

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF DEMAREST**

**AGENDA – ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 1, 2024
2:00 PM**

The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, have been satisfied by the publication of the date, time and place of this annual Reorganization meeting in in the Record and Star Ledger on December 12, 2023, notice posted at Borough Hall, on the Borough website was filed in the office of the Borough Clerk.

Roll Call:

Present:

Absent:

Also Present:

Pledge of Allegiance

COUNCILMAN JONATHAN REISS SWORN IN

Mayor Bernstein advises that according to the official results of the 2023 election as published by the County Board of Elections that **Councilman Jonathan Reiss** has been duly elected, said term expiring 12/31/2026

Honorable Bergen County Commissioner Tracy Silna Zur administers the Oath of Office and Councilman Reiss takes his seat on the dais.

COUNCILMAN ADAM COLLINS SWORN IN

Mayor Bernstein advises that according to the official results of the 2023 election as published by the County Board of Elections that **Councilman Adam Collins** has been duly elected, said term expiring 12/31/2026.

Honorable Bergen County Commissioner Steven A. Tanelli administers the Oath of Office and Councilman Collins takes his seat on the dais.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk calls the roll as follows:

Mayor Bernstein, Councilmember Collins, Councilmember Fox, Councilmember Jiang, Councilmember Marks, Councilmember Reiss, Councilmember Slowikowski

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor Bernstein asks for nominations for **President of the Council** for the year 2024.
Councilmember _____ nominates Councilmember _____.

Seconded by Councilmember _____ to confirm.
Mayor Bernstein asks if there are any further nominations.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ that nominations be closed.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Bernstein declares **Councilmember _____**, **Council President** for the year 2024.

SEATING ON DAIS: 2024 (from Mayor's left to right)
Marks, Fox, Collins, MAYOR, Slowikowski, Jiang, Reiss

SWEARING IN DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF

Mayor Bernstein administers the Oath of Office to Frank Visaggio as Deputy Police Chief effective January 1, 2024

SWEARING IN 2024 FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Mayor Bernstein administers the Oath of Office to the 2024 Officers for the Demarest Fire Department:

- Chief John McLoughlin
- Assistant Chief Carl Pavlik
- Captain John Young
- Lieutenant Matthew Carey
- Lieutenant Matthew Mayer

MAYOR'S CITATIONS

Mayor Bernstein advises that he would like to acknowledge and commend the following individuals for service above and beyond the call of duty in 2023:

For service on 2 CPR/NARCAN calls within 24 hours on October 24 & 25, 2023

First Call

EMS

Julie Fortunato
Jeff Geisenheimer
Roberta Hoag

Police

Lt. Michael Bartelucci
PO Connor Owens

Second Call

EMS

Andy Woods
Jeff Geisenheimer
Roberta Hoag

Police

Deputy Chief Frank Visaggio
PO Michael Krynicky

For Water Rescue Led by Demarest Fire Department on September 23, 2023

Fire Chief John McLoughlin
Assistant Fire Chief Carl Pavlik
Captain John Young
Lieutenant Matthew Carey
Firefighter Michael Morrison
Firefighter Kyle Pavlik

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

ROLL CALL:

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| Fire Official | Alan Silverman | expires 12/31/25 |
| Municipal Housing Liaison | Julie Falkenstern | expires 12/31/24 |
| Shade Tree Advisory Member | Owen Fox | expires 12/31/24 |
| JIF Safety Committee Coordinator | Julie Falkenstern | expires 12/31/24 |
| ADA Coordinator | Daniel Marks | expires 12/31/24 |

Police Surgeons Gregory Sathananthan, Zahid Farooki,
Jay Kashkin, Stephen Silver expires 12/31/24

Special Police Officers Louis Buonomo, Kyoung Lee,
Matthew Mayer expires 12/31/24

Deputy OEM Coordinator Michael Krynicky expires 12/31/24

Mayor Bernstein asks for a motion to confirm his appointments of the **Borough Officials** above for the year 2024

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS WITH THE ADVICE & CONSENT OF COUNCIL

ZONING BOARD ADJUSTMENT

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| Timothy Woods | 12/31/2027 |
| Robert Corrado | 12/31/2027 |
| Diana Pavlova Alternate #2 | 12/31/2025 |

Mayor Bernstein asks for a motion to accept the said Appointees to the Zoning Board

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS (No Council Confirmation needed)

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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|----------------|------------|
| Dorothy Hayden | 12/31/2028 |
| Elaine Kass | 12/31/2028 |
| Lynn Ma | 12/31/2028 |
| Sandhya Nakani | 12/31/2028 |

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

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| Linda Cetta | 12/31/2028 |
| Ronnie Friedman | 12/31/2028 |

RECREATION COMMISSION

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| Brandis Buzkin | 12/31/2028 |
| Vanessa McAndrews | 12/31/2028 |
| Stacie Findanis | 12/31/2028 |

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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| Jin Kupperman | Alternate #1 | 12/31/2025 |
| David Lerner | Alternate #2 | 12/31/2024 |

PLANNING BOARD

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| Lynn Paulison | Class IV Member | 12/31/2027 |
| Mary Lynn Hamilton | Alternate #1 | 12/31/2025 |

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

Councilmember _____ nominates Councilmember _____

Mayor Bernstein asks if there are any further nominations.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to close the nominations.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Bernstein declares **Councilmember** _____, **Class III** member of the **Planning Board** for the year 2024.

RESOLUTION 001-24
Appointing Acting Borough Clerk

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____

Roll Call:

RESOLUTION 002-24
Resolution Adopting Updated By-laws

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____

Roll Call:

2024 STANDING COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS:

Mayor Bernstein announces the Standing Committees and Liaisons for 2024:

STANDING COMMITTEES – 2024

Police and OEM

Chair Councilmember Reiss
Members Councilmembers Slowikowski and Marks

Fire and EMS

Chair Councilmember Collins
Members Councilmembers Fox and Marks

DPW and Recreation

Chair Councilmember Marks
Members Councilmembers Reiss and Collins

Finance and Personnel

Chair Councilmember Slowikowski
Members Councilmembers Fox and Collins

Economic Development

Chair Councilmember Jiang
Members Councilmembers Slowikowski and Marks

Ordinances

Chair Councilmember Fox
Members Councilmembers Reiss and Jiang

2024 LIAISON APPOINTMENTS

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| Board of Education | David Jiang |
| Board of Health | Jonathan Reiss |
| Environmental Commission | Andrea Slowikowski |
| Nature Center | David Jiang |
| Shade Tree Commission | Adam Collins |
| Land Use Liaison | Daryl Fox |
| Library Board | Dan Marks |
| Demarest Athletic Association (DAA) | Dan Marks |
| Construction / Code Enforcement | Andrea Slowikowski |

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Bernstein asks if any Councilmember would like to have any resolution removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

Speaker:

Mayor Bernstein asks if any Council member would like to abstain from voting on any resolution on the Consent Agenda.

Speaker:

Mayor Bernstein asks for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda (with the abstentions so noted). A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm.

Roll Call:

RESOLUTIONS:

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| Resolution No. 003-24 | Designation of Official Newspapers |
| Resolution No. 004-24 | Designation of Legal Depositories |
| Resolution No. 005-24 | Establishment of Interest Rates on Delinquent Taxes & Assessments |
| Resolution No. 006-24 | 2024 Cash Management Plan for the Borough |
| Resolution No. 007-24 | Petty Cash Policy |
| Resolution No. 008-24 | Designating Official Tax Search Officer 2024 |
| Resolution No. 009-24 | Appointing Fund Commissioners |

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| Resolution No. 010-24 | Appointing Assessment Search Officer |
| Resolution No. 011-24 | Appointing Public Compliance Officer |
| Resolution No. 012-24 | Authorizing LESO 1033 Program |
| Resolution No. 013-24 | Authorizing Valley Health CDL Drug and Alcohol Testing Program |
| Resolution No. 014-24 | Temporary Budget Appropriations |
| Resolution No. 015-24 | Approving Tax Receiving Agency |
| Resolution No. 016-24 | Appointing Borough Engineer |
| Resolution No. 017-24 | Appointing Borough Attorney |
| Resolution No. 018-24 | Appointing Special Projects Engineer |
| Resolution No. 019-24 | Appointing Risk Manager |
| Resolution No. 020-24 | Appointing Auditor |
| Resolution No. 021-24 | Appointing Financial Advisor |
| Resolution No. 022-24 | Appointing Bond Counsel |
| Resolution No. 023-24 | Appointing Tax Appeal Attorney |
| Resolution No. 024-24 | Appointing Labor Counsel |
| Resolution No. 025-24 | Appointing Grant Consultant |
| Resolution No. 026-24 | Appointing Conflict Counsel |
| Resolution No. 027-24 | Appointing Borough Planner |
| Resolution No. 028-24 | Appointing Affordable Housing Planner |
| Resolution No. 029-24 | Appointing Affordable Housing Counsel |
| Resolution No. 030-24 | Shared Service with BC for EAP |
| Resolution No. 031-24 | Shared Service with BC for Bloodborne Pathogens |
| Resolution No. 032-24 | Adopting Annual Schedule of Meetings 2024 |
| Resolution No. 033-24 | Appointing Part Time Finance Assistant |

Open to the Public

Speaker(s):

Mayor's Address

There being no further business, Mayor Bernstein asks for a motion to adjourn the Reorganizational meeting.

A motion is made by _____ and seconded by _____ to confirm