



**MINUTES
BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2012
7:00 PM**

Mayor Subrizi called the meeting to order, asked for a moment of silent prayer and/or reflection, and led the salute to the flag. Mayor Subrizi pointed out the fire exits in the Council Chambers.

Mayor Subrizi read the Open Public Meeting and Mission Statements. Mayor Subrizi welcomed the audience for the New Year.

Roll Call of 2011 Council

Council President Howard Berner	Present
Councilwoman Randi Duffie	Present
Councilman Diego Robalino	Present
Councilman Austin Ashley	Present
Councilwoman Celeste Scavetta	Present
Councilman Dominic Colucci	Present
Mayor Ann Subrizi	Present

Also present: Mark Madaio, Borough Attorney; Christine Demiris, Administrator/Clerk

OLD BUSINESS:

Unfinished business for the year 2011.

- 2011:271 Approve budget transfers for Municipal Budget 2011
- 2011:272 Authorize Cancellation of General Capital Fund – Improvement Authorizations
- 2011:273 Authorize Cancellation of Accounts Receivable – General Capital Fund
- 2011:274 Authorize Cancellation of Accounts Receivable – Current Fund

Council President Berner made a motion to approve resolution #2011:271 through 2011:274. Councilwoman Duffie seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed.

A motion is made by Councilwoman Scavetta, seconded by Councilman Robalino to close the meeting. All present in favor, none opposed. SINE DIE.

Mayor Subrizi presented Councilwoman Scavetta with a certificate to thank her for her service as a Councilwoman to the Borough.

Mayor Subrizi presented Councilman Rebsch with a certificate to thank him for his service as a Councilman to the Borough.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Borough Clerk announced the receipt of the Certificates of Election for Councilwoman Hedy Grant and Councilwoman Randi Duffie.

Assemblywoman Connie Wagner made some opening remarks prior to administering the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Grant. Councilwoman Grant was sworn in by Assemblywoman Wagner. Councilwoman Duffie was sworn in by Assemblywoman Wagner.

Mayor Subrizi convened the new 2012 Council and Roll Call was conducted.

Councilwoman Randi Duffie	Present
Councilman Austin Ashley	Present
Councilman Diego Robalino	Present
Councilman Dominic Colucci	Present
Councilwoman Hedy Grant	Present
Councilman Howard Berner	Present
Mayor Ann Subrizi	Present

Mayor Subrizi asked for a motion to nominate the Council President. Councilwoman Grant made a motion to nominate Councilwoman Duffie for Council President. Councilman Ashley seconded the motion. The motion failed on a roll call vote as follows:
For the motion: Duffie, Ashley, Grant
Against the motion: Robalino, Colucci, Berner, Subrizi

Councilman Colucci made a motion to nominate Councilman Berner for Council President. Councilman Robalino seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:
For the motion: Robalino, Colucci, Berner, Subrizi
Against the motion: Duffie, Ashley, Grant

Mayor Subrizi reads the list of Council Committee Assignments.

Councilwoman Randi Duffie	Health & Human Services, Rent Leveling/Tenants Association, Historic Preservation Commission
Councilman Austin Ashley	Garbage & Recycling, Public Events, Recreation, Shade Tree
Councilman Diego Robalino	Board of Education, Drug & Alcohol Municipal Alliance
Councilman Dominic Colucci	Fire Department, Department of Public Works, Buildings & Grounds, Joint Insurance Fund
Councilwoman Hedy Grant	Environmental & Energy Commission, Library Board of Trustees, Ambulance Corps.

Council President Howard Berner Planning Board, Chamber of Commerce, Historic New Bridge Landing

Mayor Ann Subrizi Police/Police Aux., Senior Citizens Advisory, Community Development, Bergen County Open Space

Mayor Subrizi reported the Fire Department held their reorganization on January 1st and the new officers were sworn in as follows:

Chief James Tufaro, Assistant Chief Anthony Castella, Deputy Fire Chief Jeremiah Nolan, Capt. Co. #1 David Stormer, Capt. Co. #2 Jay McNulty III, Lieutenant Co. #1 Ross Rhein, Lieutenant Co. #2 Jose Tapia.

Councilman Colucci presented a plaque to outgoing Fire Chief Ralph Leonardi.

Mayor Subrizi announced "All standing committees and special committees are dissolved and all individual appointments are terminated and relieved of their offices and duties, and indeterminate appointments dissolved."

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>
BOROUGH ATTORNEY	1 Yr.	Mark D. Madaio, Esq.
TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY	1 Yr.	Mark D. Madaio, Esq.
RENT LEVELING ATTORNEY	1 Yr.	Lisa Aljian, Esq.
PROSECUTOR	1 Yr.	Michael Kingman, Esq.

Councilman Robalino made a motion to accept the appointments of Borough Attorney through Prosecutor. Council President Berner seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed.

LABOR ATTORNEY 1 Yr.

The Mayor stated her recommendation to reappoint Doug Doyle of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick and Cole. She stated her belief that it would be counterproductive to change in the middle of collective bargaining negotiations.

Councilman Colucci made a motion to appoint Douglas Doyle of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick and Cole as Labor Attorney. Council President Berner seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Duffie said she would recommend Mark Ruderman of Ruderman and Glickman. She referenced his previous negotiation experience on behalf of the Borough and additionally referenced reported billing issues in other towns with DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick and Cole.

The Mayor said Mr. Doyle has been involved with many issues on behalf of the Borough since the beginning of the year and she is aware of the billing issues and is keeping close track. She also noted that when two attorneys attend on behalf of DeCotiis they are only billing the Borough for one.

The motion to appoint Douglas Doyle of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick and Cole passed on a roll call vote as follows:

For the motion: Robalino, Colucci, Berner, Subrizi

Against the motion: Duffie, Ashley, Grant

BOROUGH AUDITOR 1 Yr.

Councilman Ashley made a motion to appoint Steven Wielkotch of Ferraioli, Wielkotch, Cerullo, and Cuva. Councilwoman Duffie seconded the motion.

Councilman Colucci asked to discuss keeping the Auditor from 2011. He noted Mr. Higgins helped tremendously with the budget and noted the recent interlocal agreement for the services of the CFO and his expectation that they will work well together.

The motion to appoint Steven Wielkotch of Ferraioli, Wielkotch, Cerullo, and Cuva failed on a roll call vote as follows:

For the motion: Duffie, Ashley, Grant

Against the motion: Robalino, Colucci, Berner, Subrizi

Councilman Colucci made a motion to appoint Gary Higgins of Lerch, Vinci, and Higgins. Council President Berner seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

For the motion: Robalino, Colucci, Berner, Subrizi

Against the motion: Duffie, Ashley, Grant

BOROUGH PLANNER 1 Yr. Burgis Associates, Inc.

Council President Berner made a motion to appoint Burgis Associates, Inc. Councilman Colucci seconded the motion.

Councilman Ashley asked why there is a motion to move away from the previous planner, Kirwan Associates. The Mayor stated that Kirwan is a small firm with just one planner, she noted the other respondent to the RFQ, Kauker & Kauker is just a two person firm. She acknowledged the fees from Burgis were slightly higher but stated her confidence in being able to negotiate a comparable fee. She said she feels there is a need for a larger firm this year, especially in light of the development application recently submitted.

Councilwoman Duffie stated she could not disagree more. She said Burgis is unfamiliar with New Milford, they are more expensive, and they are not responsive. She said Kauker & Kauker has experience in New Milford and is less expensive.

Mayor Subrizi said she disagrees with Councilwoman Duffie; when Kauker was the planner they overcharged for COAH work she believed to be below par. Her preference is not to work with Kauker again.

The motion to appoint Burgis Associates, Inc. passed on a roll call vote as follows:

For the motion: Robalino, Colucci, Berner, Subrizi

Against the motion: Duffie, Ashley, Grant

Councilwoman Duffie asked who would negotiate the fee. The Mayor said she would. Councilwoman Duffie asked if the Mayor would have an answer by the January 9th meeting. The Mayor responded she would.

PUBLIC DEFENDER	1 Yr.	Mark Winkler, Esq.
BOND COUNSEL	1 Yr.	Steve Rogut, Esq.
GRANTS CONSULTANT	1 Yr.	Capital Alternatives
RISK MANAGER	1 Yr.	Nelson Patterson, Art Caughlan
HEALTH OFFICER	1 Yr.	Sam Yanovich, Mid Bergen
FIRE AND POLICE PHYSICIAN	1 Yr.	Dr. Griggs
BERGEN COUNTY JIF & MEL	1 Yr.	Councilman Dominic Colucci
BLOOD BANK	1 Yr.	Lorraine Palma, RN
BOROUGH PHOTOGRAPHER	1 Yr.	Brett Dzadik
CLEAN COMMUNITIES COORDINATOR	1 Yr.	Mary Ann Perrone
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESPONSE TEAM	1 Yr.	Confidential – Contact NMPD Domestic Violence Liaison Officer Det. Brian Long

Council President Berner made a motion to approve the appointments of Public Defender through the Domestic Violence Response Team. Councilman Colucci seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed.

**DRUG AND ALCOHOL MUN.
ALLIANCE COMMITTEE - 1 Year**

12/31/12	Joseph Binetti
12/31/12	Denise Erba
12/31/12	Joe Erba
12/31/12	Hannah Hashash
12/31/12	Michelle Hayden
12/31/12	Margaret Hliboki
12/31/12	Gul Kahn
12/31/12	Dalila Kharmandarian
12/31/12	Mary McElroy
12/31/12	Kevin McMahan, Chairman
12/31/12	Dona McNaughton
12/31/12	Michelle Roth
12/31/12	Cheryl Tormo
12/31/12	John Walsh
	P.O. Keith Wester

ENVIRONMENTAL & ENERGY COMMISSION – 3 Years

	12/31/14	Celeste Scavetta
	12/31/14	Tammy Kaminski
Alt. 1 – 2 Yr.	12/31/13	Ralph Mastrangelo
Alt. 2 – 1 Yr.	12/31/12	Steve Perrone

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING - 1 Year

12/31/12	Robert Chester
12/31/12	Norman Krause
12/31/12	Ralph Mastrangelo
12/31/12	George Senftinger
12/31/12	Mary Ann Perrone

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISISON - (9 members)

1 Class A, 3 Class B, 5 Class C - all 4 year terms

2 Class C Alt. - 2 year term

Class C	12/31/15	Viola Carter
Class C	12/31/15	Diane Byrne
Alt. 1C	12/31/13	Alex Tsakalis-Rey

JUVENILE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE **Provided by Bergen County Court**

LIBRARY BOARD – 5 Years **No Appointments**

The Mayor said she had spoken with the Library Director and would like to explore the possibility of bringing the Library Board back down to seven members from nine. Until this can be explored the board would open the year with two vacancies.

Council President Berner made a motion to approve the appointments of the Drug and Alcohol Municipal Alliance Committee through the Library Board. Councilman Colucci seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS	12/31/12	Record
	12/31/12	Ridgewood News

Councilman Robalino made a motion to approve the official newspapers. Council President Berner seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed.

PLANNING BOARD

Class III – 1 Yr.	12/31/12	Councilman Howard Berner
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Councilman Colucci made a motion to nominate Council President Howard Berner to the Class III Planning Board appointment. Councilman Robalino seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

For the motion: Ashley, Robalino, Colucci, Berner
 Against the motion: Duffie, Grant

PLANNING BOARD

	Class I – 1 Yr.	12/31/12	Mayor Ann Subrizi
	Class II – 1 Yr.	12/31/12	Celeste Scavetta
(Unexp.)	Class IV – 4 Yr.	12/31/13	Joanne Prisendorf
	Alt. #1 – 2 Years	12/31/13	Stan Newman
(Unexp.)	Alt. #2 – 2 Years	12/31/12	John DaCosta, Jr.

PUBLIC EVENTS (1 Year)	12/31/12	Terry Limaxes
	12/31/12	Darlene Minko
	12/31/12	Laure Schroeder
	12/31/12	Bill Walsh

RECREATION COMM. (5 Years)	12/31/16	Joe Albanese
(Unexp.)	12/31/13	Kevin Youngs

RENT LEVELING (1 Year)	12/31/12	Anthony Lauro (L)
	12/31/12	John DeSantis (T)
	12/31/12	Ira Grotsky (H)
	12/31/12	Maura Kelly (T)
	12/31/12	Doreen Ecorleno (L)
Alt.	12/31/12	Laure Schroeder (T)
Alt.	12/31/12	Tina DeLucia (H)
Alt.	12/31/12	George DePalma (L)

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS 12/31/12 (list provided by Police Department)

Councilman Robalino made a motion to approve the balance of the Planning Board appointments through the School Crossing Guards. Councilman Colucci seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed.

Councilwoman Duffie commented that she was distressed by the removal of some of the experienced Planning Board members and noted the time and money invested in training them. The Mayor said she thought it would be best to balance some of the current members with new members.

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

RESIDENT MEMBERS	12/31/13	Art Simone
(2 Years)	12/31/13	Ellen Kozlowsky
	12/31/13	Eileen Leonard

SENIOR CLUB

REPRESENTATIVES	12/31/12	Jane Emanuel -St. Joseph's Leisure Club
(1 Year)	12/31/12	Rev. Anthony Iovine-St. Matthew's Church Group
	12/31/12	Peggy Saslow-NMJC Senior Group
	12/31/12	Joan Kane-Ascension Church Group
	12/31/12	Frank Moriarty-NM Baptist Senior's Group
	12/31/12	Gus Bachmann-Gloria Dei Church Senior Group
	12/31/12	Betty Martin - Presbyterian Senior Group

SHADE TREE COMMISSION (5 Years)

	12/31/16	Alex Tsakalis-Rey
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Council President Berner made a motion to approve the appointments to the Senior Citizen Advisory Board through the Shade Tree Commission. Councilman Robalino seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

	12/31/15	Ronald Stokes
	12/31/15	Joseph Loonam
Alt. 2	12/31/13	Peter Rebsch

Councilwoman Duffie said she was appalled that someone with so much experience was not reappointed especially in light of the huge application coming before the Board.

Councilman Colucci made a motion to approve the appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Council President Berner seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

For the motion: Robalino, Colucci, Berner, Subrizi
Against the motion: Duffie, Ashley, Grant

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councilman Ashley made a motion to open the meeting for public comment.
Councilman Colucci seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed.

Ms. Jennifer Galina, 1106 Johnson Court, came forward to address the Council. Ms. Galina referenced recent robberies in the area and asked what was being done. The Mayor stated she has been in close contact with the Police Chief and patrols have been increased. She said Ms. Galina should rest assured the NMPD is doing everything they can to bring this to a swift conclusion and suggested Ms. Galina could address specific questions to the Chief.

Councilman Colucci made a motion to close the meeting to the public. Council President Berner seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 2012:01 Approve Temporary Budget
- 2012:02 Appoint Borough Attorney – Mark D. Madaio, Esq.
- 2012:03 Appoint Bond Counsel – Steve Rogut, Esq.
- 2012:04 Appoint Grants Consultant – Capital Alternatives: Marlene Casey
- 2012:05 Appoint Tax Appeal Attorney – Mark D. Madaio, Esq.
- 2012:06 Appoint Rent Leveling Attorney – Lisa R. Aljian, Esq.
- 2012:07 Appoint Risk Manager – Arthur Caughlan, Nelson Patterson Agency
- 2012:08 Appoint Special Commercial Tax Appraiser – Robert McNerney, MAI, SRA, McNerney & Associates
- 2012:09 Appoint Appraiser Residential and Added/Omitted Assessments – Appraisal Systems
- 2012:10 Appoint Borough Prosecutor – Michael Kingman, Esq.
- 2012:11 Appoint Alternate Prosecutor – Scott Mooney, Esq.
- 2012:12 Appoint Public Defender – Mark Winkler, Esq.
- 2012:13 Appoint Labor Attorney – Douglas F. Doyle, Esq.
- 2012:14 Appoint Borough Auditor – Gary W. Higgins, RMA
- 2012:15 Appoint Borough Planner – Burgis Associates, Inc.
- 2012:16 Appoint Health Officer - Sam Yanovich, Health Officer - Mid Bergen
- 2012:17 Designate Public Agency Compliance Officer – Christine Demiris
- 2012:18 Appoint Fire Marshall – Alan Silverman
- 2012:19 Appoint Health Department Child Health Conference Doctor – Terri Smith
- 2012:20 Adopt By-Laws and Code of Ethics
- 2012:21 Fix rate of interest charged for non-payment of taxes
- 2012:22 Approve designated banks as official depositories of Municipal Funds and approve signatories
- 2012:23 Approve signatories for Medical, Prescription & Vision Reimbursement Account
- 2012:24 Authorize Fire Department to establish membership in various mutual aid groups
- 2012:25 Approve Inter-boro Mutual Aid Group with various municipalities
- 2012:26 Approve Tri-Borough Cover-up and Assistance Program with River Edge and Oradell

- 2012:27 Approve Mutual Aid Agreement with Bergen County Hazardous Materials Response Association (BCHMRA)
- 2012:28 Authorize participation in the Volunteer Tuition Assistance Program
- 2012:29 Adopt Official Notice of Claim Form
- 2012:30 Approve additional handicap parking spaces for 2012
- 2012:31 Authorize Mayor to sign Agreements with Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority for TV Inspection and Sanitary Sewer Cleaning
- 2012:32 Authorize Participation in Registered Cooperative Pricing System #11-BeCCP
- 2012:33 Authorize Purchase through State of New Jersey Division of Purchase and Property
- 2012:34 Approve renewal with Choice Strategies as Third Party Administrator for Health Reimbursement Arrangement
- 2012:35 Affirm Hiring of P/T Sr. Center Program Staff – Joan Russo

VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS

The Council agreed to vote on resolutions 2012:13, 2012:14 and 2012:15 separately. The Council agreed the remaining resolutions would be voted upon as a consent agenda.

Council President Berner made a motion to approve resolutions 2012:01 through 2012:12 and 2012:16 through 2012:35. Councilman Robalino seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed.

Councilman Colucci made a motion to approve resolution 2012:13. Council President Berner seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:
 For the motion: Robalino, Colucci, Berner, Subrizi
 Against the motion: Duffie, Ashley, Grant

Councilman Colucci made a motion to approve resolution 2012:14. Council President Berner seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:
 For the motion: Robalino, Colucci, Berner, Subrizi
 Against the motion: Duffie, Ashley, Grant

Councilman Robalino made a motion to approve resolution 2012:15 pending the adjustment of fees. Councilman Colucci seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:
 For the motion: Robalino, Colucci, Berner, Subrizi
 Against the motion: Duffie, Ashley, Grant

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Berner made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Grant seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed. Time 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Demiris
 Borough Clerk