

**MINUTES
ORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 1, 2001
12 NOON**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor McKenna and Council Members Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson and Polonsky.

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator Sickels, Borough Clerk Vivona, and Attorney O'Connor.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

**SWEARING IN OF – COUNCILWOMAN THOMPSON
COUNCILMAN MENNA**

Retired Supreme Court Justice O'Hern issued the oath of office to Councilwoman Thompson and Councilman Menna.

INVOCATION – Father Francis Berna

SWEARING IN OF FIRE OFFICIALS:

Chief:	Thomas Doremus
First Deputy Chief:	George Lauterwasser
Second Deputy Chief:	Frank E. Woods

Justice O'Hern issued the oath of office to all of the Fire Chiefs.

RESOLUTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS FOR 2001

01-1 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION ELECTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 2001”.

Mr. Hintelmann offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Thompson.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Thompson, Polonsky.

Nays: None

Abstain: Bifani

There being five ayes, no nays and one abstention, the resolution was declared approved.

01-2 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ENGINEER”.

Mr. Menna offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Polonsky.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

Nays: None

There being six ayes, and no nays the resolution was declared approved.

01-3 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH AUDITOR”.

Mr. Bifani offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Thompson.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

Nays: None

There being six ayes, and no nays the resolution was declared approved.

01-4 Mayor McKenna read a “A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY”.

Mrs. Thompson offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Polonsky.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

Nays: None

There being six ayes, and no nays the resolution was declared approved.

01-5 Mayor McKenna read a “A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS FOR 2001”.

Mr. Polonsky offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Menna.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

Nays: None

There being six ayes, and no nays the resolution was declared approved.

01-6 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING TIME AND PLACE OF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS”.

Mr. Hintelmann offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Bifani.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

Nays: None

There being six ayes, and no nays the resolution was declared approved.

01-7 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING NEWSPAPERS TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF MEETINGS”.

Mr. Bifani offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Thompson.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

Nays: None

There being six ayes, and no nays the resolution was declared approved.

01-8 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2001 TEMPORARY BUDGET”.

Mrs. Thompson offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Polonsky.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

Nays: None

There being six ayes, and no nays the resolution was declared approved.

REMARKS OF MAYOR MCKENNA

Mayor McKenna thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished them a Happy New Year. He said the borough has been blessed and very productive in the last year. He said there have been improvements to Count Basie Field including lights on the field, an expanded summer program and new recreation programs, a new pocket-part on the corner of Shrewsbury Avenue and West Bergen Place and a new fire truck. He said we had many successful special events this year without any problems. He also commend the state for the wonderful job they did on the Route 35 bridge and said we got a better design because we spoke up and said it was worth the wait because it is a better designed bridge. He commended Councilman Illmensee, Councilman Polonsky and Councilwoman Thompson for all of the work they did over the years designing Riverside Gardens Park, he said it is an award-winning park. He said we hope to start a shuttle bus program and are going to be receiving buses from New Jersey Transit. He also commended John Gurzo on implementing the very successful NPP program. Mayor McKenna thanked all of the department heads, borough professional, members of the volunteer fire and first aid department, members of the police department and all of the members of the community who volunteer their time serving on various boards. He said 2001 looks like a very promising year and we are looking forward to a lot of smart development. He said he is very proud to be part of this magnificent community.

ADJOURMENT

Mr. Menna offered a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Bifani.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Polonsky

Nays: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Vivona

