

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH HELD ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 1, 2021. MAYOR LINDA KARLOVITCH PRESIDED.

Mayor Karlovitch said this announcement is in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, Laws of the State of New Jersey.

The Borough of Kenilworth Council is convening for a Special Meeting today on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6:30pm in Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard, Kenilworth, NJ 07033. The purpose of this Special Meeting is for the recommendation and appointment of the Kenilworth Police Chief and any other matters as deemed necessary.

Accordingly, the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied in regard to this meeting.

The Salute to the Flag was led by Mayor Karlovitch.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call at 8:00 P.M. showed the following Council Members present: Kaye Ceceri, , Mark David, Joseph Finistrella, Gerry Laudati, Scott Pentz. Fred Pugliese was excused.

Mayor Karlovitch said the purpose of this meeting is to make the recommendation of Fred Soos for the next Chief of Police for the Borough of Kenilworth. She has full trust that Fred is committed to keeping our Borough a safe and secure place to live and work. No police chief can be successful without the respect of their officers and the support of their family. Fred has earned this respect and leads with integrity, courage, confidence, compassion and respect for his officers and to the community he serves. This position carries with it immense responsibility, the entire department will be looking at you for support and guidance. You were chosen for this position because of your intelligence and fairmindedness but mostly because of our upmost trust in your integrity and confidence in your leadership abilities.

In accordance with the Borough Code, Chapter 39-8 Selection of Chief, I am making the following recommendation for Chief of the Kenilworth Police Department of Captain Frederick J. Soos, Jr.

Roll Call: Councilwoman Ceceri voted yes, Councilman David voted yes, Councilman Finistrella voted yes, Councilman Laudati voted yes, Councilman Pentz voted yes. Councilman Pugliese was absent.

Mayor Karlovitch said that since coming into office she has had the great honor of administering the Oath of Office in several promotion ceremonies. However, the promotion of chief rank takes on an additional dimension. Promotions of this magnitude bring a new perspective, new thinking, new approaches and new experiences that will shape the Kenilworth Police Department for years to come. Today's promotion focuses our attention on the department as a whole and our hopes and aspirations for the future. You have my full support and a true partnership as we work together to serve this great community that we love.

Oath of Office was administered to Frederick Soos, Jr.

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MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Motion was made by Councilman Davud, seconded by Councilwoman Ceceri to open the meeting to the public. All in favor.

Pete Corvelli, 49 North 6th Street – Chief Corvelli said he started with Freddy, he did a lot of pushups for him. He said Freddy will do right for the town and he said whatever his office can help him with, by all means the door is open. He said it is a great choice and he congratulated Fred and his family.

Motion was made by Councilwoman David, seconded by Councilman Pentz to close the meeting to the public. All in favor.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Councilwoman Ceceri said that being the Police Commissioner she is very proud and honored to have somebody like Fred serving as Police Chief of this town. You are a good man, you deserve it and she congratulated Chief Soos.

Councilman Laudati also congratulated Chief Soos and said he has followed your career for a long time and it is good to see you as our Chief. He said you have the personality that fits in with all the other chiefs that we have had. You are actually a part of this community and he thinks you will fit in perfectly.

Councilman David congratulated Chief Soos and said we have worked together his whole career at the Kenilworth Police Department. He said he taught you everything you know and Chief Soos said he did well in spite of that.

Councilman Finistrella congratulated Chief Soos and said they have been neighbors for a long time.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted

Kathleen Moschitta
Deputy Borough Clerk