

**BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
2026 REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 1, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.**

1. Meeting called to order at _____ p.m.

2. MAYOR'S STATEMENT

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the notice requirements have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting by Resolution #25-324 has been sent to The Record, The Star Ledger, and Cablevision, placed on a Municipal Bulletin Boards, and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

4. INVOCATION

SWEARING-IN OF COUNCILMEMBERS

5. Reading of the Election Certificate of Councilwoman-Elect Ora C. Kornbluth.

Oath of Office to be administered to Councilwoman-Elect Ora C. Kornbluth.

6. Reading of the Election Certificate of Councilman-Elect Salvador "Buddy" Deauna.

Oath of Office to be administered to Councilman-Elect Buddy Deauna.

7. Roll Call of 2026 Council

Roll Call	Present	Absent
MAYOR ARVIN AMATORIO		
COUNCILMAN DOMINGO ALMONTE		
COUNCILMAN BUDDY DEAUNA		
COUNCILWOMAN ORA KORNBLUTH		
COUNCILMAN THOMAS LODATO		
COUNCILMAN MARC PASCUAL		
COUNCILMAN HERNANDO RIVERA		

8. PRESENTATIONS

9. STATEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

11. RESOLUTION 26-001/To Appoint 2026 Council President.

MOTION OFFERED by _____, **SECONDED** by _____.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
ALMONTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

12. **RESOLUTION 26-002**/To Establish the Seating Order of the 2026 Governing Body.

MOTION OFFERED by _____, **SECONDED** by _____.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
ALMONTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

13. Mayor recommends and nominates John L. Schettino, Esq. to the position of Borough Attorney for a one-year term, expiring 12/31/2026.

RESOLUTION 26-003/To Confirm Mayor's nomination of John L. Schettino, Esq. as Borough Attorney.

MOTION OFFERED by _____, **SECONDED** by _____.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
MARTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

14. Mayor recommends and nominates Franklin S. Montero, Esq. to the position of Municipal Court Judge for a three-year term, term expiring 12/31/28.

RESOLUTION 26-004/To Confirm Mayor's nomination of Franklin S. Montero, Esq. as Municipal Court Judge.

MOTION OFFERED by _____, **SECONDED** by _____.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
ALMONTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

15. **CONSENT RESOLUTION 26-005.** All matters listed below are considered by the Governing Body to be routine in nature. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by the Governing Body, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

- a. **26-006/**Adopt By-Laws for 2026
- b. **26-007/**Establishing Meeting Dates
- c. **26-008/**Reaffirming Interest Rates and Dates on Delinquent Taxes
- d. **26-009/**Authorizing Fire Department Mutual Aid
- e. **26-010/**Confirming Source Separation and Recycling
- f. **26-011/**Reaffirming Petty Cash and Change Funds
- g. **26-012/**Designate Official Depositories for Current Operating Funds
- h. **26-013/**Designate Secondary Bank Accounts, Signatories and Fiduciary Responsibilities
- i. **26-014/**Authorizing the Utilization of GovDeals, Inc. for the Purpose of Disposing of Surplus Equipment
- j. **26-015/**Authorizing Tax Collector to Cancel Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amounts less than \$10.00
- k. **26-016/**Authorizing \$20.00 Fee for Tax Payments Returned for Insufficient Funds
- l. **26-017/**Authorizing Police Department Mutual Aid
- m. **26-018/**Approving the December 16, 2025 Regular Public Meeting and Closed Session Meeting Minutes
- n. **26-019/**Approving the 2026 Tow Companies
- o. **26-020/**Approving a Tax Sale Certificate \$50.00 Fee for Third Redemption Request or More

MOTION OFFERED by _____, **SECONDED** by _____

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
ALMONTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

16. **RESOLUTION 26-021/**To Approve Temporary Budget Appropriations in CY 2026.

MOTION OFFERED by _____, **SECONDED** by _____.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
MARTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

17. **RESOLUTION 26-022**/To Confirm Professional Nominations and Authorize Execution of Contracts.

MOTION OFFERED by _____, **SECONDED** by _____.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
ALMONTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

18. **RESOLUTION 26-023**/To Ratify the Administrative Appointments for 2026.

MOTION OFFERED by _____, **SECONDED** by _____.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
ALMONTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					
PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

19. **RECOMMENDATIONS AND NOMINATIONS FOR BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

20. **STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

21. **LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

22. **ADJOURNMENT**

***THIS AGENDA IS ADVERTISED TO THE EXTENT KNOWN AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**