

Approved February 10, 2009

**Municipal Building
Park Ridge, NJ
January 2, 2009 – 7:30 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: Mayor Ruschman, Council members Ciannella, Levinson, Maughan and Wells.
Absent: None
Also Present: Kelley O'Donnell, Acting borough Clerk
Gene Vinci, Borough Administrator

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 **Pastor Dave Hansen** for the Invocation.

COUNCILMAN JOHN M. KANE SWORN IN

Mayor Ruschman advises receipt from the County Board of Elections of a certificate of election for **Councilman John M. Kane**, said term expiring 12/31/11.

Kathleen Donovan, County Clerk administers the oath of office and Councilman Kane takes his seat on the dais.

COUNCILMAN MICHAEL VIOLA SWORN IN

Mayor Ruschman advises receipt from the County Board of Elections of a certificate of election for **Councilman Michael Viola**, said term expiring 12/31/11.

Kathleen Donovan, County Clerk administers the oath of office and Councilman Viola takes his seat on the dais.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk calls the roll as follows:

Mayor Ruschman, Councilmember Kane, Councilmember Ciannella, Councilmember Wells, Councilmember Levinson, Councilmember Maughan, Councilmember Viola

BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Robert J. Mancinelli, Esq.** as **Borough Attorney** for the year 2009.

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Wells to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

Honorable Alexander H. Carver III, administers the oath of office to Borough Attorney Robert J. Mancinelli and Mr. Mancinelli takes his seat on the dais.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor Ruschman asks for nominations for **President of the Council** for the year 2009. Councilmember Ciannella nominates Councilmember Wells. Seconded by Councilmember Maughan to confirm.

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

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Maughan that nominations be closed.

Mayor Ruschman declares **Councilmember Wells, Council President** for the year 2009.

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Ruschman stated that normally at this time we have presentations for the outgoing Council members. Unfortunately, both of the outgoing Council members are away this evening. The Mayor will be presenting plaques to both outgoing council members as a sign of appreciation for their years of service.

MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Donna J. Baboulis, Esq.** as **Municipal Court Judge** for a three year term expiring 12/31/11.

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Viola to confirm. AYES: Council members Wells, Ciannella, Maughan, Kane and Viola
NAYES: None, ABSTAIN: Councilmember Levinson

Honorable Alexander H. Carver III, administers the oath of office to Municipal Court Judge Donna J. Baboulis, Esq. at this time.

BOROUGH PROSECUTOR

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Christopher C. Botta, Esq.** as **Borough Prosecutor** for the year 2009.

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Maughan to confirm. AYES: Council members Wells, Ciannella, Maughan, Kane and Viola
NAYES: None, ABSTAIN: Council member Levinson

Honorable Alexander H. Carver III, administers the oath of office to Borough Prosecutor Christopher C. Botta, Esq. at this time.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Scott Mooney, Esq.** as **Public Defender** for the year 2009.

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Maughan to confirm. AYES: Council members Wells, Ciannella, Maughan, Kane and Viola
NAYES: None, ABSTAIN: Council member Levinson

Honorable Alexander H. Carver III, administers the oath of office to Public Defender Scott Mooney, Esq. at this time.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS SWORN IN

Mayor Ruschman calls upon the Honorable Alexander H. Carver III to administer the oaths of office jointly to the officers of the **Fire Department** for the year 2009.

CHIEF	Robert Ludwig
ASSISTANT CHIEF	Peter 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 officers of the **Police Reserves** for the year 2009.

CHIEF	Paul Witte
CAPTAIN	James Duncan
LIEUTENANT	Peter DePalma
LIEUTENANT	Charles Forino
SERGEANT	Christopher Brown

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Colleen Ennis** as **Chief Financial Officer** for a four year term expiring 12/31/12.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Maughan to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED TAX COLLECTOR

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Colleen Ennis** as **Certified Tax Collector** for a four year term expiring 12/31/12.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Maughan to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **George Mehm** , a member of the **Board of Public Works**, said term expiring on December 31, 2011.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Levinson to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Dr. Charles Moore**, a member of the **Board of Public Works**, said term expiring on December 31, 2011.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Wells to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

ZONING OFFICER

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Nick Saluzzi** as **Zoning Officer** for the year 2009.

A motion is made by Councilmember Maughan and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

BOROUGH ENGINEER

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **James A. Feury, P.E. of Azzolina & Feury Engineering, Inc.** as **Borough Engineer** for the year 2009.

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Maughan to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Dave Vozza** as **Risk Management Consultant** for the year 2009.

A motion is made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

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, 2009 to January 1, 2010.

A motion is made by Councilmember Maughan and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

BOROUGH AUDITOR

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Paul J. Lerch of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP** as **Borough Auditor** for the year 2009.

A motion is made by Councilmember Maughan and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

BOND COUNSEL

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Steve Rogut, Esq. of Rogut McCarthy LLC** as **Bond Counsel** for the year 2009.

A motion is made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

BOROUGH PLANNER

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Brigette Bogart of Burgis Associates, Inc.** as **Borough Planner** for the year 2009.

A motion is made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

SUB DIVISION SEARCH OFFICER

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Helyn Beer** as **Subdivision Search Officer** for the year 2009.

A motion is made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

BOROUGH HISTORIAN

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **John Thomsen, Sr.** as **Borough Historian** for the year 2009.

A motion is made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

CUSTODIAN OF PETTY CASH

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Colleen Ennis** as **Custodian of Petty Cash** for the year 2009.

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Maughan to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

TAX SEARCH OFFICER

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Colleen Ennis** as **Tax Search Officer** for the year 2009.

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Maughan to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Colleen Ennis** as **Assessment Search Officer** for the year 2009.

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Maughan to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE SURGEON

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Dr. John LoCurto** as **Police Surgeon** for the year 2009.

A motion is made by Councilmember Maughan and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE SURGEON

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Dr. Lester Levine** as **Fire Surgeon** for the year 2009.

A motion is made by Councilmember Maughan and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE MATRONS

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following **Police Matrons** for the year 2009.

Lucille Bosco Judith Hawkins

A motion is made by Councilmember Maughan and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC GUARDS

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following **School Traffic Guards** for the year 2009.

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

A motion is made by Councilmember Maughan and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Councilmember Levinson abstained from voting. All other council members voted in the affirmative.

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 2009.

The Record	The Ridgewood News
Community Life	Pascack Press

A motion is made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

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 2009.

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

A motion is made by Councilmember Maughan and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING BOARD

(Mayor's appointments, no council confirmation needed)

Mayor Ruschman appoints **Terence Maguire**, **Alternate #1** member of the **Planning Board** to a two year term expiring December 31, 2010.

Mayor Ruschman appoints **Nick Saluzzi**, **Municipal Official** member of the **Planning Board** to a one year term expiring December 31, 2009.

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 Ciannella nominates Councilmember Wells. Councilmember Maughan seconds the nomination to confirm.

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

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

Mayor Ruschman declares **Councilmember Wells, Class #3** member of the **Planning Board** for the year 2009.

In accordance with the terms of the Planning Board Ordinance, **Mayor Ruschman** notes that he automatically becomes and remains a **member (Class #1)** of the **Planning Board** for the year 2009.

Mayor Ruschman appoints **Kenneth Brouwer** as **Mayor's Designee (Class #1)** of the **Planning Board** for the year 2009.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Eric von der Leith** a member of the **Zoning Board of Adjustment** to a full four year term, said term to expire December 31, 2012.

A motion is made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Sid Raman** a member of the **Zoning Board of Adjustment** to a full four year term, said term to expire December 31, 2012.

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Kane to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint, **Ben Martin Alternate #1** a member of the **Zoning Board of Adjustment** to a two year term, said term to expire December 31, 2010.

A motion is made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Denise Soranno**, a member of the **Library Board of Trustees** for a full five year term, said term to expire December 31, 2013.

A motion is made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

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 Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Maughan to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Christine Deppert**, a member of the **Board of Health** for a full three year term, said term to expire December 31, 2011.

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Levinson to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint, **Peggy Scheulen** a member of the **Board of Health** for a full three year term, said term to expire December 31, 2011.

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Levinson to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint, **Catherine Roy** a member of the **Board of Health** for a full three year term, said term to expire December 31, 2011.

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Maughan to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint, **Margaret Campbell Lupardo, Alternte #2** a member of the **Board of Health** for a two year term, said term to expire December 31, 2010.

A motion is made by Councilmember Kane and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

MUNICIPAL SWIM POOL COMMISSION

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Thomas Madru**, a member of the **Municipal Swim Pool Commission** for a full five year term, said term to expire December 31, 2013.

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Levinson to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ruschman states that the following two appointments will not take effect until there is a change in the ordinance which will affect the membership and term lengths. The membership is changing from five members to seven members.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Dave Conkling** to the **Municipal Swim Pool Commission** for a full five year term, said term to expire December 31, 2013.

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Wells to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Patrick Moran** to the **Municipal Swim Pool Commission** for a full five year term, said term to expire December 31, 2013.

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Levinson to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Barbara Martine**, a member of the **Local Assistance Board** for a two year term, said term to expire December 31, 2010.

A motion is made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Ann Kilmartin, Alternate #2**, a member of the **Local Assistance Board** for a two year term, said term to expire December 31, 2010.

A motion is made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS TO BERGEN COUNTY JOINT MUNICIPAL INSURANCE FUND

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint **Michael Viola** and **Gene Vinci**, **Commissioners to Bergen County Joint Municipal Insurance Fund** for the year 2009.

A motion is made by Councilmember Maughan and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

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 of the **Cable TV Committee**:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Doctor Ned Barber | Jamie Lewis |
| Kerry Butler | Robert Ludwig |
| Meri Freedman | Donald Ruschman |
| Bruce Goldsmith | Mary Beth McGuinn |
| Tracy Dickinson | Tammy Levinson |

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 2009:

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|---|--------------------------------|
| Dr. Joan Valas, PhD – Coordinator (term expires 12/31/10) | |
| James Babcock, Deputy #1 | |
| Ron Bosco, Deputy #2 | |
| Steven Valas, Deputy #3 | |
| Ned Barber | Bill Beattie |
| June Bertini | George Bottinor |
| Kathy Bowen | Tim Braen –The Plaza |
| Joeen Ciannella | Tom Derienzo |
| Steve DeSalvo - Marriott | Anthony DiBlasi |
| Greg Donnetello - Hertz | Joe Doscher - Hertz |
| Kim Durba | Mark Eisen |
| Colleen Ennis | Christine Fethes-Connolly |
| Joseph Hughes – TBVAC | Rev. Paul Jansen |
| Sue Kiley – TBVAC | Dr. Patricia Johnson, PRBOE |
| Elliot Kolomer | Bob Ludwig |
| Joseph Madden | Ben Martin |
| Justin Mattes | Laraine Meehan, OLM |
| Ted Poweski – NUS | Cathy Roy |
| Don Ruschman | Nick Saluzzi |
| Gene Vinci | Dave Voza, Chamber of Commerce |
| Paul Witte | Bob Worthman - Sony |

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Maughan to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

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 2009:

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 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 | Lucia Deguiseppe |
| Joseph Deguiseppe | George Bottinor |

Kathy Ryan

A motion is made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm.

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Municipal Alliance** for the year 2009:

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	
Laraine Meehan, Principal OLM	

A motion is made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Maughan to confirm.

HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Historical Advisory Committee** for the year 2009:

Karen Koehler	Penny Peed
Dave Lent	Betty Jean Quackenbush
Barbara Martine	John Thomsen, Sr.
Erwin Greenberg	Tammy Levinson
Carol Reen	

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Maughan to confirm.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Beautification Committee** for the year 2009:

Joeen Ciannella	Peter Jacobson
Bill Koenig	Gwen Pardi
Andrea Lincoln	

A motion is made by Councilmember Wells and seconded by Councilmember Kane to confirm

RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Recreation & Cultural Committee** for the year 2009:

Steve Hopper	Lyn Beer	George Bottinor
Guy Battaglia	Joseph Bruno	Matt Bruno, PRHS Liaison
Odete Bottinor	Julie Deen, PRHS Liaison	Kevin J. Deen
Joseph Deen	Robin DiBlasi	Rocco Duardo
Andy Deutsch	Bonnie Ferragut	George Ferragut
Liz Falkenstern	Thomas Gibson	Ruth Goldman
Bob Fornatale	Rosemary Happ	Tom Hoskins
Brian Happ	Andrea Lincoln	Geri Ann Madio
Bob LaRubbio	Joe Mahoney	Ben Martin
Liz Madio	Bruce McNara	Robert Meidanis
Joanne Maughan	Raymond Mital	Peter Montalbano
Al Mellone	E.J. Napolitano	Michael Napolitano
Marc Moschella	Elaine O'Brien	Joe Pantalao
Cathie Nooney		

Michael Raia
Shirley Roemer
Steve Valas
Paul Wharton

Phil Ratchford
Jill (Shifris) Santoro
Eric Von Der Lieth

Jay Roemer
Paul Scarduffa
Ron Vrandenberg

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Maughan to confirm.

VISION PLAN COMMITTEE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Vision Plan Committee** for the year 2009:

Bill Beattie
Joseph Bruno
Jim Hesper
Don Ruschman

Brigette Bogart
Denise Cardona
Terence Maguire
Gene Vinci

Don Browne
Joeen Ciannella
Barbara Martine
William Walker

A motion is made by Councilmember Maughan and seconded by Councilmember Kane to confirm

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Senior Citizen Advisory Committee** for the year 2009:

Mary Asterita
Helen Catlin
Bill Ledgerwood
Alys Rea

Mary Badame
Susan DeLorenzo
Bernie Nicolosi
Ceil Roch

Ann Biasi
Christine Fethes-Connolly
Eve Nicolosi
Tom Scheulen

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Kane to confirm

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Shade Tree Committee** for the year 2009:

Jim Hesper, Chairman
Kathryn Boyle
Penny Hoyt
Florence McGarrity
Mike Taber
Claire Viola

Bruce Doxey
Peter Jacobson
Donald Schwamb
Janet Tunick

Ruth Goldman
Beverly Mancini
Joann Schwamb
B.J. Quackenbush

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Viola 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 2009:

Dr. Robert Balentine
Bonnie Ferragut
Ken Koehler
Gene Vinci

Tom Farinaro
Steve Hopper
Florence Suehnholz

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Kane to confirm

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Open Space Committee** for the year 2009:

Lyn Beer	Jerry Brunetto
Joeen Ciannella	Ken Koehler
Barbara Martine	Donald Schwamb
Joann Schwamb	

Chairmen of the Planning and Zoning Boards

A motion is made by Councilmember Wells and seconded by Councilmember Maughan to confirm

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Technology Committee** for the year 2009:

Ned Barber	Dan Browne
Scott Kreisler	Rob Laurenzo
Stu Lorenzo	Terence Maguire
Brian Mahoney	Greg Mathis
Peter Nakkash	Edward Pittarelli
Cathy Timpone	Paul Wharton

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Wells to confirm

MAYOR’S HOUSING TASK FORCE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to appoint the following members of the **Mayor’s Housing Task Force** for the year 2009:

Robert J. Mancinelli, Borough Attorney
John Hansen Fire Official
Joseph Madden, Chief of Police
Linda Quinn, Inspector, Bergen County Department of Health Services
C. Nick Saluzzi, Zoning Officer/Construction Code Official
Matthew Kent, Housing Inspector
Gene Vinci, Administrator

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Wells to confirm

STANDING COMMITTEES – 2009

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION	Maughan, Kane, Levinson
FIRE	Viola
INSURANCE	Viola
NEGOTIATIONS	Viola and all
OPERATIONS	Ciannella
PERSONNEL	Wells and all
POLICY	Maughan
PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	Wells
PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE	Kane
PUBLIC SAFETY	Maughan

BOARDS & COMMITTEES LIAISONS FOR 2009

BERGEN COUNTY 9-1-1	Police
BOARD OF EDUCATION	Maughan
BOARD OF HEALTH	Kane
BUSINESS COMMUNITY	Wells
CABLE TV	Kane
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	Wells
D.A.R.E. COMMITTEE/MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE	Levinson
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL	Ciannella
HANDICAP AWARENESS ADVISORY	Administrator
HISTORICAL ADVISORY	Levinson
LIBRARY BOARD	Levinson

LOCAL ASSISTANCE	Levinson
MUNICIPAL POOL	Viola
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE	Ciannella
PASCACK MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	Kane
P.R.A.A.	Maughan
PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE	Administrator
RECREATION & CULTURAL	Maughan
FIELD COORDINATOR	Steve Hopper, Tom Gibson, Jim Neilan, Steve Saxenian
SAFETY COMMITTEE	Ciannella
SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY	Levinson and Viola
SHADE TREE	Ciannella
SOLID WASTE RECYCLING	Viola
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE	Kane
VISION PLAN COMMITTEE	Wells

SEATING ON DAIS: 2009 (from Mayor’s left to right)

Kane, Ciannella, Wells, MAYOR, Levinson, Maughan, Viola

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

Resolution was on the Sine Die agenda but due to the fact that we did not have a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the governing body present. The resolution is included with this evenings Reorganization Resolutions retroactive to December 31, 2008.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION**

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, certain 2008 Budget Appropriations are in excess of requirements; and

WHEREAS, other 2008 Budget Appropriations are insufficient to pay expenditures contracted before the end of the fiscal year and are payable at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the following appropriations transfers be made:

From		To	
Current Fund			
Zoning Officer-O/E	900	Administrator-O/E	1,200
Road-S/W	7,000	Mayor’s Special Committee	200
Uniform Construction-S/W	2,500	Prosecutor’s Office S/W	760
Legal-O/E	7,500	Zoning Officer-S/W	900
Tax-O/E	2,300	Emergency Mgmt-O/E	500
Planning Board-S/W	605	Tri-Boro Safety-O/E	4,000
		Fire Prevention-S/W	2,150
		Road-O/E	5,000
		Buildings & Grounds-O/E	4,000
		Public Assistance-S/W	320
		Social Security	1,750
		Municipal Alliance-S/W	25
Total	20,805		20,805

2009 TEMPORARY BUDGET RESOLUTION

Mayor Ruschman asks the Finance Chairman to present the 2009 Temporary Budget.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION No. 09-012**

2009 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	
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
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:		
	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

<u>Water Utility:</u>		
	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
<u>Electric Utility:</u>		
	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

Councilmember Maughan 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 2009 Temporary Budget.

A motion is made by Councilmember Wells and seconded by Councilmember Levinson to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF 2009 BY-LAWS

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

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 09-013**

ADOPTING BY-LAWS FOR 2009

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the following shall be adopted and are hereby approved as By-Laws regulating the conduct of meetings; order of business; appointment and duties of committees; and other matters more specifically referred to.

ARTICLE 1

These By-Laws shall regulate the conduct of the meetings of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge and shall remain effective until the next reorganization meeting or until repealed, supplemented or amended at a regular meeting by the majority vote of the whole council. Any specific portion of the By-Laws may be suspended temporarily at any regular meeting for that meeting only, upon the unanimous vote of the members present.

**ARTICLE 2
MEETINGS**

1. Ordinances and resolutions may be acted upon at formal meetings which are advertised pursuant to NJSA 10:4-6 et seq.
2. The meetings of the Mayor and Council shall be held in the Borough Hall Council Chambers in accordance with the Resolution adopted at the Reorganization meeting each year setting forth the times and dates. Additional special meetings at which formal action may be taken will be scheduled as needed and in the manner provided by law.
3. The agenda for regularly scheduled formal meetings shall be set and distributed no later than the Friday preceding the formal meeting. Notwithstanding, the Borough Clerk may amend said agenda after distribution as necessary to include all pending business, and all agenda changes will be announced as part of the regular order of business.
4. The regular order of business at each formal council meeting shall be:
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Roll Call
 - Compliance Statement
 - Agenda Changes
 - Public Privilege of the Floor
 - Ordinance Introduction
 - Ordinance Public Hearing
 - Consent Agenda
 - Communications
 - New Business

Reports of Governing Body
Approval of Minutes
Optional Additional Public Privilege of the Floor
Adjournment

5. The Council may, by resolution duly passed at a meeting, dispense with a future meeting or designate a different date for any regular meeting.
6. Seating and Roll Call order shall be determined by the Mayor.
7. All formal meetings shall end no later than 11:00 pm.
8. The Public Privilege of the Floor at a formal meeting shall be limited to a 15 minute maximum per speaker. Nevertheless, at a meeting where more than 20 members of the public are present, the Mayor and Council may decide to shorten the allotted time for speaking in order to accommodate as many speakers as possible. However, at no time will a speaker be allotted less than 5 minutes to speak during the Public Privilege of the Floor at a formal meeting.
9. The public shall be permitted to speak at a work session as provided by law for a maximum of 5 minutes per speaker. The Mayor shall announce within a reasonable time from the opening of the meeting that the floor is open to the public for comments and will notify speakers of the 5 minute limitation.
10. Executive Sessions, commonly known as closed sessions, will be conducted as necessary in the manner prescribed by law to discuss only those matter allowed by law.
11. Except as herein specified, Robert's Rules of Order Shall be used.

ARTICLE 3
COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

1. The regular standing committees shall be as follows:
Finance & Administration
Fire
Insurance
Operations
Public Buildings & Grounds
Public Health & Welfare
Public Safety
Recreation & Cultural
2. Each committee shall consist of two members of the Council and appointment to each Committee shall be made by the Mayor.
3. The Mayor, or the Council by a majority vote, shall have the power to appoint special committees for purposes other than those embraced in the duties of the standing committees. The Mayor, or the Council, shall have the power to appoint members from the Council or other citizens of Park Ridge as he determines necessary.
4. The Mayor shall be a member of all Committees, both special and standing.
5. All committees shall make a report to the Council either in writing or orally of their activities as necessary.

ARTICLE 5
PAYMENT OF BILLS

All bills or claims against the Borough shall be processed and paid in accordance with the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge, Chapter 6, entitled "Claims Approval and Payment."

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to adopt the 2009 By-Laws.

A motion is made by Councilmember Wells and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF 2009 MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to adopt the meeting schedule for 2009.

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
RESOLUTION NO. 09-014**

SCHEDULE OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2009

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 2009 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 Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to publish this Annual Notice in the official newspaper pursuant to the requirements of Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

2009 MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

All public meetings are held on Tuesdays at 8:15 pm unless otherwise noted. All Work Sessions begin at 7:15 pm.

Public Meetings

January 2 – Sine Die 7:00 pm
January 2 – Reorganization 7:30 pm
January 6 (starts at 7:15 pm)

February 10

March 10

April 14

May 12

June 9

July 14

August 11

September 8

October 13

November 10

December 8

Agenda/Work Sessions

January 20

February 24

March 24

April 28

May 26

June 23

July 28

August 25

September 22

October 27

November 24

December 22

A motion is made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Maughan to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBERS REMARKS:

Councilmember Kane

Thanked the residents of Park Ridge for giving him the great opportunity to be here and represent them. He also wanted to send a special thanks to his family and friends, many of which are here tonight and of course his wife Onuma. Without the support of his family and send congratulations to Mike Viola, running mate, this past year. We were out on the streets of Park Ridge these past months hitting the pavement pretty hard. The hard work paid off, we are up here. Park Ridge invested in us. I appreciate the chance, and as a final note thanked Kathy Donovan for being here to swear us in.

Councilmember Ciannella

Congratulated the two new council members; John and Mike, welcome I look forward to spending a great year with you. I wanted to acknowledge and thank the efforts of Rich Henning and Ken Brouwer on their work with the Borough over the last 2-1/2 years that I have been here. It has been a pleasure working with them and they certainly have taught me a great deal. I want to thank all the residents in Park Ridge for all their great work with the town. I look forward to serving you again this year. Please if you have any questions or suggestions don't hesitate to call me.

Council President Wells

First I would like to say thanks for the new title and I look forward to serving the Council and I look forward to working with the town. I want to tell you how proud I am; you just heard over three hundred names mentioned, and how proud I am to be one of the three hundred and twelve. I am very proud to be a resident in a town where three hundred and twelve people step forward to volunteer to try to make a difference in our town. It says a lot about Park Ridge, it says a lot about the people who are here tonight, and it says a lot about the people that have agreed to serve. I am happy for that and really look forward to living up to that responsibility and I hope that I will serve those three hundred and twelve as well as every resident in Park Ridge to their satisfaction and therefore I offer an open door if anyone wants to call with a question, a recommendation, that they wish for me to hear you can get me through the Borough Hall and please do, I welcome that input.

Councilmember Levinson

Thanked the Mayor and Council, the Borough employees, volunteers and the residents for another great year. Once again we are watching some faces leave the Council, some retire out of

the Borough Hall, Police Force and our Committees; but all onto greater things during their retirement. For my committee liaison reports:

Historic Advisory Committee has made some headway and actually has an ordinance in front of the Planning Board hopefully for adoption of the Historic Element to the Master Plan. This plan simply recognizes the properties in town that have a historic significance. We hope to get the committee working on some fun events for 2009. I apologize to a few members that did not get appointed tonight, I did not get the names in time, but I will take care of it at the next meeting. Library Board has supported our Director and staff with some noticeable changes and improvements. You'll notice the relocation of the circulation desk and the current carpeting project. If you don't visit the Library often, please add it to one of your New Year's resolutions. It is certainly one of our great treasures in the Borough. Our Director and her staff offer superior service to our residents and patrons and have much to offer; from all types of media materials, story time, special programs and in particular visit our web site for some informative upcoming adult programs; scheduled for all Thursdays in January starting next week at 7:00 p.m. – "Paper-Paper Everywhere".

PKRG- TV has made some significant changes with scheduling and has upgrades to a video bulletin board coming in a few weeks. Visit the web site for the latest schedule and tune in daily to either Cablevision Ch. 77 or Verizon Ch. 22. I am losing my role as liaison to the Pool Commission but I look forward to the continued progress and improvements the commission has taken on. The volunteers on that commission have kept fees down and continue to run the pool efficiently, so our residents can enjoy the amenity. I want to thank each member of the commission for embracing me and allowing me to work with them for the last two years. Though I don't liaise to the Recreation and Cultural Committee any more I do believe it is important to take a minute to thank the committee volunteer members for their hours and hours of hard work, ensuring this community enjoys many activities throughout the year. Every year various members graduate or move on to other committees and I have heard that this year Don Davies is leaving the committee. He has certainly had a significant impact on this town through his recreation involvement and as field coordinator. I just wanted to thank him for his countless years of selfless service to this community organizing the scheduled for our fields and all his work at the recreation committee. All our volunteers who are leaving this and other committees will be missed, though we truly hope to see you at events going forward. Once again as I said last year I want to take a minute to encourage every resident to get involved, there are very few official openings to boards and committees for volunteers in this community. Some committee appointments have terms and many people continue in these positions, that being said every committee meeting is opened to the public. I want to encourage residents to come to our Council meetings and the committees welcome members from the public to hear what happens during their meetings and give your input there too. As openings occur on these boards and committees you could potentially serve on them in an official capacity. Together we are this community. The more you get involved the more you can really enjoy the events and get to know your Park Ridge family. I will greatly miss having Rich Henning and Ken Brouwer at our Council meetings. Their contributions to this community were countless and I certainly hope to see them serving in other capacities this year. I can only say thank you to them for their help and guidance and will continue to enjoy their friendships. Thank you to my family and friends who continue to support and encourage me. I enjoy serving our community and I'm learning more each day about politics and I'm sure I'll continue to learn more. Congratulations to Mike and John on your elections and all the new names as appointees to our committees and boards. I wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year. And to the Mayor Happy Birthday as well, it was yesterday.

Councilmember Maughan

Congratulated the new arrival of Councilman Viola as well as Councilman Kane, I look forward to working with Council members Ciannella, Wells and Levinson. Welcome to Mr. Mancinelli and I look forward to once again working with you Mr. Mayor. There have been many changes as you have seen in board appointments as well as standing committees, as well as new assignments to people within town. We welcome the input of new people; we look forward to working with all of you. Thank you very much. I know 312 people have not come into the room tonight, but as Peter had indicated in his comments it is a tremendous mark within Park Ridge when you see that kind of out pouring of support and participation within a community. And it really makes Park Ridge the special place that it is. I look forward to a healthy and happy New Year for everyone here. Thank you very much for coming down here tonight.

Councilmember Viola

Having your last name start with “V” has always made me last. And again tonight I’m last but that is OK. I feel like being first. When John and I started our journey, it was just he and I on a whole bunch of dark streets. We promised change, change for the good. If we look at the makeup of the Council it has changed, the makeup of the committees and professionals; all that has changed. If we look at the makeup of some of the people we have here, County Clerk, Congressman Garrett, a lot of individuals who have probably never been in this room before. This is wonderful. It is my commitment to work real hard. I consider this a privilege and an honor. At my age, almost 60 years old, it is a wonderful thing. I really appreciate having an opportunity. Thank you.

MAYOR’S ADDRESS

The Mayor also wished to acknowledge the people in the audience, Congressman Garrett has been patiently waiting in the back. Thank you for coming. Bergen County Clerk Kathleen Donovan for being here. I have not seen Kathleen for awhile, but we remain good friends. And, certainly Judge Alexander Carver who I have known for a long time. I am happy that he was here also tonight.

Let me begin by thanking you for your patience – this particular meeting – the Reorganization Meeting – while exciting, and inspiring for some, is generally accepted as being long and boring by many. So we all appreciate your forbearance and will be rewarded in Heaven, but even sooner than that with refreshments in the Community Center immediately following the meeting. I will try to make my remarks brief to spare any further anxiety.

For close to fifteen years, I have had the privilege of serving the people of Park Ridge as Mayor and Councilmember. During that time the challenge of those positions has been made relatively easy because of the caliber of people with whom I have served. From time to time there have been several changes in the governing body for various reasons. Along the way the body has lost some well qualified and very talented people. This year is certainly no exception – some changes have taken place.

The two Council members who have stepped down, Rich Henning and Ken Brouwer, have proven in their time of office, to be exceptional people. Both have been intelligent, hard working, incisive thinking representatives to the borough. Both were always prepared for whatever the occasion – Council Meetings, liaison duties with their respective committees or departments, and their interface with the residents of Park Ridge. They are a credit to their families, the people of the Borough, their Council, and themselves. I personally am going to miss their leadership and sage advice in the coming year, but I’m sure they will continue to serve the town as they have always done in the past, and I wish both of you good luck my friends.

Taking their place tonight are two gentlemen who I admittedly do not know as well as I know Rich & Ken – however, I’m confident they will add their unique talents to the Council and will carry on the tradition of the important work the body does. They, like all of us, I’m sure, will accept the charge to do what is right for all the residents of the borough. Let me welcome John and Mike to our team. We eagerly look forward to your contributions.

By now I’m sure some of you have noticed a change in our Council’s voting majority. Let me briefly address that subject. I have been involved in borough government for over 40 years. I see one of my former Councilmen in the audience, Bernie Nicolosi. During that period I have witnessed numerous shifts from one party to another. In all that time the transitions almost always took place seamlessly without incident and with no harm to the town or its residents. I truly expect this transition will be no different. All the Council members on the dais tonight have pledged themselves to be honest representatives of the people of Park Ridge. So to that end, I have a challenge to each of the members as we start 2009. It is a simple challenge – to be ever mindful as we work during the coming year, that although we are collectively called “the governing body” let us be aware that we are merely a body that is governed by the people of Park Ridge. Our job is to listen to the people – feel the pulse of the people – and to act on behalf of all the people. That responsibility is ours and ours alone. And while the challenge is simple, you will see that it is not easy to always achieve that goal. So, I as Mayor will attempt to help us all meet that challenge. I will serve as the goalkeeper – when I see us act toward what is best for Park Ridge I will wholeheartedly lead and will contribute 110% - if I see us veering from that goal, I will point that out and work toward getting us back on target. Because in the final

analysis it is critical that we all work together – critical for us and our sanity – critical for the future of the borough – and certainly critical for all the good of all our residents. I know I speak for the entire body when I say we look forward to an exciting, productive year.

Let me conclude by stating the obvious – we are living in very trying times, financially and otherwise. But we have been promised by our President-Elect a change – a change by definition that can only be positive. Once again, let me speak for all of us up here when I say that we will work to affect that change for the betterment of Park Ridge.

And finally, on behalf of all of us – our staff, departments, commissions, committees and volunteers, I wish you all a very healthy, Happy New Year.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE TO THE FLOOR

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

Chief Madden stated on behalf of his entire department I want to publicly acknowledge Police Commissioner Rich Henning for his support and his dedication by presenting to him, not in person but to the Council, a plaque in appreciation of your support and dedication in your role as Police Commissioner for the Park Ridge Police Department in 2008. He did an outstanding job; I'm looking forward to working with the new Police Commissioner Gerry Maughan during 2009. I also want to wish everybody a Healthy and Happy New Year. To the incoming Council people I look forward to working with you for the benefit of the town. God Bless everybody and have a great New Year.

A member of the audience stood up and thanked the Mayor and Council, Employees and Volunteers for all their work and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

BENEDICTION

Mayor Ruschman calls on **Pastor Dave Hansen** for the Benediction.

Pastor Dave Hansen stated on behalf of himself and his family he thanked the Mayor and Council for the honor of offering the invocation and benediction. We are residents for almost nineteen years and I can't think of a better place in all of New Jersey to live. Keep up the good work.

Pastor Dave Hansen continued with the Benediction.

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

A motion is made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to close the Reorganizational meeting.

The Reorganization Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.