

**MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST RUTHERFORD
MAYOR & COUNCIL
RE ORGANIZATION MEETING HELD ON
JANUARY 1, 2024
AT ONE EVERETT PLACE**

The Re Organization Meeting was called to order by Mayor Lahullier at 12:05PM

Mayor Lahullier asked the Clerk to read the results of the November, 2023 election.

MAYOR: Jeffrey J. Lahullier (4 year term)

COUNCILMEN: Edward Ravettine (3 year term)
Jesse DeRosa (3 year term)

Bergen County Commissioner Tracy Zur was present to congratulate the Mayor and Councilmembers and present them with certificates

Senator Sarlo was present to swear in Mayor Lahullier and Councilman Ravettine and Councilman DeRosa

Flag Salute was held

Mayor Lahullier asked the Clerk to take the roll call:

Councilmember	Present	Absent
Ravettine	X	
DeRosa	X	
Cronk	X	
Bulger	X	
Alvarez	X	
Lorusso	X	

Mayor Lahullier read the following Open Public Meetings Act Statement:

This meeting is the Re Organization Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford and is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting was transmitted to The Herald and The Record on December 13, 2023, posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Mayor Lahullier asked for a nomination for Council President for 2024

A motion was made to nominate Councilman Lorusso as Council President for 2024:

Moved: Councilman Ravettine

Second: Councilman Alvarez

Roll Call: All present voted aye

Councilman Lorusso was then sworn in by Senator Sarlo as Council President for 2024.

Mayor Lahullier submitted the following 2024 list of crossing guards and specials for appointment:

CROSSING GUARDS FOR THE YEAR 2024

Joanne Dezego	Sharon Kerdasha	Robin Doyle
Jorge Valdes	Tammy Gil	Joan Schuman
Donna Guz	Theresa Hugo	Debra Mamatz
Melissa Kruse	Nancy Pacheco	Lori Michalski
Diane Minervini	Cynthia Morris	Maria Nelson
Alice Neubauer	Jamie Williams	Danielle Zuwatsky
Maureen Kochinski	Alan Prontiker	Jose Pulgar
Donna Rigano	Carol Roth	Miriam Sanchez
Gerardo Sandoval	Kelly Schanel	LeeMary Cangelosi
Hanesh Shah	Kimberly Solimine	William Schanel
Judy Triguero	Robert Triguero	John Wesolowski
Cornelia Weiss	Paul Weiss	Terri Deriso
Ken Ripke	Sharon Williams	Diana Delizio
Sharon Liberta		

Moved: Councilman Ravettine

Second: Councilman Bulger

Roll Call: All present voted aye

SPECIALS FOR THE YEAR 2024

Al Dajka – Class I
Richard Parrales – Class I
Jordan Metz – Class I
Oscar Castillo-Zaccone – Class I
Michael Vallejo – Class I
Colin Swift – Class I
Tammy Verdugo-Gil – Class I
Angel Mercedes – Class II
Nicole Konefal – Class II
Kimberly Lucas – Class III
Robert Buell – Class III
David Norris – Class III

Moved: Councilman Lorusso

Second: Councilman Ravettine

Roll Call: All present voted aye

Mayor Lahullier submitted the following resolutions for approval:

RESOLUTION #1 - 2024

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:5-14 requires every municipality to annually adopt a cash management plan and to designate official depositories for the funds of the borough;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has recommended and the Mayor and Council concur with the cash management plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford that Kearny Bank, Wallington, NJ and all banks in New Jersey be designated as the official depositories of the funds of the Borough of East Rutherford;

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to purchase and arrange safe keeping investments allowed by N.J.S. 40A:5-15.1 from any financial institution within the State of New Jersey offering the best competitive rate.

Councilmember	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Ravettine	X			
DeRosa	X			
Cronk	X			
Alvarez	X			
Lorusso	X			
Bulger	X			

RESOLUTION #2 - 2024

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford that The Record, The Herald News, The Star Ledger and The Bergenite be designated as the official newspapers of the Borough for the year 2024.

Councilmember	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Ravettine	X			
DeRosa	X			
Cronk	X			
Alvarez	X			
Lorusso	X			
Bulger	X			

RESOLUTION #3 - 2024

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 permits the Governing Body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for nonpayment of taxes or assessments subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 has been amended to permit the fixing of said rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 and allows an additional penalty of 6% to be collected against a delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of taxes becoming delinquent after due date and 18% per annum on any amount of taxes in excess of \$1,500.00 becoming delinquent after due date and if a delinquency is in excess of \$10,000.00 and remains in arrears beyond December 31, an additional penalty of 6% shall be charged against the delinquency. Real estate taxes for 2023 will be advertised for sale after March 1, 2024.
2. Effective January 1, 2024 there will be a ten-day grace period of quarterly tax payments made by cash, check, money order or online through Wipp.
3. Any payments not made in accordance with paragraph two of the resolution shall be charged interest from the due date as set forth in paragraph one of this resolution.

Councilmember	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Ravettine	X			
DeRosa	X			
Cronk	X			
Alvarez	X			
Lorusso	X			
Bulger	X			

RESOLUTION #4 - 2024

WHEREAS, the statutory maximum interest permitted to be charged for unpaid fees is one and one-half (1 ½%) percent per month;

WHEREAS, the East Rutherford Public Works & Utilities Commission has a policy of charging one and one-half (1 ½ %) percent per month interest on any unpaid balances for commercial sewer properties;

WHEREAS, if a delinquency is in excess of \$10,000.00 and remains in arrears beyond December 31st, an additional penalty of 6% shall be charged against the delinquency; and

WHEREAS, sewer delinquencies for 2023 and years prior on commercial and residential properties will be advertised for sale after March 1, 2024 if the total delinquent amount owed is \$100.00 or greater;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that effective January 1, 2024, all past due balances on commercial properties due to the East Rutherford Pubic Works & Utilities Commission shall accrue interest at the rate of one and one-half (1 ½%) percent per month.

Councilmember	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Ravettine	X			
DeRosa	X			
Cronk	X			
Alvarez	X			
Lorusso	X			
Bulger	X			

RESOLUTION #5 - 2024

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford, the following are the regularly scheduled meetings of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford for the year 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all meetings will be held in the Council Chambers of the East Rutherford Municipal Building located at One Everett Place, East Rutherford, New Jersey unless otherwise noted. All meetings will begin 6:00 PM.

JANUARY 23, 2024

JULY 23, 2024

FEBRUARY 20, 2024

AUGUST 20, 2024

MARCH 19, 2024

SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

APRIL 23, 2024

OCTOBER 22, 2024

MAY 21, 2024

NOVEMBER 19, 2024

JUNE 18, 2024

DECEMBER 17, 2024

Councilmember	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Ravettine	X			
DeRosa	X			
Cronk	X			
Alvarez	X			
Lorusso	X			
Bulger	X			

RESOLUTION #6 – 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford that the Mayor and/or the Municipal Clerk will sign all municipal contracts for the year 2024.

Councilmember	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Ravettine	X			
DeRosa	X			
Cronk	X			
Alvarez	X			
Lorusso	X			
Bulger	X			

RESOLUTION #7 – 2024

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, there exists in the Borough of East Rutherford a need for the services of a Borough Attorney to give all legal counsel and advice required by the Governing Body on all matters of Borough business. It shall be the duty of the Borough Attorney to take all legal actions requested by the Governing Body and to follow up immediately; and

WHEREAS, such services involve such qualified services and knowledge that specifications cannot reasonably be formulated, and public bidding is not feasible; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law exempts professional services from public bidding; and

WHEREAS, this appointment has been made pursuant to the Fair and Open process of the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law (“Pay to Play Law”), N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq., and the Borough’s financial officer has certified that the necessary funds are available.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford, New Jersey, as follows:

1. Gerald R. Salerno, Esq. of the firm Aronsohn Weiner Salerno & Kaufman, PC, Court Plaza South – East Wing, 21 Main Street, Suite 100, Hackensack, NJ is hereby appointed Borough Attorney to perform all necessary counseling and legal services, and any and all advice and assistance relating to such services with respect to any and all matters assigned by the Borough of East Rutherford.
2. It is hereby determined that such services involve such qualitative and professional services that specifications are not practical and public bidding is not appropriate, feasible or required.
3. Such appointment shall be subject to the preparation and execution by the Borough and Gerald R. Salerno, Esq. of a professional services contract whose term shall begin on January 1, 2024 and end on December 31, 2024.
4. A notice of this action shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of East Rutherford according to law.

Councilmember	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Ravettine	X			
DeRosa	X			
Cronk	X			
Alvarez	X			
Lorusso	X			
Bulger	X			

RESOLUTION #8 – 2024

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH AUDITOR

WHEREAS, there exists in the Borough of East Rutherford a need for the services of a Borough Auditor to take all action required by the Governing Body and follow up immediately with regard to all financial information and accounting needed by the Borough; and

WHEREAS, such services involve such qualified services and knowledge that specifications cannot reasonably be formulated, and public bidding is not feasible; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law exempts professional services from public bidding; and

WHEREAS, this appointment has been made pursuant to the Fair and Open process of the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law (“Pay to Play Law”), N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq., and the Borough’s financial officer has certified that the necessary funds are available.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford, New Jersey, as follows:

1. Paul W. Garbarini, CPA, RMA, PSA, CMFO of the firm Garbarini & Co. P.C., PO Box 385, HoHoKus, NJ 07423 is hereby appointed Borough Auditor to perform all necessary financial and accounting services, and any and all advice and assistance relating to such services with respect to any and all matters assigned by the Borough of East Rutherford.
2. It is hereby determined that such services involve such qualitative and professional services that specifications are not practical and public bidding is not appropriate, feasible or required.
3. Such appointment shall be subject to the preparation and execution by the Borough and Garbarini & Co. P.C. of a professional services contract whose term shall begin on January 1, 2024 and end on December 31, 2024.
4. A notice of this action shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of East Rutherford according to law.

Councilmember	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Ravettine	X			
DeRosa	X			
Cronk	X			
Alvarez	X			
Lorusso	X			
Bulger	X			

RESOLUTION #9A – 2024

APPOINTMENT OF BOND COUNSEL

WHEREAS, there exists in the Borough of East Rutherford a need for the services of a Bond Counsel to provide legal counsel and services in connection with bond ordinances and procedures and public finance matters; and

WHEREAS, such services involve such qualified services and knowledge that specifications cannot reasonably be formulated, and public bidding is not feasible; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law exempts professional services from public bidding; and

WHEREAS, this appointment has been made pursuant to the Fair and Open process of the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law (“Pay to Play Law”), N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq., and the Borough’s financial officer has certified that the necessary funds are available.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford, New Jersey, as follows:

1. Steve Rogut of Rogut McCarthy LLC, 37 Alden Street, Cranford, NJ 07016 is hereby appointed as Bond Counsel to perform all necessary counseling and legal services, and any and all advice and assistance relating to such services with respect to any and all matters assigned by the Borough of East Rutherford.
2. It is hereby determined that such services involve such qualitative and professional services that specifications are not practical and public bidding is not appropriate, feasible or required.
3. Such appointment shall be subject to the preparation and execution by the Borough and Steve Rogut of a professional services contract whose term shall begin on January 1, 2024 and end on December 31, 2024.
4. A notice of this action shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of East Rutherford according to law.

Councilmember	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Ravettine	X			
DeRosa	X			
Cronk	X			
Alvarez	X			
Lorusso	X			
Bulger	X			

RESOLUTION #9B – 2024

APPOINTMENT OF BOND COUNSEL

WHEREAS, there exists in the Borough of East Rutherford a need for the services of a Bond Counsel to provide legal counsel and services in connection with bond ordinances and procedures and public finance matters; and

WHEREAS, such services involve such qualified services and knowledge that specifications cannot reasonably be formulated, and public bidding is not feasible; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law exempts professional services from public bidding; and

WHEREAS, this appointment has been made pursuant to the Fair and Open process of the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law (“Pay to Play Law”), N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq., and the Borough’s financial officer has certified that the necessary funds are available.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford, New Jersey, as follows:

1. Waters, McPherson, McNeill, 300 Lighting Way, PO Box 1560, Secaucus, NJ 07096 is hereby appointed as Bond Counsel to perform all necessary counseling and legal services, and any and all advice and assistance relating to such services with respect to any and all matters assigned by the Borough of East Rutherford.
2. It is hereby determined that such services involve such qualitative and professional services that specifications are not practical and public bidding is not appropriate, feasible or required.
3. Such appointment shall be subject to the preparation and execution by the Borough and Waters, McPherson, McNeill of a professional services contract whose term shall begin on January 1, 2024 and end on December 31, 2024.
4. A notice of this action shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of East Rutherford according to law.

Councilmember	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Ravettine	X			
DeRosa	X			
Cronk	X			
Alvarez	X			
Lorusso	X			
Bulger	X			

RESOLUTION #10 – 2024

APPOINTMENT OF INSURANCE CONSULTANT/RISK MANAGER AND INSURANCE CONSULTANT FOR THE BERGEN MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND (BMED)

WHEREAS, there exists in the Borough of East Rutherford a need for the services of an Insurance Consultant/Risk Manager to take all action required by the Governing Body and follow up immediately with regard to all services pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the required insurance coverage will be provided through the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund as permitted by Chapter 372 of the Laws of 1983 (40A:10-36); and

WHEREAS, a portion of the required insurance coverage will be provided through the Bergen Municipal Employee Benefit Fund (BMED) for dental coverage only; and

WHEREAS, such services involve such qualified services and knowledge that specifications cannot reasonably be formulated, and public bidding is not feasible; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law exempts professional services from public bidding; and

WHEREAS, this appointment has been made pursuant to the Fair and Open process of the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law (“Pay to Play Law”), N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq., and the Borough’s financial officer has certified that the necessary funds are available.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The firm of Professional Insurance Associates, a Division of World Insurance Associates, LLC, and PIA Security Programs, a Division of World Insurance Associates, LLC, 429 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, NJ 07072 is hereby appointed Insurance Consultant/Risk Manager to perform all necessary services, and any and all advice and assistance relating to such services with respect to any and all matters assigned by the Borough of East Rutherford.
2. The firm Professional Insurance Associates, a Division of World Insurance Associates, LLC, and PIA Security Programs, a Division of World Insurance Associates, LLC, 429 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, NJ 07072 is hereby appointed Insurance Consultant for the BMED to perform all necessary services, and any and all advice and assistance relating to such services with respect to any and all matters assigned by the Borough of East Rutherford.
3. It is hereby determined that such services involve such qualitative and professional services that specifications are not practical and public bidding is not appropriate, feasible or required.
4. Such appointment shall be subject to the preparation and execution by the Borough and Professional Insurance Associates of a professional services contract whose term shall begin on January 1, 2024 and end on December 31, 2024.
5. A notice of this action shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of East Rutherford according to law.

Councilmember	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Ravettine	X			
DeRosa	X			
Cronk	X			
Alvarez	X			
Lorusso	X			
Bulger	X			

RESOLUTION #11 - 2024

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ENGINEER

WHEREAS, there exists in the Borough of East Rutherford a need for the services of a Borough Engineer to take all action required by the Governing Body and follow up immediately with regard to all engineering services; and

WHEREAS, such services involve such qualified services and knowledge that specifications cannot reasonably be formulated, and public bidding is not feasible; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law exempts professional services from public bidding; and

WHEREAS, this appointment has been made pursuant to the Fair and Open process of the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law ("Pay to Play Law"), N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq., and the Borough's financial officer has certified that the necessary funds are available.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford, New Jersey, as follows:

1. Glenn M. Beckmeyer, P.E., P.P., CME of the firm Beckmeyer Engineering, P.C., 39 Paterson Avenue, Wallington, NJ 07057 is hereby appointed Borough Engineer to perform all necessary engineering services, and any and all advice and assistance relating to such services with respect to any and all matters assigned by the Borough of East Rutherford.
2. It is hereby determined that such services involve such qualitative and professional services that specifications are not practical and public bidding is not appropriate, feasible or required.
3. Such appointment shall be subject to the preparation and execution by the Borough and Beckmeyer Engineering, P.C. of a professional services contract whose term shall begin on January 1, 2024 and end on December 31, 2024.
4. A notice of this action shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of East Rutherford according to law.

Councilmember	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Ravettine	X			
DeRosa	X			
Cronk	X			
Alvarez	X			
Lorusso	X			
Bulger	X			

RESOLUTION #12 - 2024

APPOINTMENT OF PW & UC ENGINEER

WHEREAS, there exists in the Borough of East Rutherford a need for the services of a Public Works and Utilities Commission Engineer to provide services in connection with various PW & UC matters; and

WHEREAS, such services involve such qualified services and knowledge that specifications cannot reasonably be formulated, and public bidding is not feasible; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law exempts professional services from public bidding; and

WHEREAS, this appointment has been made pursuant to the Fair and Open process of the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law ("Pay to Play Law"), N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq., and the Borough's financial officer has certified that the necessary funds are available.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The firm Neglia Engineering Associates, 34 Park Avenue, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071 is hereby appointed PW & UC Engineer to perform all necessary services, and any and all advice and assistance relating to such services with respect to any and all matters assigned by the Borough of East Rutherford.
2. It is hereby determined that such services involve such qualitative and professional services that specifications are not practical and public bidding is not appropriate, feasible or required.
3. Such appointment shall be subject to the preparation and execution by the Borough and Neglia Engineering Associates of a professional services contract whose term shall begin on January 1, 2024 and end on December 31, 2024.
4. A notice of this action shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of East Rutherford according to law.

Councilmember	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Ravettine	X			
DeRosa	X			
Cronk	X			
Alvarez	X			
Lorusso	X			
Bulger	X			

RESOLUTION #13 - 2024

APPOINTMENT OF LABOR ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, there exists in the Borough of East Rutherford a need for the services of a Labor Attorney to provide legal counsel and services in connection with personnel matters; and

WHEREAS, such services involve such qualified services and knowledge that specifications cannot reasonably be formulated, and public bidding is not feasible; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law exempts professional services from public bidding; and

WHEREAS, this appointment has been made pursuant to the Fair and Open process of the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law ("Pay to Play Law"), N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq., and the Borough's financial officer has certified that the necessary funds are available.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford, New Jersey, as follows:

1. Bratti Greenan of 1040 Broad Street, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702 is hereby appointed as Labor Attorney to perform all necessary counseling and legal services, and any and all advice and assistance relating to such services with respect to any and all matters assigned by the Borough of East Rutherford.
2. It is hereby determined that such services involve such qualitative and professional services that specifications are not practical and public bidding is not appropriate, feasible or required.
3. Such appointment shall be subject to the preparation and execution by the Borough and Bratti Greenan of a professional services contract whose term shall begin on January 1, 2024 and end on December 31, 2024.
4. A notice of this action shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of East Rutherford according to law.

Councilmember	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Ravettine	X			
DeRosa	X			
Cronk	X			
Alvarez	X			
Lorusso	X			
Bulger	X			

RESOLUTION #14 - 2024

APPOINTMENT OF TAX APPEAL COUNSEL

WHEREAS, there exists in the Borough of East Rutherford a need for the services of a Tax Appeal Counsel to provide legal counsel and services in connection with tax appeals; and

WHEREAS, such services involve such qualified services and knowledge that specifications cannot reasonably be formulated, and public bidding is not feasible; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law exempts professional services from public bidding; and

WHEREAS, this appointment has been made pursuant to the Fair and Open process of the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law ("Pay to Play Law"), N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq., and the Borough's financial officer has certified that the necessary funds are available.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford, New Jersey, as follows:

1. Kenneth Porro, Esq. of Chasan Lamparello Mallon & Cappuzzo, 300 Lighting Way, Suite 200, Secaucus, NJ 07094 is hereby appointed to the position of Tax Appeal Counsel to perform all necessary counseling and legal services, and any and all advice and assistance relating to such services with respect to any and all matters assigned by the Borough of East Rutherford.
2. It is hereby determined that such services involve such qualitative and professional services that specifications are not practical and public bidding is not appropriate, feasible or required.
3. Such appointment shall be subject to the preparation and execution by the Borough and Kenneth Porro, Esq. of a professional services contract whose term shall begin on January 1, 2024 and end on December 31, 2024.
4. A notice of this action shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of East Rutherford according to law.

Councilmember	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Ravettine	X			
DeRosa	X			
Cronk	X			
Alvarez	X			
Lorusso	X			
Bulger	X			

RESOLUTION #15 - 2024

APPOINTMENT SPECIAL PROJECTS ENGINEER

WHEREAS, there exists in the Borough of East Rutherford a need for the services of a Special Projects Engineer to provide services in connection with various borough matters; and

WHEREAS, such services involve such qualified services and knowledge that specifications cannot reasonably be formulated, and public bidding is not feasible; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law exempts professional services from public bidding; and

WHEREAS, this appointment has been made pursuant to the Fair and Open process of the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law ("Pay to Play Law"), N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq., and the Borough's financial officer has certified that the necessary funds are available.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The firm of Alaimo Group, 2 Market Street, Paterson, NJ 07501 is hereby appointed Borough Special Projects Engineer to perform all necessary services, and any and all advice and assistance relating to such services with respect to any and all matters assigned by the Borough of East Rutherford.
2. It is hereby determined that such services involve such qualitative and professional services that specifications are not practical and public bidding is not appropriate, feasible or required.
3. Such appointment shall be subject to the preparation and execution by the Borough and Alaimo Group of a professional services contract whose term shall begin on January 1, 2024 and end on December 31, 2024.
4. A notice of this action shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of East Rutherford according to law.

Councilmember	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Ravettine	X			
DeRosa	X			
Cronk	X			
Alvarez	X			
Lorusso	X			
Bulger	X			

RESOLUTION #16 - 2024

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH PLANNER

WHEREAS, there exists in the Borough of East Rutherford a need for the services of a Borough Planner to provide services in connection with various borough matters; and

WHEREAS, such services involve such qualified services and knowledge that specifications cannot reasonably be formulated, and public bidding is not feasible; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law exempts professional services from public bidding; and

WHEREAS, this appointment has been made pursuant to the Fair and Open process of the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law ("Pay to Play Law"), N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq., and the Borough's financial officer has certified that the necessary funds are available.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The firm of Phillips Preiss Grygiel, LLC, 70 Hudson Street, Suite 5B, Hoboken, NJ 07030 is hereby appointed Borough Planner to perform all necessary services, and any and all advice and assistance relating to such services with respect to any and all matters assigned by the Borough of East Rutherford.
2. It is hereby determined that such services involve such qualitative and professional services that specifications are not practical and public bidding is not appropriate, feasible or required.
3. Such appointment shall be subject to the preparation and execution by the Borough and Phillips Preiss Grygiel, LLC of a professional services contract whose term shall begin on January 1, 2024 and end on December 31, 2024.
4. A notice of this action shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of East Rutherford according to law.

Councilmember	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Ravettine	X			
DeRosa	X			
Cronk	X			
Alvarez	X			
Lorusso	X			
Bulger	X			

RESOLUTION #17 - 2024

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH APPRAISER

WHEREAS, there exists in the Borough of East Rutherford a need for the services of a Borough Appraiser to provide services in connection with various borough matters; and

WHEREAS, such services involve such qualified services and knowledge that specifications cannot reasonably be formulated, and public bidding is not feasible; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law exempts professional services from public bidding; and

WHEREAS, this appointment has been made pursuant to the Fair and Open process of the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law ("Pay to Play Law"), N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq., and the Borough's financial officer has certified that the necessary funds are available.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford, New Jersey, as follows:

1. McNerney & Associates, Inc., 175 Rock Road, PO Box 67, Glen Rock, NJ 07452-0067 is hereby appointed Borough Appraiser to perform all necessary services, and any and all advice and assistance relating to such services with respect to any and all matters assigned by the Borough of East Rutherford.
2. It is hereby determined that such services involve such qualitative and professional services that specifications are not practical and public bidding is not appropriate, feasible or required.
3. Such appointment shall be subject to the preparation and execution by the Borough and McNerney & Associates, Inc. of a professional services contract whose term shall begin on January 1, 2024 and end on December 31, 2024.
4. A notice of this action shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of East Rutherford according to law.

Councilmember	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Ravettine	X			
DeRosa	X			
Cronk	X			
Alvarez	X			
Lorusso	X			
Bulger	X			

RESOLUTION #18 - 2024

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER

WHEREAS, there exists in the Borough of East Rutherford a need for the services of a Public Defender for whom it shall be the duty to represent indigent defendants in the Municipal Court when a defendant is charged with an offense, the conviction of which carries the possibility of a sentence or imprisonment; and

WHEREAS, such services involve such qualified services and knowledge that specifications cannot reasonably be formulated, and public bidding is not feasible; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law exempts professional services from public bidding; and

WHEREAS, this appointment has been made pursuant to the Fair and Open process of the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law ("Pay to Play Law"), N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq., and the Borough's financial officer has certified that the necessary funds are available.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The contract for the position of Municipal Public Defender is hereby awarded to John Bruno, Jr. Esq. of Bruno and Ferraro, 301 Route 17N, Rutherford, NJ 07070
2. It is hereby determined that such services involve such qualitative and professional services that specifications are not practical and public bidding is not appropriate, feasible or required.
3. Such appointment shall be subject to the preparation and execution by the Borough and John Bruno, Jr. Esq. of a professional services contract whose term shall begin on January 1, 2024 and end on December 31, 2024.
4. A notice of this action shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of East Rutherford according to law.

Councilmember	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Ravettine	X			
DeRosa	X			
Cronk	X			
Alvarez	X			
Lorusso	X			
Bulger	X			

RESOLUTION #19 - 2024

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH PROSECUTOR

WHEREAS, there exists in the Borough of East Rutherford a need for the services of a Borough Prosecutor to prosecute cases to be tried before the Borough Court alleging a violation of the criminal laws of the State of New Jersey, the Ordinances of the Borough, the Motor Vehicle Statutes of the State of New Jersey, and such other cases as may be designated by the Governing Body and appear before the Council upon its request to prosecute any matter which may be within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, such services involve such qualified services and knowledge that specifications cannot reasonably be formulated, and public bidding is not feasible; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law exempts professional services from public bidding; and

WHEREAS, this appointment has been made pursuant to the Fair and Open process of the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law ("Pay to Play Law"), N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq., and the Borough's financial officer has certified that the necessary funds are available.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The contract for the position of Borough Prosecutor is hereby awarded to Adam Boyle, Esq. of the firm Fronzuto Law Group, 200 Browertown Road, Woodland Park, NJ 07424.
2. It is hereby determined that such services involve such qualitative and professional services that specifications are not practical and public bidding is not appropriate, feasible or required.
3. Such appointment shall be subject to the preparation and execution by the Borough and Adam Boyle, Esq. of a professional services contract whose term shall begin on January 1, 2024 and end on December 31, 2024.
4. A notice of this action shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of East Rutherford according to law.

Councilmember	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Ravettine	X			
DeRosa	X			
Cronk	X			
Alvarez	X			
Lorusso	X			
Bulger	X			

RESOLUTION #20 - 2024

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

WHEREAS, there exists in the Borough of East Rutherford a need for the services of a Special Counsel to handle various matters as needed; and

WHEREAS, such services involve such qualified services and knowledge that specifications cannot reasonably be formulated, and public bidding is not feasible; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law exempts professional services from public bidding; and

WHEREAS, this appointment has been made pursuant to the Fair and Open process of the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law ("Pay to Play Law"), N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq., and the Borough's financial officer has certified that the necessary funds are available.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford, New Jersey, as follows:

1. Richard Allen, Esq. of Kipp & Allen LLC, 47 Orient Way, Lower Level, Rutherford, NJ 07070 is hereby appointed to the position of Special Council to perform all necessary counseling and legal services, and any and all advice and assistance relating to such services with respect to any and all matters assigned by the Borough of East Rutherford.
2. It is hereby determined that such services involve such qualitative and professional services that specifications are not practical and public bidding is not appropriate, feasible or required.
3. Such appointment shall be subject to the preparation and execution by the Borough and Richard Allen, Esq. of a professional services contract whose term shall begin on January 1, 2024 and end on December 31, 2024.
4. A notice of this action shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of East Rutherford according to law.

Councilmember	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Ravettine	X			
DeRosa	X			
Cronk	X			
Alvarez	X			
Lorusso	X			
Bulger	X			

RESOLUTION #21 - 2024

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

WHEREAS, there exists in the Borough of East Rutherford a need for the services of a Special Counsel to handle various matters as needed; and

WHEREAS, such services involve such qualified services and knowledge that specifications cannot reasonably be formulated, and public bidding is not feasible; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law exempts professional services from public bidding; and

WHEREAS, this appointment has been made pursuant to the Fair and Open process of the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law ("Pay to Play Law"), N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq., and the Borough's financial officer has certified that the necessary funds are available.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford, New Jersey, as follows:

1. James T. Novello, Esq, 37 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, NJ 07643 is hereby appointed to the position of Special Council to perform all necessary counseling and legal services, and any and all advice and assistance relating to such services with respect to any and all matters assigned by the Borough of East Rutherford.
2. It is hereby determined that such services involve such qualitative and professional services that specifications are not practical and public bidding is not appropriate, feasible or required.
3. Such appointment shall be subject to the preparation and execution by the Borough and James Novello, Esq. of a professional services contract whose term shall begin on January 1, 2024 and end on December 31, 2024.
4. A notice of this action shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of East Rutherford according to law.

Councilmember	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Ravettine	X			
DeRosa	X			
Cronk	X			
Alvarez	X			
Lorusso	X			
Bulger	X			

RESOLUTION #22 – 2024

APPOINTMENT OF PW & UC ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, there exists in the Borough of East Rutherford a need for the services of a PW&UC Attorney who shall give all legal counsel and advice required by the Governing Body on all matters of P.W. & U.C. business. It shall be the duty of the Attorney to take all legal actions requested by the Governing Body and to follow up immediately; and

WHEREAS, such services involve such qualified services and knowledge that specifications cannot reasonably be formulated, and public bidding is not feasible; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (NJSA 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “Professional Services” without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford, New Jersey, as follows:

1. Charles H. Sarlo, Esq., of Heights Plaza, 777 Terrace Avenue – 6th floor, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604 is hereby appointed for one (1) year as the PW&UC Attorney to perform all necessary counseling and legal services, and any and all advice and assistance relating to such services with respect to any and all matters assigned by the Borough.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law.
3. The Attorney shall be paid a sum of \$6,000.00 annually which shall include all work to be performed for the East Rutherford PW&UC, attendance at all meetings, all communications and correspondence, and any other normal activities required.
4. This contract is awarded as a non-fair and open process. The appointee has not made any contributions to any candidate, political party or other organization which would disqualify him from appointment under this process. The appointee shall sign such certifications and other documents as required by law to confirm this eligibility.
5. A notice of this action shall be published once in the official newspaper of the Borough of East Rutherford, according to law.

Councilmember	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Ravettine	X			
DeRosa	X			
Cronk	X			
Alvarez	X			
Lorusso	X			
Bulger	X			

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BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of East Rutherford in accordance with the requirements of NJS 40A:4-19 of Local Budget Law, the following temporary budget be adopted for the period between the beginning of the budget year and the adoption of the final budget:

2024 TEMPORARY BUDGET

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Administrative and Executive	
Salaries and Wages	76,900.00
Other Expenses	7,100.00
Other Expenses-Code Publishing	3,200.00
Mayor and Council	
Salaries and Wages	9,700.00
Other Expenses	4,900.00
Elections	
Other Expenses	3,700.00
Financial Administration	
Salaries and Wages	35,400.00
Other Expenses	
Annual Audit	13,800.00
Misc. Other Expenditures	26,900.00
Purchasing	
Salaries and Wages	700.00
Assessment of Taxes	
Salaries and Wages	17,600.00
Other Expenses	11,000.00
Ordinance Enforcement	
Salaries and Wages	8,800.00
Redevelopment Agency (Beautification)	
(R.S. 40:550-1) Other Expenses	2,600.00
Collection of Taxes	
Salaries and Wages	25,700.00
Other Expenses	2,500.00
Management Information Systems	
Other Expenses	20,200.00
Legal Services and Costs	
Other Expenses	192,900.00
Tax Appeals	
Professional Fees	20,900.00

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Engineering Services and Costs	
Other Expenses	40,700.00
Public Buildings and Grounds	
Other Expenses	70,900.00
Contracted Services	105,000.00
Municipal Land Use Law-Planning Board	
Salaries and Wages	3,000.00
Other Expenses	6,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	
Salaries and Wages	3,000.00
Other Expenses	6,000.00
Municipal Court	
Salaries and Wages	65,100.00
Other Expenses	16,500.00
Insurance	
Liability	115,500.00
Workmen's Compensation	114,700.00
Employee Group	566,300.00
Self-Insurance Eye Care	7,100.00
Health Benefit Waiver	5,300.00
Rent Control Board	
Salaries and Wages	400.00
Other Expenses	0.00
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>	
Fire	
Clothing Allowance	32,800.00
Other Expenses Operating/Gear Maint	28,100.00
Other Expenses Lease/Purchase Computer Equipment	10,500.00
Fire Alarm System	
Fire Prevention & Life Safety	
Salary and Wages	
Fire Official	20,700.00
Other Salaries-Inspectors	15,200.00
Other Expenses	5,400.00

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Police	
Salaries and Wages	1,623,500.00
Overtime	101,100.00
Sickpay	30,500.00
Other Expenses	55,900.00
Police Cars Leasing Expense	17,300.00
Special Police	
Salaries and Wages	61,200.00
Other Expenses	300.00
Traffic Lights	
Other Expenses	5,500.00
Traffic Control	
Salaries and Wages	128,600.00
Other Expenses	100.00
First Aid Organization	
Other Expenses	12,600.00
Emergency Management Services	
Salaries and Wages	2,500.00
Other Expenses	2,100.00
First Responder	
Salaries and Wages	18,100.00
Towing Director	
Salaries and Wages	2,700.00
<u>STREETS AND ROADS</u>	
Roads Repairs and Maintenance	
Salaries and Wages	333,600.00
Other Expenses	19,700.00
Recycling Costs	19,200.00
Leased Vehicles	49,900.00
<u>HEALTH AND WELFARE</u>	
Health Department	
Other Expenses	23,400.00

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RECREATION AND EDUCATION

Board of Recreation Comm. (R.S. 4061-1 et. seq.)

Salaries and Wages 29,900.00

Other Expenses 33,700.00

Celeb. of Public Events, Anniv. or Holiday

Other Expenses 6,000.00

Senior Citizens

Salaries and Wages 14,400.00

Other Expenses 3,700.00

SANITATION

Garbage and Trash Removal

Salaries and Wages 226,300.00

Dumping Fees

Sanitary Landfill-Contractual 126,900.00

STATE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE

Salaries and Wages

Construction Official 12,800.00

Sub Code Officials

Plumbing Inspector 800.00

Fire Inspector 5,300.00

Electrical Inspector 5,000.00

Other Salaries 24,500.00

Building Sub-Code Official 6,300.00

Other Expenses 4,700.00

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UNCLASSIFIED:

UTILITIES

Street Lighting	89,300.00
Gasoline	56,400.00
Electricity	70,900.00
Telephone & Telegraph	72,700.00
Water	13,100.00
Fire Hydrant Service	34,900.00
Purchase of Postage	10,500.00
Vehicle Maintenance	
Salaries and Wages	26,000.00
Other Expenses	72,200.00

TOTAL	5,176,800.000
Contingent	500.00
TOTAL OPERATIONS INCLUDING CONTINGENT	5,177,300.00

STATUTORY EXPENDITURES

Social Security (O.A.S.I.)	120,750.00
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TOTAL DEFERRED AND STATUTORY	120,750.00
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TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	5,298,050.02
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Maintenance of Free Public Library	229,200.00
Tax Appeal Reserve	52,500.00
Intrelocal Service Agreement Construction Official	44,000.00
Totals	395,108.41

Capital Improvement Fund	200,000.00
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TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	200,000.00
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MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE

Payment of Bond Principal	2,245,522.91
Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes & Capital Notes	237,624.00
Interest on Bonds	639,357.04
Interest on Notes	670,540.00
Green Acres Trust Loan Program:	
Loan Repayments for Principal & Interest	59,983.35

TOTAL MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE	<u>3,853,027.30</u>
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TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>9,746,185.73</u>
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2024 TEMPORARY SEWER UTILITY BUDGET

Operating:

Salaries & Wages	47,500.00
Other Expenses	575,800.00
Health Benefits	-

Debt Service:

Payment of Bond Principal	60,000.00
Interest on Bonds	41,000.00

Statutory Expenditures:

Social Security System(O.A.S.I.)	4,300.00
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Total Sewer Utility

728,600.00

	Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent	I hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of East Rutherford on the 1 st day of January, 2024
Ravettine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
DeRosa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lorusso	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Alvarez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cronk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bulger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mayor Lahullier - tie only	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Danielle Lorenc, RMC

Mayor Lahullier submitted the following board member appointments for approval:

PLANNING BOARD

Name	Class
Francis Joseph	2
Councilman Bulger	3
Robert Roth	4

Moved: Councilman Lorusso
Second: Councilman Alvarez
Roll Call: All present voted aye

BOARD OF HEALTH

Name
Ruth Polifronio
Chris Coughlin
Danielle Lorenc

Moved: Councilman Lorusso
Second: Councilman Alvarez
Roll Call: All present voted aye

LEPC

Paul DeRosa
Jeff Miller
Frank Recanati
Danielle Lorenc
Dennis Rivelli
Glenn Beckmeyer

Moved: Councilman Lorusso
Second: Councilman Alvarez
Roll Call: All present voted aye

FIRE INSPECTORS

Steven Lahullier
Kevin Barnas
John Robak
Steve Pell

Moved: Councilman Ravettine
Second: Councilman Lorusso
Roll Call: All present voted aye

Mayor Lahullier then made the following Committee appointments for 2024:

COUNCIL COMMITTEES 2024

	Councilman Bulger	Councilman Ravettine	Councilman DeRosa	Councilman Cronk	Councilman Alvarez	Councilman Lorusso
Chair	ER BOE	DPW	Military Banners	Fire/EMS	Police	Finance
	Recreation	Vehicle Maint.	Building Dept	LEPC	Court	Planning Class 1
	Planning Class 2	Recycling			IT	Civic Affairs
	Access for All	Bldg & Grounds			Becton BOE	Library
	Personnel	Open Space				
		PW&UC				
Co-Chair	Finance	Building Dept		ER BOE	Civic Affairs	Police
	LEPC			Becton BOE	DPW	Court
	Fire/EMS			Bldg & Grds	Vehicle Maint	Open Space
					Recreation	Recycling
					Personnel	IT

Moved: Councilman Lorusso
 Second: Councilman Alvarez
 Roll Call: All present voted aye

Mayor Lahullier read his 2024 New Years address:

Good morning and a very Happy and Healthy New Year to all,

Reflecting on my first four-year term as mayor, I can truly say my first year could not have been more challenging and chaotic.

I was sworn in on January 1st, 2020, and by March we were facing a worldwide Pandemic.

I can assure you that there was nothing in our policy manual about how to deal with this.

Virtual meeting formats became the norm.

A Pandemic that by months end would shutter schools and non-essential businesses.

For the safety of our borough employees, and the safety of their families, we worked staggered shifts.

Half of our employees would report for their normal shifts, while the other half would work from home.

Fast forward four years and my condolences to those who lost loved ones and my thanks to those who helped us navigate through those tough and challenging times.

I would like to congratulate Councilman Ravettine and Councilman DeRosa on their re-election victory this past November.

I can truly say that in my twenty years of service to the borough that we now have the best administrative staff and department heads ever!

We implemented some long overdue salary adjustments for our administrative staff.

My condolences to the families of employees who have recently passed, Eileen Sorbera, Hank Heber, and Mike Rizzo.

Eileen worked as our payroll administrator and is the wife of Philip, a past councilman and a member of our Zoning Board.

Hank Heber retired from our accounts payable, and Michael Rizzo retired from our PD as a Lieutenant.

Jimmy Smith, Joe Simone, Richie Nadler retired from our DPW while Bill Hopkins and Bill Lorenc retired from our Police Department.

Best of luck to you all and thank you for all your years of dedication and service to the borough.

Some of the highlights and accomplishments that took place in 2023:

1. County ribbon cutting for the Carlton Hill Greenway which will grant our residents access to a walking path and a bikeway.
2. A three-million-dollar grant from NJ Department of Community Affairs for three properties located on Morton Street for the development of parks and athletic fields. These funds would not have been made available without the help of Senator Paul Sarlo and we thank him.
3. Ongoing litigation with American Dream has produced a one-million-dollar payment from them with more to follow.
4. We addressed ongoing parking issues for our residents and will continue to do so in the first quarter of this year.
5. A new transportation bus with wheelchair accessibility was purchased with Community Development Block Grant funds.
6. No overnight commercial parking was also implemented.
7. Our budget saw another decrease in our municipal tax rate while generating a healthy surplus.
8. Barry Blauvelt was hired as our new Recreation Director and is doing a great job.
9. Kevin Barnas was just recently hired as our (part-time) Fire Official rather than full-time, at a significant savings to the borough.

10. Angel Rivera was hired as daytime EMT and a Property Maintenance enforcer. He will provide medical transport assistance while addressing property maintenance issues.
11. Our court revenues are finally on a steady incline three years after the Pandemic and I commend Maggie Stuiso and her staff.
12. After four years I believe we are finally getting close to obtaining our "Judgment of Repose" from the courts.
This judgment will return Zoning approvals back to our municipal Land Use Boards and remove oversight from Fair Share Housing appointed special monitor Robert Regan.
13. We replaced two of our fire apparatus last year and will be replacing the other two this year. We also implemented a Performance Incentive Program last year to reward our volunteer fire fighters. Our Fire Department is the best in Bergen County!
14. Our WERC Warriors played a game at MetLife Field and had the thrill of a lifetime!
15. I am extremely proud of the purchase of the 200-year-old Richard Outwater House at minimal cost to our taxpayers.
16. Civic Pride continues to do an exceptional job hosting our annual Fall Festival, Easter, Christmas, and Halloween events.

I would like to thank Danielle Lorenc and her entire staff, Police Chief Rivelli, Frank Recanati at our Building Department, DPW superintendent Paul DeRosa and our CFO Anthony Bianchi for all your efforts throughout the year.

Thank you to our Borough Attorney Gerald Salerno and Borough Engineer Glenn Beckmeyer for their invaluable guidance and direction.

Thank you to past Council President Ravettine. Councilman Cronk, Councilman LoRusso, Councilman Alvarez, Councilman Bulger, and Councilman DeRosa. I truly believe that a mayor is only as effective and productive as those who serve alongside him.

You are all independent thinkers and problem solvers; God willing I look forward to working with you all over the next four years.

Looking forward to the new year we will continue our litigation with American Dream to make sure we receive the revenue stream that we were promised.

We are close in getting our revised Master Plan approved. I'd like to thank all who served on that committee and appreciate your hard work.

Investigate possible tax revenues from the newly established cannabis related business.

Develop recently acquired properties into additional athletic fields and park lands.

Renovate the Outwater House to provide a home for our historical artifacts that are so precious important to the lineage of our borough.

Have a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Thank you and God bless!

Mayor Jeffrey J Lahullier

Mayor Lahullier asked for a motion to adjourn the Reorganization meeting at 12:35PM:

Moved: Councilman Lorusso

Second: Councilman Alvarez

Roll Call: All present voted aye



Danielle Lorenc, RMC