



MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
BOROUGH OF EMERSON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL

February 7, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Borough Hall-Council Chambers
Emerson, NJ 07630



I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lamatina called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Falotico

Absent: Councilman Lazar, Councilman Worthington

Also present were Borough Administrator Robert Hoffmann, Police Chief Michael Mazzeo, Police Captain Michael McDermott, Borough Attorney Wendy Rubinstein and Borough Clerk Jane Dietsche.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

☞ **Motion** to open the meeting to comments from the public was **moved** by Councilwoman DiPaola, **seconded** by Council President Knoller and carried at 6:01 p.m.

Seeing no 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 Council President Knoller, **seconded** by Councilwoman DiPaola and carried at 6:02 p.m.

IV. CLOSED SESSION – Resolution No. 70-17

Mayor Lamatina noted that Patrolman Meltzer was one of the candidates for promotion. He said he had represented Mr. Meltzer's wife in a divorce around 2012. During the proceedings, he tried to file an ethics complaint suggesting that he shouldn't be able to represent her or he was doing something unethical because he was Mr. Meltzer's supervisor as Mayor. Given that allegation and in the interest of caution, Mayor Lamatina said it was best that he recuse himself from the meeting. Ms. Rubinstein agreed. Mayor Lamatina turned the meeting over to Council President Knoller.

☞ **Motion** to go into an executive session to discuss matters exempt from the public as duly noticed by Resolution No. 70-17 was **moved** by Councilwoman DiPaola, **seconded** by Councilman Downing and carried by a roll call vote of 4-0.

RC: Council members:

YES: DiPaola, Falotico, Knoller, Downing

#17-2/7-03 Personnel – Police Interviews

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V. RECONVENE

The Borough of Emerson reserves the right to return to Open Session and, if appropriate, take formal action.

☞ **Motion** to reconvene was **moved** by Councilwoman DiPaola, **seconded** by Councilman Downing and carried at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Lamatina rejoined the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

☞ **Motion** to adopt Resolution No. 71-17 promoting Detective Ryan Sokerka and Officer Daniel Kalyoussef to Sergeants of the Emerson Police Department was **moved** by Council President Knoller, **seconded** by Councilman Downing and carried by roll call vote of 4-0.

RC: Council members:

YES: DiPaola, Falotico, Knoller, Downing

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 Councilman Downing and carried at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Dietsche, RMC
Borough Clerk