

AGENDA

ANNUAL MEETING - MAYOR AND COUNCIL

January 3, 2024

6:15 PM

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1. Council Member Spina will call the meeting to order.
 2. Roll Call.
 3. Opening Statement – Borough Clerk
 4. Borough Clerk Francesca Maragliano advises receipt from the County Board of Elections of certificate of election and certifies the results of the 2023 General Election of **Mayor Benedict Romeo**, said term expiring 12/31/2027 as well as **Councilmembers Hector Olmo and Arthur McLaughlin**, said term expiring 12/31/2026.
 5. Borough Clerk Maragliano administers the Oath of Office to Mayor Romeo and he will assume the chair.
 6. Borough Clerk Maragliano administers the Oath of Office and they will assume their seats:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term ending December 31</u>
Hector Olmo	Council Member	2026
Arthur J. McLaughlin	Council Member	2026

7. Roll Call.
8. Pledge of Allegiance- American Legion
9. Invocation – Father Sam Citero
10. Resolution - By-Laws.
Council Member Spina
Roll Call.
11. Mayor Romeo will call for nominations for President of the Council for year 2024.

Nominations.

Councilmember: _____, Nominates Councilmember: _____
Seconded by Councilmember: _____

12. Mayor Romeo will close the nominations.
13. Vote on the nomination.
Roll Call.
14. Mayor Romeo will ask for confirmation for the following professionals for the year 2024.
15. Mayor Romeo will appoint Lerch, Vinci & Bliss as Auditor for the year 2024.
16. Mayor Romeo will appoint Christos J. Diktas, Esq., as Borough Attorney for the year 2024.
17. Mayor Romeo will appoint Gina A. Calogero, Esq. as Prosecutor for the year 2024.
18. Mayor Romeo will appoint Elsbeth Crusius Esq. as Alternate Prosecutor for the year 2024.
19. Mayor Romeo will appoint James F. Foley, Esq. as Public Defender for the year 2024.

20. Mayor Romeo will appoint Jordan D. Yuelys, Esq. as Alternate Public Defender for the year 2024.
21. Mayor Romeo will appoint Rogut, McCarthy, Troy, LLC as Bond Attorney for the year 2024.
22. Mayor Romeo will appoint Azzolina & Feury Engineering, Inc. as Engineer for the year 2024.
23. Mayor Romeo will appoint Diktas Gillen PC and Chasan, Lamparello, Mallon & Cappuzzo PC as tax appeal attorneys for the year 2024.
24. Mayor Romeo will appoint David F. Corrigan as Labor Attorney for the year 2024.
25. Mayor Romeo will appoint McNerney & Associates, Inc as Appraisers for the year 2024.
26. Mayor Romeo will appoint David B. Thompson, CEO from Phoenix Advisors, LLC, as Financial Advisors/Disclosure Agents for the year 2024.
27. Mayor Romeo will appoint Joseph H. Burgis, Burgis Associates, Inc., as Professional Planner Consultant for the year 2024.
28. Mayor Romeo will appoint AM Consultants as Fixed Assets Inventory Specialist for the year 2024. Roll Call.
29. Mayor Romeo will appoint Bruno Associates as Grant Writers for the year 2024.
29. Resolution to approve Professional Services.
2024 Council President
Roll Call.
30. The Borough Clerk will administer the Oath of Office.
31. Mayor Romeo will appoint the following committees for the year 2024 and ask confirmation:

STANDING COMMITTEES

Building	Schultz-Rummel, McLaughlin
Finance	Olmo, Schultz-Rummel, Spina
Tax Appeal Liaison	Schultz-Rummel
House and Grounds	Savas, McLaughlin
Public Relations	McLaughlin
Public Utilities	McLaughlin
Public Works	Olmo, McLaughlin
Real Estate	Schultz-Rummel
Sanitation	Savas, Spina

OTHER COMMITTEES

Fire/EMS	Olmo, Savas, Kaplan
Police and License	Savas, Schultz-Rummel, Spina

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Memorial Day	Mayor Benedict Romeo
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LIAISON OFFICIALS

Bergen Community Museum	McLaughlin
Board of Education	Schultz-Rummel
Board of Health	Spina
Borough Offices	McLaughlin, Spina
Community Center	Savas, Olmo
Emergency Management	Savas, Olmo, Spina
Environmental Commission	Spina, McLaughlin
Historical Committee	Kaplan, Savas
Library Board	Kaplan

Local Assistance Board	McLaughlin
Municipal Alliance	Savas
Municipal Pool Commission	Olmo, Spina
Recreation Committee	Savas, Olmo
Senior Citizens	Kaplan, McLaughlin
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Olmo, Schultz-Rummel

Roll Call.

32. Mayor Romeo will appoint the following for the year 2024 and ask confirmation:

Assessment Search Officer	Francesca Maragliano
Elections Official	Francesca Maragliano
Insurance Fund Commissioner	Arthur McLaughlin
Alternate Insurance Fund Commissioner	Kathy Schultz-Rummel
Municipal Coordinator of Emergency Management	Christopher Ulshoefer
Deputy Coordinator of Emergency Management	James Lyons
Personnel Officer	Kathleen Savas
Public Agency Compliance Officer	James Noseworthy
Qualified Purchasing Agent	Joseph Citro

Roll Call.

33. Mayor Romeo will appoint the following and ask confirmation:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Ending December 31:</u>
John Morgan	Board of Health	2026
Clara Lee	Board of Health	2026
Allison Imahiyerobo	Board of Health	2026
Lana Shtofmakher	Municipal Alliance Comm.	2024
Michael Poling	Municipal Alliance Comm.	2024
Michael Stevens	Municipal Alliance Comm.	2024
Laura E. Brenner	Municipal Alliance Comm.	2024
Cathy White	Municipal Alliance Comm.	2024
Sarah Barrs	Municipal Alliance Comm.	2024
Gina Marie Loiacono	Municipal Alliance Comm.	2024
Robert Ulshoefer	Municipal Alliance Comm.	2024
James Noseworthy	Emergency Management	2026
Christopher Ulshoefer	Emergency Management	2026
Mike Morrison	Emergency Management	2026
James Lyons	Emergency Management	2026
William Celentano	Environmental Commission	2026
Joe Ulrich	Environmental Commission	2026
Elinor Romer	Garden Committee	2024
Doris Blasi	Garden Committee	2024
Sheri Kaplan	Garden Committee	2024
Alysia Rodriguez	Garden Committee	2024
John Massaro	Joint Use Committee	2024
Beth DelVecchio	Joint Use Committee	2024
Michael Hamlett	Joint Use Committee	2024
James Noseworthy	Joint Use Committee	2024
Jason Mitchell	Joint Use Committee	2024
Robert Ulshoefer	Planning Board	2027
Simone Tsigounis	Planning Board	2027
David Berger	Planning Board	2027
Renee Sarubbi	Pool Commission	2026
Alix Grubbs	Pool Commission	2026
Helen Ruis	Senior Bd. Of Trustees	2026
James Noseworthy	Shade Tree Committee	2024
Frank DeCarlo	Shade Tree Committee	2024
Robert Cleary	Zoning Board of Adjustment	2027

Roll Call.

34. Resolution - appointment of Council Member Kathy Schultz-Rummel as Class III Planning Board Member for the term ending December 31, 2024.
2024 Council President

Roll Call.

- 35. Mayor Romeo will appoint the following Borough Officials for the year 2024 and ask confirmation.

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Mayor	Benedict Romeo
Council Members	Leslie Kaplan
	Arthur J. McLaughlin
	Hector Olmo
	Kathleen W. Savas
	Kathy Schultz-Rummel
	Mark Spina
Assessor	James A. Anzevino
Borough Clerk	Francesca Maragliano
Acting Chief Financial Officer	Dianne Lavin
Construction Official	Robert Rusch
Court Administrator	Craig Ferdinand
Public Works Superintendent	James Noseworthy

SPECIAL POLICE

Peter DeVries (Captain)	John Amicucci
Michael Morrison	Kevin Peter
Goewoone Jung	John Centrello

SPECIAL OFFICERS (Matrons)

Kristina Reissner

Roll Call.

- 36. Mayor Romeo will appoint the following for the year 2024 and ask confirmation:

BOROUGH PHYSICIAN

John Morgan, M.D.

POLICE & FIRE CHAPLAIN

Father Sam Citero

Roll Call.

- 37. Mayor Romeo will announce the election of the following officers for 2024 by the Volunteer Division of the Cresskill Fire Department and ask confirmation:

Assistant Chief	Michael Morrison
Captain	Kenneth Mann
Lieutenant	Travis Morrison
Lieutenant	Benito Gueche

Roll Call.

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

7:00 PM – Motion to introduce the following Salaries & Wages Ordinances:

- 38. Ordinance No. 24-01-1637 – An Ordinance to Fix the Salaries, Wages and Compensation for the Police P.B.A. Local #180.
- 39. Ordinance No. 24-02-1638 – An Ordinance to Fix the Salaries, Wages and Compensation for the Fire Department IAFF Local 4896.

- 40. Ordinance No. 24-03-1639 – An Ordinance to Fix the Salaries, Wages and Compensation for the Department of Public Works Employees.
- 41. Read the Resolution.
Council Member Olmo
Roll Call.
- 42. The Borough Clerk will explain all items on the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

43. Resolutions

- * 1. Authorize signatures – Checking and Swim Club Accounts.
- * 2. Designate Official Depositories.
- * 3. Authorize investment of Surplus funds.
- * 4. Authorize Telephonic Transfers of funds.
- * 5. Approve Abatement of Property Taxes under \$10.00 balance.
- * 6. Approve Municipal Court Accounts.
- * 7. Approve NJ State Contract Vendors.
- * 8. Designate Authorization for Signing Contracts.
- * 9. Approve Interest Rates – Delinquent Taxes and Assessments.
- *10. Designate Official Newspaper.
- *11. Designate Newspapers for Meeting Notices.
- *12. Approve Certification of Subdivision Certificates.
- *13. Appoint Professional Insurance Associates (PIA), A Division of World Insurance Associates as 2024 Risk Management Consultant.
- *14. Appoint Arthur McLaughlin as Fund Commissioner and Kathy Schultz-Rummel as Alternate-BC Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.
- *15. Adopt Cash Management Plan for 2024.
- *16. Authorize payments between meeting dates.
- *17. Appoint Joseph Citro as Qualified Purchasing Agent.
- *18. Authorize Azzolina & Feury Engineering, Inc. to update Cresskill’s maps for 2024.
- *19. Appoint James Noseworthy as Recycling Coordinator through December 31, 2024.
- *20. Authorize a \$20.00 fee for all returned checks.
- *21. Authorize No Signatures Required on Specified Purchase Orders below \$2,650.00
- *22. Approve Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force.
- *23. Approve Interboro Mutual Aid Agreement – Fire Department.
- *24. Appoint Dr. Barbara Schreiber as Medical Director to Cresskill Fire Department EMS.
- *25. Appoint James Noseworthy as Public Agency Compliance Officer for 2024.
- *26. Authorize Execution of Professional Service Agreement with CPG&H for the year 2024.
- *27. Appoint Neglia Engineering for Special Projects for the year 2024.
- *28. Approve healthcare contributions for Borough employees for 2024-2027.
- *29. Appoint Bruno Associates Inc. as Grant Writer for the year 2024.
- *30. Adopt Notice of Tort Claim form by Recommendation of the Bergen JIF.

REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CONCERNING THE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES, NEW BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- 44. Motion to consider all items with an asterisk as a single question.
2024 Council President
Roll Call.

On the question: The Borough Clerk will announce that copies of all items marked with an asterisk have been posted in The Borough Hall and made available to the public.

- 45. Request for removal of any item on the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call on consideration of all remaining items as a single question.

- 46. Motion to adopt all items marked with an asterisk.
2024 Council President
Roll Call.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

47. Resolution -Temporary Budget for the year 2024.
Council Member Olmo
Roll Call.

REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR THE GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE BOROUGH

48. Mayor Romeo will deliver the New Year's address.
49. Swear in all those who have not previously taken the Oath of Office.
50. Benediction – Father Sam Citero

MOTION TO CLOSE AND ADJOURN – ALL IN FAVOR.