



MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
BOROUGH OF EMERSON  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
September 23rd, 2020  
7:30 p.m.



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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor DiPaola welcomed everyone to the September 23rd, 2020 Special Meeting and announced that the meeting was being videotaped and could be viewed from a link on the Borough website as well as on Verizon Fios Channel 36 and Cablevision Channel 77. She announced that this Special Meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notices of this meeting were sent to the Record and the Ridgewood News on Monday, September 23rd, 2020. In addition, copies of this notice were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, on the Borough website and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk on the aforementioned date.

II. ROLL CALL

**Present:** Mayor DiPaola, Councilwoman Argenzia (via teleconference), Councilwoman Dinallo, Councilman Gordon, Council President Hoffman, Councilwoman McGuire

**Absent:** Councilman Bayley

Also present were Borough Administrator Robert Hermansen, Borough Attorney John McCann (via teleconference) and Borough Clerk Jane Dietsche

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

☞ **Motion** to open the meeting to comments from the public was **moved** by Council President Hoffman, **seconded** by Councilwoman McGuire and carried unanimously.

Hearing no requests from the public, Mayor DiPaola 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 McGuire, **seconded** by Council President Hoffman and carried unanimously.

☞ **Motion** to take a recess was **moved** by Councilwoman McGuire, **seconded** by Councilman Gordon and carried unanimously at 7:42 p.m.

☞ **Motion** to reconvene from the recess was **moved** by Councilwoman McGuire, **seconded** by Councilman Gordon and carried unanimously at 8:30 p.m.

IV. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – Resolution No. 180-20

☞ **Motion** to go into an executive session to discuss matters exempt from the public as duly noticed by Resolution No. 180-20 was **moved** by Councilman Gordon, **seconded** by Councilwoman McGuire and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0:

**Roll call:**

**YES: McGuire, Dinallo, Hoffman, Gordon, Argenzia**

#20-9/15-31 Personnel – Interviews –  
Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant N.J.S.A. 10.4-8

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 McGuire, **seconded** by Councilman Gordon and carried unanimously.

☞ **Motion** to approve Resolution No. 181-20 authorizing Borough Administrator Robert Hermansen to make an offer of employment for the Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant position to Leena Abaza, such offer within the terms of any ordinance the Borough has in place was **moved** by Council President Hoffman, **seconded** by Councilwoman McGuire and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0:

**Roll call:**

**YES: McGuire, Dinallo, Hoffman, Gordon, Argenzia**

VI. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to address, at the request of Mayor DiPaola, a motion to adjourn was **moved, seconded** and carried at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Dietsche, RMC  
Borough Clerk