Maguire 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 2010:

PO Scott Malloy	Maria Malloy
Sgt. Peter Mauro	Joyce Bruno
PO Gregory Stalb	Jean Joyce
Liz Falkenstern	Mario Afram
Kristi Holz	Dee Ledgerwood
Tracy Dickinson	Sean McLouglin
George Bottinor	Geri Mastrangelo

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Kane to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Municipal Alliance** for the year 2010:

Judi Youngman	Jorge Becerra
Joyce Bruno	Barbara Dell'Armo
Andy Yaeger	Paul Higgins
Melanie Nagel	Patricia Bucci – Principal, PRHS
Christine McCaffery, Principal, West Ridge	
Sheldon Silver, Principal, East Brook	
Larlane Meehan, Principal OLM	
Phil Langer	Dave Laughton

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Maguire to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Historical Advisory Committee** for the year 2010:

Karen Koehler	Penny Peed
Dave Lent	Betty Jean Quackenbush
Barbara Martine	John Thomsen, Sr.
Carol Reen	Ned Barber
Joe Bruno	Marica Eisen

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Maguire to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Beautification Committee** for the year 2010:

Joeen Ciannella	Peter Jacobson
Bill Koenig	Gwen Pardi
Andrea Lincoln	Gabriel Smith
Girl Scout Leaders	

A motion was made by Councilmember Maguire and seconded by Councilmember Kane to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMITTEE:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members to the **Recreation & Cultural Committee:**

Lyn Beer	George Bottinor	
Odete Bottinor	Joseph Bruno	Kerry Deen, liaison
Kevin J. Deen	Andy Deutsch	Rocco Duardo
Kim Durba	Liz Falkenstern	Bonnie Ferragut
George Ferragut	Bob Fornatale	Rosemary Happ
Tom Hoskins	Bob LaRubbio	Joe Mahoney
Ben Martin	Bruce McNara	Robert Meidanis
Al Mellone	Robert Metzdorf	Raymond Mital
Pete Montalbano	Marc Moschella	Elaine O'Brien
Joe Panatalao	Greg Perez	Gregory Perez
Michael Raia	Jill (Shifris)Santoro	Paul Scarduffa
Steve Valas	Eric von der Lieth	Paul Wharton

A motion was made by Councilmember Maguire and seconded by Council President Levinson to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

VISION PLAN COMMITTEE:

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

Bill Beattie	Brigette Bogart	Joseph Bruno
Jim Hespe	Barbara Martine	Andy Hodgins
Dave Vozza	Richard Henning	Peter Wells
Helene Fall		
Zoning Board Chairman or Alternate Member		
Terence Maguire (Planning Board Member)		

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Brouwer to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

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

Mary Asterita	Mary Badame	Ann Biasi
Helen Catlin	Susan DeLorenzo	Chris Fethes-Connolly
Bernie Nicolosi	Eve Nicolosi	Alys Rea
Ceil Roch	Tom Scheulen	

A motion was made by Councilmember Maguire and seconded by Council President Levinson to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE:

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

Jim Hespe	Kathryn Boyle	Bruce Doxey
Ruth Goldman	Penny Hoyt	Peter Jacobson
F. McGarrity	Mike Taber	Donald Schwamb
Joann Schwamb	Janet Tunick	Clare Viola

A motion was made by Councilmember Maguire and seconded by Council President Levinson to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE:

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

Lyn Beer	Jerry Brunetto	Richard Henning
Ken Koehler	Barbara Martine	Donald Schwamb
Joann Schwamb	Ralph Donnell	Terence Maguire
Chairmen of the Zoning & Planning Boards		

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Brouwer to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members to the **Technology Committee:**

Ned Barber	Dan Browne, BOE	Scott Kreisler
Terry Maguire	Peter Nakkash	Cathy Timpone PRHS
Paul Wharton	Chris Halton	Colleen Ennis
Kelley O'Donnell	Doug Neumetzger	Joseph Rampolla, PRPD
Peter Mauro, PRPD	Justin Mezzadri	

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Kane to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

MAYOR'S HOUSING TASK FORCE:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members to the **Mayor's Housing Task Force:**

Robert J. Mancinelli, Borough Attorney
John Hansen, Fire Official
Joseph Madden, Chief of Police
Linda Quinn, Inspector, B.C. Dept of Health Services
Nick Saluzzi, Zoning Officer/Construction Code Official
Matthew Kent, Housing Inspector
Helene Fall, Administrator

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Maguire to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Council President Levinson, Maughan (via telephone), Viola, Maguire

STANDING COMMITTEES – 2010

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION	Maughan & Brouwer
FIRE	Viola
INSURANCE	Brouwer
NEGOTIATIONS	Viola & all
OPERATIONS	Maguire
PERSONNEL	Levinson & all
POLICY	Maughan
PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	Maughan
PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE	Kane
PUBLIC SAFETY	Brouwer

BOARDS & COMMITTEES LIAISONS FOR 2010

BERGEN COUNTY 9-1-1	Police
BEAUTIFICATION	Maughan
BOARD OF EDUCATION	Levinson
BOARD OF HEALTH	Kane
BUSINESS COMMUNITY	Levinson
CABLE TV	Maguire
D.A.R.E./MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE	Brouwer
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL	Brouwer
HANDICAP AWARENESS ADVISORY	Administrator

HISTORICAL ADVISORY	Levinson
LIBRARY BOARD	Viola
LOCAL ASSISTANCE	Kane
MUNICIPAL POOL	Levinson
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE	Maguire
PASCACK MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	Kane
P.R.A.A.	Brouwer
PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE	Administrator
RECREATION & CULTURAL	Levinson
FIELD COORDINATORS	Andy Hodgins,
	Tom Gibson,Jim Neilan,
	Steve Saxenian,
	John Polster
SAFETY COMMITTEE	Maughan
SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY	Brouwer
SHADE TREE	Maughan
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE	Kane
VISION PLAN COMMITTEE	Maguire

SEATING ON DAIS: 2010 (from Mayor’s left to right)

Brouwer, Kane, Levinson, MAYOR, Viola, Maughan, Maguire

2010 TEMPORARY BUDGET RESOLUTUION:

Mayor Ruschman asked the Borough Administrator, on behalf of the Finance Chairman, to present the **2010 Temporary Budget.**

RESOLUTION NO. 010-010

2010 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the following temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for the borough records:

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

OPERATIONS

General Government:

Office of the Administrator/Clerk

Salaries & Wages \$ 35,000

Other expenses 4,000

Administrative & Executive:

Salaries & Wages 12,000

Other expenses

Mayor’s Special Committee 2,000

Municipal Clerk

Salaries & Wages 20,000

Other expenses 8,000

Redevelopment Plan

Other expense 2,000

Consultant Grant

Other expense 2,000

Assessment of Taxes:

Salaries & Wages 12,000

Other expenses 1,800

Finance Administration

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Other expenses	4,000
Collection of Taxes:	
Salaries & Wages	67,000
Other expenses	3,000
Legal Services and Costs:	
Other expenses	25,000
Municipal Court:	
Salaries & Wages	40,000
Other expenses	2,500
Municipal Prosecutor:	
Salaries & Wages	3,000
Public Defender:	
Salaries & Wages	1,000
Engineering Services & costs:	
Other expenses	6,000
Public Buildings & Grounds:	
Salaries & Wages	20,000
Other expenses	7,000
Planning Board:	
Salaries & Wages	13,000
Other expenses	3,500
Board of Adjustment:	
Salaries & Wages	12,000
Other expenses	1,000
Insurance:	
Group medical/dental/disability insurance	300,000
Other insurance premiums	61,000
Public Safety:	
Fire	
Other expenses	25,000
Fire Prevention Bureau	
Salaries & Wages	10,000
Other expenses	1,000
Police:	
Salaries & Wages	535,000
Other expenses:	
Traffic Light repairs	100
Miscellaneous other expenses	20,000
Police Reserves	
Other expenses	1,000
Municipal Alliance	
Salaries & Wages	3,500
Other expenses	500
Tri-Boro Safety Corp:	
Salaries & Wages	2,000
Other expenses	20,000
Pistol Range	
Salaries & Wages	1,000

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Other Expenses	1,000
Construction Code Office:	
Salaries & Wages	40,000
Other expenses	1,500
Zoning Office	
Salaries & Wages	10,000
Other Expenses	1,000
Emergency Management:	
Other expenses:	
Disaster control	1,500
Vehicle Maintenance:	
Salaries & Wages	20,000
Other expenses	10,000
Streets & Roads:	
Road repairs and maintenance:	
Salaries & wages	155,000
Other expenses	25,000
Shade Tree Committee	1,000
Sanitation:	
Garbage and Trash Removal:	
Other expenses:	
Garbage removal – contractual	125,000
Garbage tipping fees	25,000
Compactor	8,000
Municipal Services	3,000
Recycling expenses	22,000
Clean Communities	2,000
Sewer System:	
Salaries & Wages	19,000
Other expenses	2,000
Bergen County Sewer Authority:	
Share of Costs	125,000
Health and Welfare:	
Board of Health	
Salaries & Wages	7,000
Other expenses	5,000
Administration of Public Assistance:	
Salaries & Wages	2,000
Other expenses	200
Recreation Program:	
Other expenses	7,000
PKRG:	
Salaries & Wages	1,500
Other expenses	500
Open Space	7,000
Beautification Committee	5,000
Senior Citizen Van	5,000
Housing Task Force:	

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Salaries & Wages	1,500
Other Expenses	500
Unclassified:	
Telephone	5,500
Gasoline	35,000
Utilities	30,000
Statutory Expenditures:	
Social Security	<u>75,000</u>
SUB TOTAL:	\$2,071,600
Debt Service:	
Interest on Bonds/Principal	533,000
Capital Improvement Fund	50,000
Storm Water o/c	<u>10,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,839,800

DEDICATED APPROPRIATIONS

Water Utility:

Operating:	
Salaries & Wages	305,000
Other expenses	300,000
Group insurance plan for employees	50,000
Capital Improvements:	
Capital outlay	25,000
Statutory Expenditures:	
Social Security	<u>25,000</u>
Total:	\$705,000

Electric Utility:

Operating:	
Purchase of current	2,250,000
Salaries & Wages	355,000
Other expenses	160,000
Group insurance plan for employees	75,000
Capital Improvements:	
Capital outlay	75,000
Interest on Bonds/Principal	165,000
Statutory Expenditures:	
Contribution to:	
Social Security	<u>30,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$3,110,000

Swimming Pool Utility:

Operating:	
Salaries & Wages	500
Other expenses	20,000
Statutory expenditures:	
Capital Improvements	46,000
Contribution to Social Security System	<u>40</u>
TOTAL:	\$66,540

Administrator Fall notes the temporary budget is adopted each year to continue borough operations until the municipal budget is introduced. The Temporary Budget represents one-fourth of the prior year's appropriations.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to adopt the 2010 Temporary Budget.

A motion was made by Councilmember Maughan and seconded by Council President Levinson to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Viola, Maughan (via telephone), Maguire, Council President Levinson

ADOPTION OF 2010 BY-LAWS:

Mayor Ruschman advised he was tabling the Adoption of the 2010 By-Laws because there had not been enough time to look them over and decide whether changes or additions were going to be made. He said it would be scheduled for the January 5th meeting.

ADOPTION OF 2010 MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to adopt the meeting schedule for 2010.

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE

RESOLUTION NO. 010-012

SCHEDULE OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2010

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that all meetings of the Governing Body for the year 2010 shall be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 53 Park Avenue, Park Ridge, in accordance with the following schedule.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that formal action may be taken at these meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council will hold Closed/Executive Session Meetings at 7:15 p.m. prior to the start of each Public Meeting and Agenda/Work Session Meeting, in which no action will be taken.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to publish this Annual Notice in the official newspaper pursuant to the requirements of Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

2010 MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

All public meetings are held on Tuesdays at 8:15 pm unless otherwise noted. All Work Sessions begin at 8:15 pm.

Public Meetings

Agenda/Work Sessions

January 1 – Sine Die 12:00 pm

January 1 – Reorganization 12:30 pm

January 5

January 26

February 9

February 23

March 9

March 23

April 13

April 27

May 11

May 25

June 8

June 22

July 13

July 27

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August 10

August 24

September 14

September 28

October 12

October 26

November 9

November 23

December 14

December 28

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Viola to confirm.

AYES: Councilmembers Brouwer, Kane, Viola, Maughan (via telephone), Maguire, Council President Levinson.

COUNCILMEMBERS REMARKS:

Councilmember Brouwer

Thanked former Councilmembers Ciannella and Wells for their service and hoped they would both stay involved; wanted to thank his wife and children for their support; thanked the voters in Park Ridge for placing their trust in him and hoped his family would be rewarded for their sacrifice of their husband, father, son and brother.

Councilmember Kane

Welcomed the two new Councilmembers; praised the exceptional job Ned Barber had done during the past year with PKRG with their extensive coverage of Park Ridge happenings; commented on the Technology Committee which had been put together to create a new web site, which is currently up and running and is now looking at different things within the borough for technological upgrades and has scoped 12 additional things to be looked at; announced the Board of Health was looking into canvassing the town this year for a dog and cat count and was pleased at how they handled the flu situation with clinics and the H1N1 concerns; he wished the Finance Committee well for this year saying they had their work cut out for them.

Council President Levinson

Extended her thanks to everyone for another great year and said it was an absolute privilege to work with the staff and volunteers; Historic Preservation Committee had a great year and was looking forward to 2010; Library Board also had another great year with a great director and staff who provided an increased number of programs for adults which will continue in 2010 along with the children's programs; DARE committee added a new event this past year, the National Night Out, which was well received by all tri-boro residents and will hopefully be continued; she thanked the outgoing councilmembers for their three years of dedicated service and congratulated the new councilmembers and wished all the newly appointed committee members good luck for the coming year; she encouraged everyone in Park Ridge to get involved; thanked the council for giving her the honor of serving as Council President and looked forward to serving in that capacity; thanked her family and friends who continue to support and encourage her; wished the Mayor a Happy Birthday.

Councilmember Viola

Said the volunteer Fire Department was composed of an amazing group of people who are willing to risk their lives for their fellow citizens and said that had been dramatically shown with the Depot Square fire; said the newest engine had been used and said the continuity within the borough was a great thing as well since Councilmembers Brouwer

and Maguire had been involved initially in the early process of selecting a vehicle and now it is delivered and being used; a new Jaws of Life has been purchased, new safety equipment, repairing the exterior of the firehouse all done with taxpayer funds showing both the department's continuing support as well as the residents; Municipal Pool, a fabulous resource for the town had another good year with new members added and upgrades being done; Library also a great borough resource and as the pool is, is also a very resident friendly asset; a new contract has been signed with Waste Management with increased income to the borough and all the recycling laws have been rewritten in order to become compliant with State laws, he encouraged anyone who had any thoughts or new ideas about recycling to contact either the administrator of himself; said he would miss the two outgoing councilmembers and welcomed the two new incoming members.

Councilmember Maughan (via telephone)

Thanked the various members of the committees on which he served during the past year and said he enjoyed his relationships with them; commended the police department for wrapping up negotiations for a contract last year; acknowledged that he and Councilmember Brouwer would have their work cut out for them on the Finance Committee and that they would be very sensitive to the tax payers; complimented the Borough Attorney, Robert Mancinelli, for the excellent job he had done the past year.

Councilmember Maguire

Thanked everyone for coming out and spending their New Year's Day with them, said he and Councilmember Brouwer were excited to be back on the council and pledged to work hard as councilmen in the coming years; thanked his family for their support over the past couple of months; and complimented PKRG on their Holiday Lights program, which he said was fantastic and a great idea; wished the outgoing councilmembers well; wished everyone a Happy and Prosperous 2010.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS:

Mayor said it was amazing that today we were seeing the close of the first decade of the millennium and it seemed it was only yesterday that everyone was worried about YK2.

Today, he said, it has been the tradition for the Mayor to give the state of the borough report. It is generally a lengthy and somewhat boring list of the previous year's accomplishments but, he said, this has been a long meeting and everyone present has been very patient so he said he would dispense with the report. He said it was his holiday gift to each of those in the audience.

Simply stated, he said, the borough has survived storms, fires, floods and the economy and it still exists as the flourishing family and forward moving Park Ridge it has always been. So, instead of the past, he stated he wanted to look to the now and future.

Today two Republican colleagues step down from their successful three year terms of office. He said they had served the town in all its objectives and actions and their goals had always been for the betterment of the borough and he wished them the very best in the future.

Picking up from where they left off, he commented, were the two newest members of the council, neither of whom are strangers to the deliberations of the governing body. Each had served previously on the council, he advised, and had proven their ability to step in and move Park Ridge forward. He extended a warm welcome from the council to each of them and said he looked forward to working with them.

Mayor Ruschman then pledged that the newly constituted council, made up of three democrats and three republicans, are ready to work as a team. He said there would probably be times when there would be disagreements on issues and some long discussions but, he said, a strong mutual respect for each other's viewpoint will always prevail. He said at the end of the day they all realized to whom they were ultimately responsible and

that was to the residents of Park Ridge. He said the borough is like Camelot with everyone working together, volunteers, residents, business community, to make it Camelot and he was sure that partnership would continue during the upcoming year.

Mayor Ruschman, on behalf of the governing body, wished everyone healthy, prosperous and happy New Year.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

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

There was no one, except Ned Barber asked to give credit to Bob Howell for the idea of doing the Holiday Lights.

BENEDICTION:

Mayor Ruschman calls on **Deacon Dominic Buonocore** for the Benediction.

There being no further business, Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to close the Reorganizational meeting.

A motion was made by Council President Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Viola to close the Reorganizational meeting.

The Reorganization Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelley R. O'Donnell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Kelley R. O'Donnell, RMC
Borough Clerk