

**AGENDA
BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2026
8:00 P.M.**

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

2. **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT – Mayor Amatorio**

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the notice requirements have been satisfied. Meeting dates for the year are confirmed at the Annual Meeting. The Annual Notice was published in the Record Newspaper, placed on a Municipal Bulletin Board, posted on the Borough website, and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk. In case of an emergency, exits are in the back and to your right. Please turn off all cell phones.

3. Roll Call:

Roll Call	Present	Absent
Councilman Lodato		
Councilman Deauna		
Councilman Almonte		
Council Pres. Kornbluth		
Councilman Rivera		
Councilman Pascual		
Mayor Amatorio		

4. Salute to the Flag

5. Agenda Changes – additions or revisions

6. Approval of Minutes

MOTION OFFERED by Council _____, **SECOND** by Council _____, to approve the minutes of the 2026 Reorganization Meeting held on January 1, 2026. All present voting in favor _____.

7. Verbal Communications I

Mayor Amatorio opens the meeting and invites the public for comments on agenda items only and asks if anyone present wishes to be heard. Please be advised there will be a limit of five (5) minutes per speaker.

There being no one else who wishes to be heard, Mayor Amatorio closes Verbal Communications I.

8. Presentations

9. Correspondence

a.) Naylis/Board of Fire Officers

RE: Personnel Action Letter dated December 19, 2025

b.) Aquino/Lincoln Elementary School

RE: Request to Reserve Memorial Park Pavilion and Field/June 18, 2026/7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Rain Date: June 23, 2026)

MOTION OFFERED by Council _____, **SECOND** by Council _____, to accept Correspondence. All present voting in favor _____.

10. Ordinances

A. Introduction of Ordinance

Motion that the following ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and setting February 3, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard as the date and time and the Council Chambers of the Bergenfield Borough Hall as the place for a hearing on said ordinance.

ORDINANCE 26-2659 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 239 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED "RENTAL PROPERTY"

MOTION OFFERED by Council _____ **SECOND** by Council _____

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

Motion that the following ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and setting March 3, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard as the date and time and the Council Chambers of the Bergenfield Borough Hall as the place for a hearing on said ordinance.

ORDINANCE 26-2660 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 186 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT"

MOTION OFFERED by Council _____ **SECOND** by Council _____

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

11. Consent Agenda

CONSENT RESOLUTION 26-024. 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. **26-025/To Approve Bill List**

- b. **26-026**/To Approve Agreement – Borough Attorney – John L. Schettino, Esq. *(Borough Administrator)*
- c. **26-027**/To Approve Agreement – Borough Engineer – Remington & Vernick Engineers *(Borough Administrator)*
- d. **26-028**/To Approve Agreement – Special Projects Engineer – T&M Associates *(Borough Administrator)*
- e. **26-029**/To Approve Agreement – Bond Counsel – Rogut McCarthy LLC *(Borough Administrator)*
- f. **26-030**/To Approve Agreement – Labor Counsel – John L Shahdanian II Esq., Trenk Isabel Siddiqi & Shahdanian P.C. *(Borough Administrator)*
- g. **26-031**/To Approve Agreement – Tax Appeal Counsel – Boggia Boggia & Betesh, LLC *(Borough Administrator)*
- h. **26-032**/To Approve Agreement – Borough Auditor – Lerch, Vinci, & Bliss, LLP *(Borough Administrator)*
- i. **26-033**/To Approve Agreement – Risk Manager – GJEM – Otterstedt Insurance Agency *(Borough Administrator)*
- j. **26-034**/To Approve Agreement – Borough Appraiser – Appraisal Systems, Inc. *(Borough Administrator)*
- k. **26-035**/To Approve Agreement – Borough Prosecutor – Marc A. Calello, P.C. *(Borough Administrator)*
- l. **26-036**/To Approve Agreement – Alternate Borough Prosecutor – Linda H. Schwager, Esq. *(Borough Administrator)*
- m. **26-037**/To Approve Agreement – Borough Public Defender – Robert C. Metzdorf, Metzdorf Law Office *(Borough Administrator)*
- n. **26-038**/To Approve Agreement – Planner/Engineer for Economic Development – Neglia Engineering Associates *(Borough Administrator)*
- o. **26-039**/To Approve Agreement – Municipal Advisor Services – Phoenix Advisors LLC *(Borough Administrator)*
- p. **26-040**/Approve Professional Services Proposal – 2026 Road Improvement Project – Remington & Vernick Engineers *(Borough Administrator)*
- q. **26-041**/To Approve Veteran Tax Exemption – 63 Day Avenue *(Tax Collector)*
- r. **26-042**/To Approve Veteran Tax Exemption – 42 Elm Street *(Tax Collector)*
- s. **26-043**/To Approve Veteran Tax Exemption – 65 New Jersey Avenue *(Tax Collector)*
- t. **26-044**/To Approve Veteran Tax Exemption – 85 Haven Avenue *(Tax Collector)*
- u. **26-045**/To Approve Church and Charitable Exemption – 92 N. Taylor Avenue *(Tax Collector)*
- v. **26-046**/To Approve the Adoption of the 2026 Notice of Claim Form *(Borough Clerk)*
- w. **26-047**/To Approve Proposal – Hickory Park Green Acres Grant Application – T&M Associates *(Borough Administrator)*

MOTION OFFERED by Council _____ **SECOND** by Council _____

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

B. Resolutions

26-048/To Approve Agreement – Municipal Court Judge – Franklin S. Montero, Esq.
(*Borough Administrator*)

MOTION OFFERED by Council _____ **SECOND** by Council _____

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

26-049/To Appoint Recycling Coordinator – Jaime Luppino (*Borough Administrator*)

MOTION OFFERED by Council _____ **SECOND** by Council _____

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

26-050/To Appoint Shade Tree Committee Clerk – Jaime Luppino (*Borough Administrator*)

MOTION OFFERED by Council _____ **SECOND** by Council _____

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

26-051/To Approve 2025 LOSAP List (*Borough Clerk*)

MOTION OFFERED by Council _____ **SECOND** by Council _____

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
LODATO					
DEAUNA					
ALMONTE					
KORNBLUTH					
RIVERA					

PASCUAL					
AMATORIO (tie)					

12. Unfinished Business

13. New Business

14. Committee/Department Reports

MOTION offered by Council President Almonte that the Committee/Department Reports be spread upon the minutes in full and filed. **SECOND** by _____. All in favor_____.

15. Verbal Communications II

Mayor Amatorio opens the meeting to Verbal Communications II and invites the public to comment on any subject matter, limited to five (5) minutes per speaker.

There being no one else who wishes to be heard, Mayor Amatorio closes Verbal Communications II.

16. Council Comments

17. Closed Session

18. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Mayor and Council, on a **MOTION** offered by _____, **SECOND** by _____, the meeting is adjourned at _____ p.m. All in favor_____.

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