



MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
BOROUGH OF EMERSON  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL

December 6, 2016

5:00 p.m.

Borough Hall-Council Chambers  
Emerson, NJ 07630



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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lamatina called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. and identified the emergency exits.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Lamatina asked Borough Clerk Jane Dietsche to call the roll of the Governing Body.

**Present:** Mayor Lamatina, Councilwoman DiPaola, Councilman Downing, Council President Knoller, Councilman Lazar, Councilman Tripodi, Councilman Worthington

Also present were Borough Administrator Robert S. Hoffmann, Borough Clerk Jane Dietsche and Borough Attorney Wendy Rubinstein and Councilman-elect Falotico.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

☞ **Motion** to open the meeting to comments from the public was **moved** by Councilman Downing, **seconded** by Councilwoman DiPaola and carried at 5:06 p.m.

Jill McGuire, 154 Linwood Avenue said she lived next door to Borough Hall and loved the building and architecture. She remarked that it was a landmark in town. She referenced its history and noted that Closter's Borough Hall had been renovated and designated a landmark in 2014.

Seeing no more hands, Mayor Lamatina asked for a motion to close the meeting to comments from the public.

☞ **Motion** to close the meeting to comments from the public was **moved** by Councilwoman DiPaola, **seconded** by Council President Knoller and carried.

IV. CLOSED SESSION – Resolution No. 246-16

☞ **Motion** to go into an executive session to discuss matters exempt from the public as duly noticed by Resolution No. 246-16 was **moved** by Council President Knoller, **seconded** by Councilwoman DiPaola and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0.

**RC: Council members:**

**YES: DiPaola, Lazar, Downing, Knoller, Tripodi, Worthington**

#16-12/06-38 Personnel – Police Interviews

N.J.S.A.10:4-8

#16-12/06-39 Contract Negotiations – Police Department

N.J.S.A.10:4-4

V. RECONVENE

☞ **Motion** to reconvene was **moved** by Council President Knoller, **seconded** by Councilman Downing and carried at 5:57 p.m.

☞ **Motion** to appoint Captain Michael Mazzeo as Chief of the Emerson Police Department effective immediately with the salary neutral until the end of the year was **moved** by Council President Knoller, **seconded** by Councilman Tripodi and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0.

**RC: Council members:**

**YES: DiPaola, Lazar, Downing, Knoller, Tripodi, Worthington**

☞ **Motion** to return to Closed Session was **moved** by Councilman Lazar, **seconded** by Councilwoman DiPaola and carried at 5:58 p.m.

☞ **Motion** to reconvene was **moved** by Council President Knoller, **seconded** by Councilman Lazar and carried at 6:22 p.m.

☞ **Motion** to promote Lieutenant Michael McDermott to Captain of the Emerson Police Department effective immediately with the salary neutral until the end of the year was **moved** by Council President Knoller, **seconded** by Councilman Lazar and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0.

**RC: Council members:**

**YES: DiPaola, Lazar, Downing, Knoller, Tripodi, Worthington**

☞ **Motion** to return to Closed Session was **moved** by Councilman Tripodi, **seconded** by Councilman Lazar and carried at 6:37 p.m.

☞ **Motion** to reconvene was **moved** by Councilman Lazar, **seconded** by Council President Knoller and carried at 7:08 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to address, at the request of Mayor Lamatina, a motion to adjourn was **moved** by Councilwoman DiPaola, **seconded** by Council President Knoller and carried at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jane Dietsche, RMC  
Borough Clerk