

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH HELD ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 1, 2014. MAYOR KATHI FIAMINGO PRESIDED.

Mayor Fiamingo administered the Oath of Office to Barbara Macecsko and Brian Joho.

Mayor Fiamingo read the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

The Salute to the Flag was led by Mayor Fiamingo.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed the following Council Members present: Anthony DeLuca, Toni Giordano, Brian Joho, Scott Klinder, Barbara Macecsko and Fred Pugliese.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Rev. Joseph Bejgrowicz of St. Theresa's Church.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Good Afternoon everyone and welcome to the 2014 Reorganization meeting of the Kenilworth Borough Council. Thank you for joining us on this first day of the new year.

I would like to begin by thanking Peter Corvelli for his years of service on Council and to welcome Barbara Macesko. Welcome back to Brian Joho, as well. I look forward to working with Barbara, Brian and my entire council in the coming years.

The past few years have been difficult ones for the Borough financially. Council has responded by keeping a tight rein on Borough spending. For the past two years, there has been almost no increase in spending and we owe a debt of thanks to our employees for working with us and holding the line on cost increases.

As everyone knows, Merck filed a tax appeal in 2011 contesting the assessment of their facility. Our tax assessor, Paul Parsons, successfully negotiated a favorable settlement with Merck which resulted in the withdrawal of the tax appeal for the year 2011 and allowed the Borough to phase in the reduction in the assessed value of their facility over 2012 and 2013. In 2014, there will be no further downward adjustment in the assessed value of the Merck facility. This stabilization will allow the Borough a bit of breathing room in the current year.

Of course, the best news we received in 2013 is that Merck will be relocating its world headquarters to Kenilworth beginning this year. This is an enormous benefit to the Borough, its residents and our merchants. It is my hope that our future relationship with Merck will begin to mirror that which we had with Schering. I very much look forward to working with the Merck leadership and to establishing such a relationship. In fact, I will be attending a meeting in the next week with the Merck construction representatives to discuss their plans for renovating and reopening their headquarters building and related offices and how the Borough can make that process go more smoothly. While it will certainly be different than when Schering called Kenilworth home; Merck's relocation can only mean good things for Kenilworth's future.

2014 will be a year of change for the Borough. Hedy Lipke, our Borough Clerk for the last 15 years has retired and a new Clerk will take the helm in the near future. Hedy's absence will certainly be felt; she was a fixture at Borough Hall and a font of institutional knowledge. There will certainly be some growing pains during the transition period but I am confident that we will weather the storm which will be felt as a result of Hedy's retirement. I look forward to toasting her future at her retirement party.

I would like to thank Kathi Moschitta who is stepping into the void until the new Clerk comes on board. Both she and Pat Howarth will render invaluable aid in the coming months.

There are so many people to thank for their help over the past year. I would like to begin with Chief Zimmerman for his leadership of the stellar police department that we are fortunate to have. All of the members of our Police Department, including the civilian employees, have demonstrated time and again their dedication to this community and their extraordinary commitment to protecting and serving the Borough.

The commitment to service by Chief Lew Giordino and the members of the Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad is unmatched. 2013 marked the 100th anniversary of the Fire Department and Rescue Squad and this Borough has been lucky to have such a great group of volunteers who selflessly spend untold hours to keep us all safe.

Superintendent Dan Ryan and the members of the Kenilworth DPW have done a fantastic job this past year as well. I have received many complements from both residents and out of towners saying how nice the town always looks.

Our CFO, Rob Ordway has once again done amazing things to help keep the Borough financially strong. Our Welfare Director and Senior Citizen Program Director, Paulette Drogan, works tirelessly to help those who need help the most. I want to thank all of our employees in Borough Hall who keep the Clerk's office, the Construction Department, Municipal Court, and the Health Department running smoothly.

The many volunteers who help the Borough with their service are most deserving of our thanks. The Beautification Committee has once again done a wonderful job of keeping the planter's along the Boulevard attractive during all seasons. The members of the Planning Board, Board of Health, Welfare Board and Library Board, are all volunteers who devote countless hours to assist the Borough and its residents. The volunteers on our Recreation Committee and Pat Boyle, as Recreation Director, have over seen many events and sports programs for the Borough's children.

We are blessed to have so many people who are willing to serve and volunteer their time and efforts. On behalf of all of the residents of the Borough, I thank you all.

I would also like to thank each of the members of council for the many, many hours they devote to the Borough. I don't think people really realize how difficult it can be sometimes to do this job. But each of you do it well and on behalf of the residents of the Borough, I'd like to thank each of you. Knowing that you have done good is often its own reward, but you should be thanked from time to time.

For the first time in a long time I am looking forward to the new year. I am as always very hopeful for the future of the town that I have called home all my life and thankful for having been given the opportunity of giving back to the community that has given so much to me.

In conclusion, I hope everyone has a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. May God bless America, the Borough of Kenilworth, each of you and all those serving in the armed forces.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Councilman Pugliese made a motion, seconded by Councilman Joho, that Councilman Klinder be nominated for the office of Council President for the year 2014. Roll Call: Councilman DeLuca voted yes, Councilman Giordano voted yes, Councilman Joho, Councilman Klinder voted yes, Councilwoman Macecsko voted yes and Councilman Pugliese voted yes.

Mayor Fiamingo congratulated Councilman Klinder on his election as Council President.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolutions No. 1 through 46 are listed on Consent Agenda and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. All items will be recorded individually in full in the minutes.

Councilman Joho moved that all items under Consent Agenda be approved, seconded by Councilwoman Macecsko .

Roll Call: Councilman DeLuca voted yes, Councilwoman Giordano voted yes, Councilman Joho voted yes, Councilman Klinder voted yes, Councilwoman Macecsko voted yes and Councilman Pugliese voted yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the following be appointed to the Board of Health: **RANDY MOSCARITOLO AND NANCY LAMOREAUX** as Regular Members for 3 year terms.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Fair and Open Process Rule advertisements for proposals were published in the Cranford Chronicle and posted on the Borough of Kenilworth's Web Site and proposals were received and reviewed for the following Professional Service for the Year 2014 which anticipated cost will be over \$17,500 per year:

BOND COUNSEL

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED after review of said proposals, the Mayor's nomination of **ROGUT MCCARTHY, LLC** as **BOND COUNSEL** for the Year 2014 at various hourly rates as in proposal, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Fair and Open Process Rule advertisements for proposals were published in the Cranford Chronicle and posted on the Borough of Kenilworth's Web Site and proposals were received and reviewed for the following Professional Service for the Year 2014 which anticipated cost will be over \$17,500 per year:

BOROUGH ATTORNEY

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED after review of said proposals, the Mayor's nomination of **HARVEY FRUCHTER** as **BOROUGH ATTORNEY** for the Year 2014 at \$28,990 per annum be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Fair and Open Process Rule advertisements for proposals were published in the Cranford Chronicle and posted on the Borough of Kenilworth's Web Site and proposals were received and reviewed for the following Professional Services for the Year 2014 which anticipated cost will be over \$17,500 per year:

LABOR ATTORNEY

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED after review of said proposals, the Mayor's nomination of **McELROY, DEUTSCH, MULVANEY & CARPENTER, LLP** as **BOROUGH LABOR ATTORNEY** for the year 2014 at \$125. per hour, be and the same is hereby confirmed

RESOLUTION NO. 5

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Fair and Open Process Rule advertisements for proposals were published in the Cranford Chronicle and posted on the Borough of Kenilworth's Web Site and proposals were received and reviewed for the following Professional Service for the Year 2014 which anticipated cost will be over \$17,500 per year:

BOROUGH AUDITOR

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED after review of said proposals, the Mayor's nomination of **FERRAIOLI, WIELKOTZ, CERULLO & CUVA** as **BOROUGH AUDITOR** for the Year 2014 at \$28,000.00 per year, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Fair and Open Process Rule advertisements for proposals were published in the Cranford Chronicle and posted on the Borough of Kenilworth's Web Site and proposals were received and reviewed for the following Professional Service for the Year 2014 which anticipated cost will be over \$17,500 per year:

BOROUGH ENGINEER

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED after review of said proposals, the Mayor's nomination of **GROTTO ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES** as **BOROUGH ENGINEER** for the Year 2014 at \$60,000 per annum, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That **ROBERT ORDWAY** be appointed as Chief Financial Officer for a 4 year term.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Mayor's appointment of **TONI GIORDANO** and **KATHI FIAMINGO** as Kenilworth's representatives to the Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee be appointed for a 1 yr. term for the year 2014, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 9

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Mayor's appointment of **DEBRA WEISS** as Deputy Court Administrator for the year 2014, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 10

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Mayor's appointment of **KATHLEEN MOSCHITTA** as Deputy Borough Clerk for the year 2014, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 11

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Mayor's appointment of **KATHLEEN MOSCHITTA** as Dog Warden for the year 2014, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 12

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That **RANDY LEVCHUCK** be and is hereby appointed Fire Prevention Inspector for the year and **ROBERT WALCK** be appointed Assistant Fire Prevention Inspector for the year 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 13

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That **LEWIS GIORDINO**, be and he is hereby appointed Fire Prevention Fire Official for a 4 year term.

RESOLUTION NO. 14

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That **TONY PETERS**, be and he is hereby appointed Fire Sub-Code Official for a 4 year term.

RESOLUTION NO. 15

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Mayor's appointment of **ROBERT ORDWAY** as Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner and **WILLIAM HANNON** as Alternate for the year 2014, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 16

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Mayor's appointment of **BARBARA HERBERT** as a member of the Library Board of Trustees for a 5 year term, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 17

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Mayor's appointment of **NANCY HALPERN** as a member of the Local Assistance Board for a 4 year term, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 18

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Mayor's appointment of **JOHN ZIMMERMAN** as Municipal Drug Alliance Committee Chairman for the year 2014, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO.19

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Mayor's appointment of **PAULETTE DROGON** as Municipal Drug Alliance Coordinator for the year 2014, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 20

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Mayor's appointment of **JOHN HENRY BARR, ESQ.** as Municipal Prosecutor for the year 2014 at an annual salary of \$15,000.00 per annum, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 21

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That **COUNCILWOMAN TONI GIORDANO**, a member of the Governing Body, be and is appointed an elected official on the Planning Board for the year 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 22

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Mayor's appointment of **MAURA LYNCH and DIANE O'NEIL** as Police Matrons for the year 2014, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 23

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Mayor's appointment of **TRACI ZALINSKI** as Public Defender for the year 2014 for a salary of \$4,140 per annum, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 24

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Mayor's appointment of **DANIEL BEVERE** as Assistant Public Defender for the year 2014, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 25

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the appointment of **MARCONI GAPAS** as Public Health Officer for the year 2014, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 26

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Mayors appointment of **ROBERT ORDWAY** as Purchasing Agent for the year 2014, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 27

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the following be appointed as Regular Members to the Kenilworth Recreation Committee for 3 year terms: **KRISTIN BOYLE, JOE KRATZER, JEN FAMILA, LAURIE SALFRED-INGHAM, KEVIN CHARLES, JAY SCHROCK, ANTOINETTA FAMIGLIETTIE, SUSAN DOUGHTERY, MIKE KOLESARICH, JACQUELINE CABREL, SHAINA GELSLEICHTER.**

RESOLUTION NO. 28

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Mayor's appointment of **PATRICK BOYLE** as Recreation Director for a one year term at a salary of \$5,000 per year, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 29

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Mayor's appointment of **JOHN DEVITO, SARA FERNANDEZ, DONNA LAYDEN, JOHN MARTINS, KIMBERLY MONTIERO, CHRISTINE MACMILLIAN, ROSE PICCINNINI, PATRICIA SISNETSKY, WILLIAM SEIBERT, MARYANN STILES, LOUISE TRAMER AND WILLIAM ZORICK** as Regular School Crossing Guards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that **ROBERT WOLTERS, KEVIN MCCAULEY, MIKE RINGLER, CHARLES O'BRIEN, DOLORES HUSS, LAURA FITZGERALD, HERLDINA LOPEZ, ALICE PERRY** as Alternate School Crossing Guards for the year 2014, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO.30

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Mayor's appointment of **LEWIS GIORDINO** and **RANDY LEVCHUCK** as Smoke Detector Inspectors for the year 2014, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 31

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Fair and Open Process Rule advertisements for proposals were published in the Cranford Chronicle and posted on the Borough of Kenilworth's Web Site and proposals were received and reviewed for the following Professional Service for the Year 2013 which anticipated cost will be over \$17,500 per year:

TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED after review of said proposals, the Mayor's nomination of FPS&F (Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt & Fader, LLC) for the Year 2014 at \$140 per hour be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 32

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Mayor's appointment of **ROBERT ORDWAY** as Tax Collector for the year 2014, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 33

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Mayor's appointment of **ROBERT ORDWAY** as Tax Search Officer for the year 2014, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 34

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:: That the Mayor's appointment of **ROBERT ORDWAY** as Treasurer for the year 2014, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 35

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Mayor's appointment of **KEVIN LEARY** as Borough Constable for a 3 year term, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 36

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Mayor's designation of the **CRANFORD CHRONICLE, THE LOCAL SOURCE,** and the **STAR LEDGER** as the Official Newspapers of the Borough of Kenilworth for the year 2014, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 37

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Mayor's designation of the **N.J. CASH MANAGEMENT FUND, TD BANK, PNC BANK and VALLEY NATIONAL BANK,** as Official Depositories for the Borough of Kenilworth for the year 2014, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

RESOLUTION NO. 38

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the following be designated as Official Insurance Agent/Risk Manager for the Borough of Kenilworth for the year 2014: **AMALGAMATED GENERAL AGENCIES (AGA)** 115 Grove Street, PO Box 2670, Westfield, NJ 07091

RESOLUTION NO. 39

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk has prepared a schedule of meetings of the Governing Body of the Borough of Kenilworth for the year 2014, a true copy of which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act being Chapter 231, Public Law 1975.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Kenilworth that the Borough Clerk on or before January 1, 2014, mail true copies of this Resolution, including aforesaid schedule, to the Cranford Chronicle, New Providence, New Jersey; the Local Source, Union, New Jersey; and the Star Ledger, Newark, New Jersey, said newspapers being designated because they have the greatest likelihood of informing the public as to the time and place of meetings set forth in the aforesaid schedule.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk, acting for the Governing Body of the Borough of Kenilworth, furnish a true copy of the aforesaid schedule and any revisions thereof and any advance written notice required by Sub-section 3 (d) of the Open Public Meetings Act or any regular, special or rescheduled meetings of the Governing Body of the Borough of Kenilworth to any persons who request same upon prepayment of such persons to the Borough of Kenilworth for the sum of \$10.00 being a reasonable sum to cover the cost of providing the aforesaid notice.

Work Session to start, unless otherwise noted, at 7:30 P.M. at the Right Hand Meeting Room, Second Floor, Borough Hall; and Regular Meetings to start at 8:00 P.M. at the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, Boulevard, Kenilworth, New Jersey.

RESOLUTION NO. 40

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the annexed By-Laws shall constitute the By-Laws of the Governing Body of the Borough of Kenilworth for year 2014, as attached, be adopted.

RESOLUTION NO.41

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the following AD HOC COMMITTEES be continued For 2014:

Beautification Committee
Drug Alliance Committee
Pride in Kenilworth Committee
Technology Committee
Facilities Committee

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Committee's may be added and/or deleted as the need arises.

RESOLUTION NO. 42

WHEREAS, Chapter 75 of the Public Laws of 1991 of the State of New Jersey authorizes the governing body of each municipality by resolution to fix the rate of interest to be charged for nonpayment of taxes or assessments on or before the date when they would become delinquent, and

WHEREAS, the provisions of said statute provides that the rate of interest to be so charged may be fixed at a rate not to exceed 8% per annum on the first \$1,500. of delinquency and a rate of 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500., and

WHEREAS, the statute further provides that the governing body may provide that no interest shall be charged if payment is made within the tenth calendar day following the date which the same became payable, and

WHEREAS, (N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 AS AMENDED) also provides that the governing body may fix a penalty to be charged to a taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000, who fails to pay that delinquency prior to the end of the (calendar) fiscal year which shall not exceed (6%) six percent; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Kenilworth deems that implementation of Chapter 75 of the P.L. of 1991 (N.J.S.A. 54:4-67) the same is desirable and appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Kenilworth that pursuant to the authority granted to it by N.J.S.A. 54:4-67, AS AMENDED that the rate of interest be set in the amount of 8% on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and at the rate of 18% on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00, provided payment is not made within the grace period of ten days from the date payable and that the penalty on amounts due in excess of \$10,000. at the close of the (calendar) fiscal year be set at 6% of the amount of the delinquency.

RESOLUTION NO. 43

WHEREAS, the approval of the Petty Cash funds listed below has been given by the Division of Local Government Services, and

WHEREAS rate of 18% on any amount in excess of \$1,500, provided payment is not made within the grace period, these funds for 2013 have been returned to the Finance Officer according to R.S. 40A5-21;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Kenilworth that the Treasurer be authorized to draw and deliver said warrants to the following Petty Cash Custodians for the year 2014:

<i>Police Department</i>	<i>Total Fund</i>
John Zimmerman, Police Chief	\$150.00
<u>Tax & Finance</u>	
Lisa Wood Tax & Finance	\$100.00

RESOLUTION NO. 44

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 of the Local Budget Act provides that (where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the Budget), temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty days of January 2014; and

WHEREAS, the total temporary budget attached does not in amount exceed 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2010 Budget (exclusive of any appropriations made for Debt Service, Capital Improvement Fund and Public Assistance (Relief); now therefore,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the attached appropriations be made and a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Municipal Finance Officer for his records.

RESOLUTION NO. 45

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the official signers for the Borough of Kenilworth for banking purposes for 2014 are: **KATHI FIAMINGO, FINANCE OFFICER ROBERT ORDWAY, BOROUGH CLERK** and **ASSISTANT TREASURER KATHLEEN SWITEK.**

RESOLUTION NO. 46

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Borough of Kenilworth enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Madison in which they will provide certain information technology support services.

RESOLUTION NO. 47

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Mayor's appointment of as Zoning Enforcement Officer for the year 2014, for a salary of \$6,000 per annum, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

The Deputy Borough Clerk read a letter received from Mayor Fiamingo on Planning Board appointments. "I am herewith making the following appointments to the Planning Board: Madonna Bogus, Class IV Member, 4 year term, Richard Picerno, Class IV Member, 4 year term, Kevin Leary, Class II Member, 2 year term, Arthur Manee, Alternate 2, 2 year term and Vincent Badali, Alternate #3, 2 year term.

DESIGNATION OF COMMITTEES

The following Council Committees were designated:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Chairperson Brian Joho, Anthony DeLuca, Fred Pugliese

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Chairperson Anthony DeLuca, Barbara Macecsko, Scott Klinder

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Chairperson Fred Pugliese, Toni Giordano, Scott Klinder

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, ZONING & ORDINANCES

Chairperson Toni Giordano, Brian Joho, Fred Pugliese

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, & FIRE

Chairperson Barbara Macecsko, Toni Giordano, Brian Joho

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE

Chairperson Scott Klinder, Barbara Macecsko, Anthony DeLuca

Mayor Fiamingo administered the Oath of Office to the Borough Attorney Harvey Fruchter, Esq.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC

Motion was made by Councilwoman Giordano, seconded by Councilwoman Macecsko to open the meeting to the public. All in favor.

Motion was made by Councilman Pugliese, seconded by Councilwoman Giordano to close the Meeting to the Public. All in favor.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Joho thanked his family, friends and supporters who have given him the opportunity to serve on Council for another term. He looks forward to a third term and for the seventh year he will BE chairing the Finance Committee. Although at times it is a challenging committee, he said as a committee, have accomplished great results over the past six years that he has been involved. With the retrain in spending we have managed the tax burden and have been making prudent decisions for the future of the Borough and he looks forward to more of the same during 2014.

He welcomed Barbara Macecsko to the Council and he knows she will bring her private sector experiences and new insights to the Governing Body. He looks forward to working with the veteran Council Members who have demonstrated their commitment to the wellbeing of the Borough. He started this journey seven years ago with Mayor Kathi Fiamingo and he thanked the Mayor for believing in him then and for her continued leadership and unwavering dedication to the Borough. He wished everyone a healthy and happy 2014.

Councilwoman Macecsko thanked everyone for their vote of confidence and she said she hopes she can make a difference and she looks forward to working with this great Council.

Councilman Pugliese welcomed Councilwoman Macecsko to the fold and he knows she will make a difference. He wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

Councilwoman Giordano welcomed Barbara into our group. She said we work really hard and are very dedicated with every decision that we make. She said Barbara will be a great edition. Councilwoman Giordano said they entered 2013 pretty battered and bruised after Super storm Sandy. She said over the year she saw a lot of healing and moving forward both personally and with our Borough. She said there are a lot of new things to come and she is really excited and she thinks the Borough of Kenilworth will see a lot happening in 2014.

Councilman Klinder welcomed Barbara to the Council and Brian back to the Council. He said he is sure they are both up to the challenges that will come this year and he looks forward to working with them.

Councilman DeLuca welcomed Barbara and welcomed back Brian and he looks forward to working with them as well as the entire Council. He said it is going to get cold and to be advised everyone to make sure their houses are well heated and be prepared. He wished everyone a healthy and Happy New Year.

Mayor Fiamingo said Tony is one of our Volunteer Fire Fighters who is always out there, she said God bless him, his family and every other member of the Fire Department because, truly without them we would be in bad shape.

Mayor Fiamingo said she wanted to make sure everyone understands how much she appreciates all her little minions here, they are very hard working individuals who have always put the Borough's interests at heart and she is not just talking about the folks up here but everyone who works in this building or across the street or down the hall, they are all great people to work with and she feels privileged to having been able to do so over the past six years. She said as we start this new year she thinks it is going to be a really great year for us and she wanted to thank everyone and tell everyone how much she is looking forward to this year. She thanked Kathi and Pat for being here today and helping us out.

Assemblyman Bramnick and Senator Kean arrived. The Mayor said we are very concise and are just about to wrap up the meeting and she asked Assemblyman Barmnick and Senator Kean if they wanted to say something like hello.

Senator Kean said hello and Happy Happy New Year.

Assemblyman Bramnick congratulated Mayor Fiamingo for being concise and showing that government can be efficient. He said congratulation and Happy New Year.

Mayor Fiamingo said our Senator and Assembly people do a really good job for us down in Trenton and not everyone does do a good job in Trenton but we are lucky to be represented by the Senator, Assemblyman Bramnick and Assemblywoman Munoz who are out there for us every day fighting the good fight and doing a great job for us. She said she can't thank them enough for doing just that and for joining us today. She said Happy New Year to them and their families. The Mayor asked Senator Kean and Assemblyman Bramnick if they were back in session on January 8th? Assemblyman Bramnick said they get sworn in on January 14th but they have many more re-orgs to go to today. Mayor Fiamingo asked how many towns are in their district? Assemblyman Bramnick said sixteen and they will make four re-organizations today but they have a special affection for Kenilworth.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, it was moved by Councilman Pugliese, seconded by Councilman Joho and carried, that the meeting be adjourned to the call of the chair.

1:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Moschitta
Deputy Borough Clerk