

Municipal Building
Park Ridge, NJ
January 2, 2008 7:30 p.m.

The Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council is called to order by Acting Mayor Henning at the above time, date and place. Acting Mayor Henning led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Acting Mayor Henning, Council members Ciannella and Wells.
Absent: None
Also Present: Kelley O'Donnell, Acting Borough Clerk
Gene Vinci, Borough Administrator

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

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

INVOCATION

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

MAYOR DONALD RUSCHMAN SWORN IN

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

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

COUNCILMAN GERARD MAUGHAN SWORN IN

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

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

COUNCILMAN KEN BROUWER SWORN IN

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

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

COUNCILWOMAN TAMARA LEVINSON SWORN IN

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

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

ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll as follows:

Mayor Ruschman, Councilmember Ciannella, Councilmember Brouwer, Councilmember Wells, Councilmember Henning, Councilmember Maughan, Councilmember Levinson

BOROUGH ATTORNEY

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Brouwer to confirm. ROLL CALL: Ciannella – no, Brouwer – yes, Wells – no, Henning – yes, Maughan – no, Levinson – yes. Due to the fact that we have a tie the clerk calls upon the mayor to vote. Mayor Ruschman votes yes.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

Mayor Ruschman asks if there were any further nominations.

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

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

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING COUNCILMEMBERS

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

Mayor Ruschman: Mr. Maguire formally known as Councilmember Maguire came on board with us in the middle of the year; close to the last quarter, to replace Councilmember Cangialosi who was leaving the council. Little did we know what an inspired member we were getting, a great leader, a great inspiration to the rest of the council for the job that he did do while he was on the council. No task was too hard for Terry and anything that he touched turned into gold. I know I speak on behalf of the entire council when I say thank you Terry for the job you did and we look forward to working with you this coming year and we hope you'll be coming back soon.

We didn't forget Councilmember Cangialosi he just couldn't be present tonight we do have a plaque for him. We appreciate the time and effort that he spent with the town; he spent close to 13 years serving the town to the best of his ability which is a lot. We thank him for the job that he did while he was on the council and we hope to see more of him.

BOROUGH PROSECUTOR

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

A motion is made by Council President Henning and seconded by Councilmember Levinson to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

Judge Ryan administered the oath of office to **Borough Prosecutor Catherine M. Elston.**

PUBLIC DEFENDER

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

A motion is made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Council President Henning to confirm. ROLL CALL: Ciannella – no, Brouwer – yes, Wells – no, Henning – yes, Maughan – no, Levinson – yes. Due to the fact that we have a tie the clerk calls upon the mayor to vote. Mayor Ruschman votes yes.

Judge Ryan administered the oath of office to **Public Defender Elliot Dolinor**.

POLICE RESERVE OFFICERS SWORN IN

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

CHIEF	Paul Witte
CAPTAIN	James Duncan
1ST LIEUTENANT	Peter DePalma
2ND LIEUTENANT	Charles Forino
1ST SERGEANT	Christopher Brown
2ND SERGEANT	Daniel Hoffman

FIRE PREVENTION OFFICERS SWORN IN

Mayor Ruschman states that the Fire Prevention Officers were sworn in at a Special Meeting January 1, 2008 at the fire house.

CHIEF	Thomas Derienzo
ASSISTANT CHIEF	Robert Ludwig
CAPTAIN	William Diedtrich
CAPTAIN	George Wolfe
LIEUTENANT	Kurt VanderVliet
LIEUTENANT	Bernard Schnoor

ZONING OFFICER

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

A motion is made by Council President Henning and seconded by Councilmember Wells 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 2008.

A motion is made by Councilmember Brouwer and seconded by Council President Henning 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, 2008 to January 1, 2009.

A motion is made by Council President Henning and seconded by Councilmember Levinson to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

BOROUGH AUDITOR

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

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

BOND COUNSEL

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

A motion is made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Brouwer 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 2008.

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Council President Henning to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

BOROUGH HISTORIAN

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

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

CUSTODIAN OF PETTY CASH

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

A motion is made by 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 2008.

A motion is made by Council President Henning and seconded by Councilmember Brouwer to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE SURGEON

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

A motion is made by Councilmember Levinson 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 2008.

Lucille Bosco Judith Hawkins

A motion is made by Council President Henning and seconded by Councilmember Brouwer to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC GUARDS

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

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

A motion is made by Council President Henning and seconded by Councilmember Brouwer to confirm. Motion carried with abstention by Councilmember Levinson.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

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

**Community Life
The Record**

**Pascack Press
The Ridgewood News**

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Levinson 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 2008:

**Bank of America
Citibank
Commerce Bank
Lakeland Bank
MBIA-Class**

**Oritani S&L Association
PNC Bank
TD Banknorth NA/Interchange
Valley National Bank
Wachovia Bank**

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

PLANNING BOARD

(Mayor's appointments, no council confirmation needed)

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

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

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

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

Council President Henning nominates Councilmember Wells.

Mayor Ruschman asks if there are any further nominations.

A motion is made by Council President Henning and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to close the nominations.

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

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

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

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

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

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

A motion is made by Council President Henning and seconded by Councilmember Levinson to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion is made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Council President Henning to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

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

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

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

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

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

A motion is made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Council President Henning to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD OF HEALTH

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

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

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

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

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

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

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

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

A motion is made by Councilmember Brouwer and seconded by Council President Henning to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion is made by Council President Henning and seconded by Councilmember Brouwer to confirm, Motion carried unanimously with Council member Levinson abstaining.

MUNICIPAL SWIM POOL COMMISSION

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

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

LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD

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

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

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

A motion is made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Brouwer to confirm. Motion carried with an abstention by Council President Henning.

COMMISSIONERS TO BERGEN COUNTY JOINT MUNICIPAL INSURANCE FUND

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

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

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

CABLE ACCESS COMMITTEE (PKRG)

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

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

A motion is made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Council President Henning to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Council President Henning to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

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

Joehn Ciannella	Peter Jacobsen	Bill Koenig	Gwen Pardi
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A motion is made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Wells to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

The entire Mayor and Council

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

MAYOR'S HOUSING TASK FORCE

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

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

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

RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

Joseph Bruno	Scott Gilmour	Al Mellone
Matt Bruno PRHS Liaison	Brian Happ	Louis Meyer
Travis Cangialosi	Rosemary Happ	Terri Michalowicz
Don Davies	Steve Hopper	Peter Montalbano
Joseph Deen	Tom Hoskins	E.J. Napolitano
Julie Deen, PRHS Liaison	Jean Joyce	Michael Napolitano
Kevin Deen	Bob LaRubbio	Cathy Nooney
Andy Deutch	Tammy Levinson	Elaine O'Brien
Elliot Doliner	Kathleen Lustig	Vinny O'Rourke
Scott Doliner	Kiernan Lynch	Ed Pittarelli

**Liz Falkenstern
Bonnie Ferragut
George Ferragut
Bob Fornatale
Steve Valas**

**Gerri Ann Madio
Liz Madio
Barbara Martine
Robert Meidanis
Paul Wharton**

**Michael Raia
Jay Roemer
Shirley Roemer
Jill (Shifris) Santoro**

A motion is made by Council President Henning and seconded by Councilmember Levinson to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

VISION PLAN COMMITTEE

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

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

**Bill Beattie
Brigitte Bogart
Don Browne
Joe Bruno
William Walker**

**Denise Cardona
Joeen Ciannella
Jim Hesse
Terence Maguire**

**Barbara Martine
Mark Pascale
Mayor Ruschman
Gene Vinci**

A motion is made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Council President Henning to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

**Mary Badame
Mabel Belson
Ann Biasi
Susan DeLorenzo
Christine Fethes-Connolly**

**Jane Ford
Irene Koehler
Bill Ledgerwood
Bernie Nicolosi
Eva Nicolosi**

**Alys Rea
Ceil Roch
Andrew Veleber**

A motion is made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Council President Henning to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

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

**Jim Hesse, Chairman
Kathryn Boyle
Bruce Doxey
Ruth Goldman
Penny Hoyt
Peter Jacobsen**

**Beverly Mancini
Florence McGarrity
Mike Taber
Janet Tunick
B.J. Quackenbush**

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

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

**Doctor Robert Balentine
Bonnie Ferragut
Florence Suehnholz**

**Kenneth Suehnholz
Gene Vinci**

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

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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

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| Lyn Beer | Ken Koehler |
| Jerry Brunetto | Barbara Martine |
| Rich Henning | |

Chairmen of Planning and Zoning Boards

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

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

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

- Rich Henning**
- Peter Wells**

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

STANDING COMMITTEES – 2008

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

BOARDS & COMMITTEES LIAISONS FOR 2008

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

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

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

2008 TEMPORARY BUDGET RESOLUTION

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

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

2008 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	11,000
Other expenses	
Mayor’s Special Committee	4,000

Municipal Clerk

Salaries & Wages	13,000
Other expenses	7,000

Redevelopment Plan

Other expense	2,000
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Consultant Grant

Other expense	2,000
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Assessment of Taxes:

Salaries & Wages	12,000
Other expenses	1,500

Finance Administration

Other expenses	5,000
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Collection of Taxes:

Salaries & Wages	65,000
Other expenses	4,000

Legal Services and Costs:

Salaries & Wages	12,000
Other expenses	25,000

Municipal Court:

Salaries & Wages	48,200
Other expenses	2,500

Municipal Prosecutor:

Salaries & Wages	4,000
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Public Defender:

Salaries & Wages	1,000
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Engineering Services & costs:

Other expenses	6,000
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Public Buildings & Grounds:

Salaries & Wages	10,000
Other expenses	7,000

Planning Board:

Salaries & Wages	13,000
Other expenses	3,500

Board of Adjustment:

Salaries & Wages	10,000
Other expenses	2,500

Insurance:

Group medical/dental/disability insurance	300,000
Other insurance premiums	61,000

Public Safety:

Fire	
Other expenses	33,000

 Fire Prevention Bureau

Salaries & Wages	8,000
Other expenses	2,000

Police:

Salaries & Wages	525,000
Other expenses:	
Traffic Light repairs	100
Miscellaneous other expenses	25,000

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	8,500
	Other Expenses	1,000
Emergency Management:		
	Other expenses:	
	Disaster control	1,000
Vehicle Maintenance:		
	Salaries & Wages	22,000
	Other expenses	10,000
Streets & Roads:		
	Road repairs and maintenance:	
	Salaries & wages	150,000
	Other expenses	35,000
Shade Tree Committee		2,000
Sanitation:		
	Garbage and Trash Removal:	
	Other expenses:	
	Garbage removal – contractual	75,000
	Garbage tipping fees	25,000
	Compactor	21,000
	Municipal Services	3,000
	Recycling expenses	22,000
Clean Communities	Gasoline Other Expenses	1,000
Sewer System:		
	Salaries & Wages	17,000
	Other expenses	3,000
Bergen County Sewer Authority:		
	Share of Costs	122,000
Health and Welfare:		
	Board of Health	
	Salaries & Wages	10,000
	Other expenses	5,000
Administration of Public Assistance:		
	Salaries & Wages	2,000
	Other expenses	200
Recreation Program:		
	Other expenses	5,000
PKRG		500
Senior Citizen Van Salary & Wages		5,000
Housing Task Force O/E		
	Salary & Wages	1500
	Other expenses	500
Unclassified:		
	Telephone	5,000
	Gasoline	35,000
	Utilities	30,000
	Statutory Expenditures:	
	Contribution to:	
	PFRS	205,000
	PERS	50,000
	Social Security	<u>75,000</u>
	SUB TOTAL	\$2,280,250
Debt Service:		
	Interest on Bonds/Principal	533,000
	Capital Improvement Fund	50,000
Storm Water o/c		<u>10,000</u>
	TOTAL:	\$2,873,250

DEDICATED APPROPRIATIONSWater Utility:

Operating:

Salaries & Wages	304,000
Other expenses	300,000
Group insurance plan for employees	50,000
Capital Improvements:	
Capital outlay	25,000
Statutory Expenditures:	
Contribution to:	
Public employees retirement system	25,000
Social Security	<u>25,000</u>
	Total: \$729,000
<u>Electric Utility:</u>	
Operating:	
Purchase of current	1,500,000
Salaries & Wages	350,000
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:	
Public Employees Retirement System	25,000
Social Security	<u>30,000</u>
	TOTAL: \$2,380,000
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

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to adopt the 2008 Temporary Budget. A motion is made by Councilmember Wells and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to adopt the 2008 Temporary Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF 2008 BY-LAWS

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

ADOPTING BY-LAWS FOR 2008

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 for that meeting only, upon the unanimous vote of the members present.

ARTICLE 2
MEETINGS

1. Ordinances and resolutions may only 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 2008 By-Laws.
A motion is made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF 2008 MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2008

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 2008 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.

2008 MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

All public meetings are held on Tuesdays at 8:00 pm unless otherwise noted. All Work Sessions begin at 7:15 pm.

<u>Public Meetings</u>	<u>Agenda/Work Sessions</u>
January 2 – Sine Die 7:00 pm January 2 – Reorganization 7:30 pm January 8 (starts at 7:15 pm)	January 22
February 12	February 26
March 11	March 25
April 8	April 22
May 13	May 27
June 10	June 24
July 8	July 22
August 12	August 26
September 9	September 23
October 14	October 28
November 11	November 25
December 9	December 23

Mayor Ruschman asks for a motion to adopt the meeting schedule for 2008. A motion was made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Brouwer to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBERS REMARKS:

Councilmember Ciannella: I just wanted to repeat myself for those that were not here earlier due to the late fall and early snow; Bill Beattie has assured me that all leaves will be picked up and we ask for your patience. With regard to the electric rates just a note of consideration, some of you have gotten your bill and as you know there is a rate increase this year. Park Ridge is still pretty much the lowest rate in the state. On behalf of the Downtown Beautification Committee I would like to thank the electric department for helping with the holiday decorations. There will be more progress coming this spring and would appreciate any input you wish to share. Looking forward to working with everyone this coming year. My first year 2007, was very exciting and fulfilling. I look forward to a great bipartisan effort on all members of the Mayor and Council and all members of the town. Park Ridge is a great place to live and raise your children; I have been here for over 30 years.

Councilmember Brouwer: I wish to congratulate my fellow council members sitting on the dais. And thank Terry for the job he has done. I'm sure we will be seeing more of him. I would like to thank my wife Eileen and our sons; Kirk, Caden, Luke and Kenny, without their support I could never take on the responsibilities that come with public service. I would like to also thank the voters of Park Ridge who have entrusted me with the awesome responsibility of advocating on their behalf. I pledge to work tirelessly for your interests and to make this a better place and to work together. I know we face many challenges. We are fortunate to have an active community with a clear concern for the issues at hand. We all realize that we have different ideas on how to take care of things, but together we can move forward to the goodness of Park Ridge. It's my hope that my family will be rewarded for their sacrifice of not having me around by the realization that their husband and father made a difference. Thank you.

Councilmember Wells: As I stated before, and maybe some were not here, I really do appreciate the effort of others and the opportunity to serve. I have lived in town for 20 years and to sit on this side of the table and try to serve back to the community is very rewarding and challenging. It is one that I am humbled by. I don't know if you realized that there were over 160 names of people in our community who stepped forward to

give their time and to try to make a difference in their community. As a councilperson you are excited to be part of such a big group, you are excited to be part of such a great effort. I know most of you are here tonight so I'm speaking to the choir, but would I would like to say to the TV is to broadcast out a message to the rest of the community that we miss you, we hope that you would come, there are plenty of council meetings when a public voice can make a difference and we invite you to come and participate. You may even wish to serve on one of these committees that you heard mentioned tonight. It would be a great way to serve your community and to get involved and enjoy the camaraderie and rewards of public service. With that I offer a challenge to the Mayor in the last couple of years this town has been served by one party and now we are a town that is represented by two. In my heart I believe that is a very good thing. Two voices make a difference; two voices hold each other accountable. Two voices challenge each other to do a better job. So I am proud to be the start of that second voice that came here, I am encouraged that Gerry joins us this year. The challenge that I offer to the Mayor is that he realizes that he has become a powerful Mayor because his vote now will make a difference at times. I hope not very often, I hope that we work as a team and I hope that we constantly look for the best thing for Park Ridge and wouldn't it be wonderful than if we were always in step and through a majority decisions would be made. There will be times when we will have to look to Mayor Don for leadership and direction and I hope that he has a successful year. I would be very remiss if I did not mention my wife Linda, were it not for her affording me the opportunity to serve in community service. When I sit here I hope you recognize that I represent her also, that it is her time and sacrifice that allows me to be here. I have two children who have grown and moved out of town, so may I just say that I hope they are proud of me, I hope I can make a difference and I hope that each of you will be proud of my efforts. Thank you.

Mayor Ruschman: I accept the challenge and I echo what you say in that I hope I will not have to exercise that power. I know we all look forward to working together so I don't think I'll be exercising it too often.

Council President Henning: Congratulates Mayor and Council members Levinson, Brouwer and Maughan. Wishes each of them the best of luck and wishes everyone a Happy New year. In response to Councilmember Wells I would like to say that last year on this council we had just about a unanimous vote on every issue. Everyone on this dais realizes what is in the best interest of this town. Perhaps none more so than Mayor Don, but I would challenge that we are three to three this year and that we promise each other that we work hard and we work diligently and we attain as many 6-0 votes as we did last year. We probably had more cohesiveness last year than we enjoyed in previous years when we were one party. I would say that we have never been one party, we have been six voices. Six voices all representing distinctly different backgrounds, distinctly different tastes and distinctly different views on how to get things done. We still have six different voices, six different views on how to get things done but I think we do a good job and I hope that we can all work together to get the work done effectively for all the citizens, since they are the ones that put us here. I look forward to a great 2008, personally 2007 was a difficult year for me. I look forward to tuning that page and serving the residents in a far greater capacity this year and really making a difference in what this town can become in the terms of many of the issues that face us. Thanks everyone here for their time and everything that they put into this town. Those of you in the audience deserve a greater round of applause than any of us sitting up here.

Councilmember Maughan: Thank you very much for coming out tonight, we certainly appreciate the participation in the government body of Park Ridge New Jersey. I am very pleased to be elected once again to the council; I look forward to serving with my fellow council people as well as the Mayor up here. We have many challenges as have been mentioned before and we look forward to working with each one of us in solving and taking care of the town's business. I know many people are here tonight and there are many more at home. Those at home probably have less concern as to why we are here tonight because they have entrusted all of us to act in their best interest and to make sure that their voices are heard. I look forward to working with all of you.

Councilmember Levinson: I just wanted to take a minute to thank this Mayor and Council, the Borough employees, the volunteers, and the residents for a great 2007. Some have left this Council; some have retired from Borough Hall and some from our road and utilities departments but all onto better things. Through my liaison duties I had a few goodbyes and thanks that I wanted to publicly extend. Some of the retiring PRAA members; Karen Criscuolo, Bob Lorenzo, Ray Mital, John Polster, Billy Schwartz, and Neal Schectman; they spent many hours over the last few years on the board making the PRAA program a great program, I just wanted to say thank you and congratulations to the newly elected board members and the current members. The Library Board says goodbye to Joan Valas, Joan has served this community for many years, she will be missed from the Library Board, but she will still continue to serve in her many other capacities for the borough. The Recreation and Cultural Committee had another banner year with many successful outings and events and ongoing programs enjoyed by many residents. We were surprised last month by the resignation of long time member and leader Ken Anton. We can only thank Ken for his unselfish gift of time leading our committee and bringing our community together with many great events. Ken will be greatly missed as will long time retiring member Butch Schroeder who is also leaving. They will both be missed and we look forward to seeing you relaxing at some of our events going forward. I to like Peter want to encourage every resident to get involved, there are very few official openings and titles to the boards and committees that we have, but most have term limits. That being said almost every single meeting is open to the public and I want to encourage you to come to our meetings. The committees welcome members from the public to hear what happens during the meetings and even participate in ad hoc committees or just give your input. Then as openings occur on these boards and committees you can potentially serve on them in an official capacity. Together we are the community. The more you get involved the more you can really enjoy the events and get to know your Park Ridge family. I want to thank my family Matt and Kailey are here tonight and my friends and this community for their encouragement and their support in re-electing me to a second term as a council person I am certainly enjoying serving you, our community and learning more every day. Congratulations to Don, Kenny and Gerry on their elections and to the new committee members here tonight. Happy and Healthy New Year to everyone.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Thank you all for reminding me to acknowledge my family, I might have missed that. First, I would like to thank my brother Arthur and his wife Barbara who came here tonight, my son and my daughter-in-law and my two grandchildren, I think they have left already before things got too hectic, and of course my wife Vi. We are in our 50th year of marriage this year, without her I would be absolutely nothing and no one. I thank her immensely. Each year at this time and at this meeting we as a governing body look forward to a renewal of a spirit and a pledge to serve the residents of Park Ridge in the New Year. I know I can speak on my behalf when I say my spirit is fed by gratitude to the voters of the Borough who have seen fit to allow me to continue as Mayor. I promise to always put what is best for our town as my first priority while serving in this capacity and I know the rest of the Council feels the same. Traditionally, the message delivered on this day is one in which the accomplishments of the past year are enumerated. But I will not take up the time this evening to list them all. I believe most of you probably know what they are. However, there are a few that I would like to mention as a sampling:

- The rehabilitation of the Borough's tennis courts
- The institution of the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce
- The completion of two Condominium Complexes
- The appointment of our new Police Chief and the promotion of our new Captain and Lieutenant

Is there more that can be done, of course there is always more that can be done. We have some unfinished areas that we will try to address in 2008 and in the future and that is what I would like to address tonight, the future. There are several areas that we would like to explore and refine. We are proud of our ability to stabilize our municipal taxes in an era when so many mandates are put upon Park Ridge from outside sources. But other areas of the tax base unfortunately have not been as fortunate. So we should be

more proactive in our thinking throughout the entire year. I'll mention some of our considerations. While we have been a leader in the Pascack Valley area in shared services, there are many instances where combining with neighboring towns should be explored with improved efficiencies and tax savings as our goals. This is not rhetoric, this is something we have to be serious about and do something and pursue it and do it quickly. It actually is a big impact on our taxes so we have to do something about it we can't just keep talking about it. This past year saw the establishment of the Vision Plan Committee whose objective is to set a cohesive direction for the Borough to make the best use of its infrastructure. It is still somewhat in its growing stages, the committee is making very positive strides in its mission. All sectors of the community are represented and are added to as the need arises. The meetings are public so the thoughts of individual residents are heard. And with the implied thought of communications in mind, we will add a new element to our list of committees The Technology Committee is in its inception right now, only two people are on it. Its primary task is to explore the enhancement of talking to and listening to all our residents. We're in the process of forming this group at this time and I am confident that we will rapidly be brought up to speed in short order. The last area that comes to mind is that of energy conservation; I'm certain we are all aware of the issues of global warming and rising fuel costs. I will be discussing with our electric department the possibility of alternative sources of energy. As thoughts come on line they too will be followed.

The job of the governing body is not an easy one, we are constantly berated for things we did or things we did wrong. We sometimes do things wrong, although we try not to. And occasionally we are thanked for something we have done that pleased someone or some group. We especially like that when that happens. I know I speak for each of us when I acknowledge that we all knew of this when we assumed the job. We did so with the understanding and expectation that our primary goal would be to do the very best that we could for the town and its residents. I know that each of you up here have made that a paramount objective. It is not something that is done easily; it can only be done with the help of our residents. So we look forward to working with each of you in 2008. Because in the final analysis, while we are called the governing body the truth is we are governed by you the people of Park Ridge. Thank you.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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

Freeholder Thomas Padilla: I am here on behalf of Dennis McNerney and the entire Freeholder Board and behalf of the citizens of Bergen County to congratulate the new council people, wish you the best of luck. My phone is always on; my door is always open if there is anything I can do on behalf of the county to assist in anything that you need personally or for the town of course. I know that in just a short amount of time Terry made a very lasting and positive impression, and I'm happy to see he is staying involved with the town and very active in the state.

BENEDICTION

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

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

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

The Re-organization Meeting was closed at 8:36 p.m.