

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD
MAYOR & COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2026
8:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Amatorio and Council members Thomas Lodato, Buddy Deauna, Ora Kornbluth, Hernando Rivera, and Marc Pascual

ABSENT: Council President Almonte

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator Corey Gallo
Borough Attorney John Schettino
Borough Clerk Marie Quiñones-Wilson

Mayor Amatorio called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. with the reading of the Open Public Meetings Act Statement, "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 is sent to the Record, Star Ledger, and Cablevision, placed on a Municipal Bulletin Board and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk."

The Salute to the Flag was led by Mayor Amatorio

AGENDA CHANGES

Councilperson Kornbluth motioned to add to Correspondence the request from the International Lone Soldiers to reserve Wayne Golon Park for a fundraiser on August 30, 2026 from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Councilperson Deauna seconded the motion. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilperson Pascual to approve minutes of the July 21, 2026 Regular Public Meeting and the July 21, 2026 Closed Session Minutes (not to be released). Councilperson Deauna seconded the motion. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS I

Mayor Amatorio opened the meeting and invited the public for comments on agenda items only, limited to five minutes per speaker.

Mary Sullivan, resident, expressed concern over the PILOT program ordinance being considered. Ms. Sullivan stated Hackensack is short \$6.7 million dollars from developers. She understands that if they fail to make payment, the borough will take them to court. She expressed that developers have no intention of paying the bill.

John Smith, resident, inquired who recommended the change in ordinance from an R40 to an R20 zone. He expressed that bigger properties in that zone will create same issues with lot coverage that exist in the R5 and R6 zones. He expressed that this will be a money maker for the developers, converting this town into another Hoboken, Edgewater, or another town with all the apartment buildings and condominiums. He stated that lot coverage is the same as an R6 zone.

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

Borough Attorney Schettino expressed that he cannot speak on behalf of Hackensack, but payments are treated the same way as property taxes. If a developer fails to make their payments, the Tax Collector can place a lien on the property and put them up for tax sale. Delinquency is handled in the same manner as a property owner failing to pay their taxes. He explained that for a brand-new building, someone will pay the taxes. After two years, if the owner doesn't pay the taxes, the lien holder can place the property on a tax foreclosure and take ownership. Mr. Schettino explained that the PILOT being considered is favorable to Bergenfield because of its shorter time period and escalating costs.

Mayor Amatorio stated that in response to Mr. Smith, the changes to lot sizes were studied by the Planner, reviewed by the Planning Board, and are consistent with the surrounding areas and Tenafly.

Mr. Schettino explained that the current lot sizes were unrealistic, as one acre lots are unreasonable. When you tax a property, even when it's not used for its purpose, it is taxed at its highest and best use. At one acre, the tax value is much less than half acre lots because you can fit more dwellings, increasing the value of the lots. The ratable to the community will be much higher with the reduction of the lot sizes. This is separate and apart from developments.

Mayor Amatorio clarified that most of the properties in the area claim to be farmland, which is why they are paying less taxes. The planner studied the areas to ensure it remains consistent.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/BOROUGH ENGINEER

A. Engineering & Inspection Status Report

Borough Engineer Tino D' Amore of Remington & Vernick Engineers reported that the contractors for the 2026 road program, D&L Paving Contractors, started milling on Queen Street and will continue onto Harcourt Avenue tomorrow. Weather permitting, the paving will be completed in the next week, finalizing the 2026 road program. The contractor was also awarded the work on Porter Avenue, which will start the following week and continue till the end of September.

Mayor Amatorio inquired if the work will be all done before the season changes.

Mr. D'Amore stated that he is confident the program will be completed in September. If there are weather issues, the latest the work will be completed is by early October.

CORRESPONDENCE

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| a.) Naylis/Board of Fire Officers | RE: Personnel Action Letter dated July 31, 2026 |
| b.) Martinez/Brotherhood Dominoes Club | RE: Request to Reserve Hickory Field for BDC Family Fun Day/September 7, 2026/8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m./Rain Date: September 13, 2026 |
| c.) Gamss/Congregation Beth Abraham | RE: Block Party Request/between Westminster Avenue and Thames Blvd/September 7, 2026/2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. |
| d.) Gamss/Congregation Beth Abraham | RE: Request to Reserve John Pall Park for Family Fun Day/September 7, 2026/2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. |

e.) Kwarta/Resident

RE: Request to Reserve Memorial Park for Birthday Party/October 3, 2026/Rain Date: October 4, 2026

f.) Hansen/Charity Hoops Inc.

RE: Request to Reserve Memorial Field for Fundraiser for Bergenfield Fire Department Softball Tournament/October 25, 2026/8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

g.) Cohen/International Lone Soldiers Inc.

RE: Request to Reserve Wayne Golon Park/August 30, 2026/7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Councilperson Kornbluth stated that as a member of Congregation Beth Abraham, she recused from voting on the acceptance of correspondence from Congregation Beth Abraham.

MOTION by Councilperson Rivera to accept Correspondence. Councilperson Pascual seconded the motion. The majority of the members present voted in favor, none opposed.

ORDINANCES

A. TABLED ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE 26-2668 – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) SERVICE CHARGE SCHEDULE – Tabled 6/16/26

Motion by Councilperson Pascual, seconded by Councilperson Kornbluth, that Ordinance 26-2668 be removed from the table.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>nay</i>	Councilperson Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>aye</i>
Council President Almonte:	<i>absent</i>	Councilperson Pascual:	<i>aye</i>

B. Adoption of Ordinances

Mayor Amatorio read the following into the record:

The following ordinances published herewith were first read by title only on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 and posted on the bulletin board of the municipal center.

ORDINANCE 26-2670 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 299 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”

ORDINANCE 26-2671 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 186 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “LAND DEVELOPMENT”

ORDINANCE 26-2672 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 186 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD ENTITLED “LAND DEVELOPMENT”

Councilperson Kornbluth requested clarification on the ordinance pertaining to the PILOT.

Borough Attorney Schettino explained that a PILOT program is payment in lieu of taxes. When an area is designated as an area in need of redevelopment, in order to encourage that development, municipalities are authorized to enter into a PILOT agreement with the developer. There are multiple reasons a municipality may consider a PILOT, such as the property is not desirable in its present condition, and no one has come forward to develop it. Therefore, it requires assistance from the municipality to spur the development of the property. Secondly, if there is an affordable

housing component to the site, meaning they have to set aside 20% of their units for affordable housing, the developer comes in with a financial analysis and argues that they are unable to receive appropriate funding because of the affordable housing component and building costs. He explained that if market rent is \$2,000 a month, and affordable housing unit may pay \$1,000 or less. As such, a PILOT agreement is considered and negotiated between the municipality and developers. He expressed that developers always come in seeking a 30-year PILOT, paying the least amount of revenue. The amount paid to the municipality is based upon the gross revenue of the development. If the development makes 1 million dollars in rent, they make a payment of \$100,000 to the borough. The municipalities negotiate for less years, as this PILOT does, as well as an escalating number in revenue. Even with a PILOT, the developer pays taxes on the land. The rest is paid based on gross revenue. The County, which typically receives 10% in property taxes, will only receive 5% from the PILOT. The money is paid solely to the municipality, which ends up receiving much more than if the property was paying taxes. Also, by law, the PILOT must generate more revenue than the existing ratable. The school district is not impacted because their budget is funded by all the property owners of the community. When the school district introduces its budget, if the budget calls for 50 million dollars, the PILOT will not impact them, they will still receive 50 million dollars.

Mayor Amatorio stated that the PILOT being negotiated is an 18-year PILOT, which is very favorable to the borough. In other towns, PILOT programs can run for 20 to 30 years.

Mr. Schettino explained that the town also receives a 2% administrative fee each year. Every year, when they report their revenue, the numbers will be calculated into quarterly payments. They have to submit their auditor reports, but the borough can also audit their financials to ensure they are not under reporting their revenues.

Councilperson Rivera asked if clarification can be provided with regards to Ordinance 26-2672 and the zoning of R5, R6, R10 as Mr. Smith recommended.

Councilperson Kornbluth stated that the ordinance provides 35% lot coverage.

Mayor Amatorio stated that the ordinance was recommended by the Planner and approved by the Planning Board, as well as the tax attorney. This ordinance is based on their recommendations.

Councilperson Kornbluth stated that the ordinance reads that maximum lot coverage is 20%, and maximum improved lot coverage is 35%. She inquired if this should be higher or lower.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that this is in line with the other towns.

Mayor Amatorio opened public Comments on Ordinances 26-2670, 26-2671, and 26-2672.

Diana Valencia, resident, inquired how Ordinance 26-2671 will be enforced. She further inquired what is the penalty when people are not following the law.

Borough Administrator Gallo responded that the ordinance will be enforced by the Code Enforcement department.

Mayor Amatorio explained that when the Code Enforcement learns of any violation, the homeowner receives a letter for corrective measures. If the homeowner fails to follow the corrective measures, they are penalized and may need to go to court.

Mr. Gallo explained that the ordinance is specific to the illegal renting of rooms and confirmed the homeowner is penalized. If anyone knows of any rooms being rented illegally, they can report it to him or the Building Department and remain anonymous.

Ms. Valencia further inquired that with the income regulated buildings, how much goes to the Board of Education.

Councilperson Rivera stated that 58% of taxes goes to the Board of Education.

Ms. Valencia expressed concern that the tenants of the building will not be contributing to municipal taxes.

Mayor Amatorio explained that the borough collects all taxes. He stated that 58% of the taxes collected goes to the Board of Education. He explained that close to 30% goes to the municipality. When there is a PILOT program, all the money, with the exception of the 5% that goes to the County, goes to the municipality.

Ms. Valencia inquired who pays for the tenant's children to attend the schools. If a low-income family moves into a rent-controlled apartment with four children, the apartment owner receives their rent, the municipality receives their money, but inquired if any of the money goes to the schools.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated that no money from the building goes to the school. All of the money comes from the town. He explained that if the school district needs 50 million dollars to operate, the borough needs to provide them the 50 million dollars. He stated that all the money from the building goes to the municipality, with the exception of the 5% that goes to the County.

Ms. Valencia inquired if there are seven children from the building that attend the school, will the municipality calculate the amount for the schools.

Mr. Schettino stated that it is no different than a homeowner that has four children that attend the schools, and pays the same amount in taxes as a homeowner without children. Homeowners do not pay more because they have more children attending the school. In this case, they are paying all the money to the town, then 5% will go to the County, and the town keeps the rest of the money for their operations, and whatever the amount the school needs, from the collection of taxes, the school will be funded.

Mayor Amatorio clarified that the public hearing is for the three ordinances being considered for adoption.

Debbie Desposito, resident, stated that the more children attending the schools, the more homeowners will need to pay in taxes.

Mr. Schettino stated that every property has to contribute to the school district, including the commercial properties that have no children.

Mayor Amatorio explained that the PILOT program was removed from the table to be introduced.

Mr. Gallo stated that we need to discuss Ordinances 26-2670, 26-2671, and 26-2672.

MOTION by Councilperson Kornbluth, seconded by Councilperson Pascual, to pass Ordinances 26-2670, 26-2671, and 26-2672 on second and final reading and are hereby adopted and notice of same shall be published according to law.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>nay</i>	Councilperson Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>aye</i>
Council President Almonte:	<i>absent</i>	Councilperson Pascual:	<i>aye</i>

C. Introduction of Ordinances

Councilperson Rivera motioned to amend Ordinance 26-2675 to include that there should be no parking on Howard Drive westside to Ivy Lane from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and include Georgian Court from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. alternate parking on left side and ride side. Councilperson Pascual seconded the motion. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

MOTION by Councilperson Rivera that the following ordinances be introduced and passed on first reading as amended and setting Tuesday, September 1, 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. Councilperson Pascual seconded the motion.

Mayor Amatorio read the title of the ordinances into the record:

ORDINANCE 26-2668 – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) SERVICE CHARGE SCHEDULE

ORDINANCE 26-2673 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 232 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE”

ORDINANCE 26-2674 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 136 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM”

ORDINANCE 26-2675 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 299 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>aye</i>
Council President Almonte:	<i>absent</i>	Councilperson Pascual:	<i>aye</i>

MOTION by Councilperson Kornbluth that the following ordinances be introduced and passed on first reading and setting October 6, 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 ordinances. Councilperson Pascual seconded the motion.

Mayor Amatorio read the title of the ordinances into the record:

ORDINANCE 26-2676 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 186 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “LAND DEVELOPMENT” – SECTION 186-40

ORDINANCE 26-2677 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 186 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “LAND DEVELOPMENT” – SECTION 186-10

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>aye</i>
Council President Almonte:	<i>absent</i>	Councilperson Pascual:	<i>aye</i>

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT RESOLUTION 26-220. 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) **26-221/**To Approve Bill List
- b) **26-222/**To Approve Cancellation of Grant Balance – Fiscal Year 2026 Municipal Alliance Grant
- c) **26-223/**To Authorize Tax Refund – 250-270 E. Main Street
- d) **26-224/**To Authorize Tax Refund – 93 John Place
- e) **26-225/**To Authorize Tax Refund – Fire Damaged Property - 166 W. Main Street
- f) **26-226/**To Approve Tax Settlement – N. Washington Avenue Block 85 Lot 22.01
- g) **26-227/**To Approve Parking Services Agreement - Municipal Parking Services Inc.
- h) **26-228/**To Approve Change Order No. 1 – Sanitation Equipment Corporation
- i) **26-229/**To Approve Engineering Proposal – Improvements at Twin Boro Park – Phase III – T&M Associates
- j) **26-230/**To Approve Change Order No. 1 – General Engineering Services – T&M Associates

MOTION by Councilperson Pascual to approve the Consent Resolution. Councilperson Rivera seconded the motion.

On a roll call, the vote on the Consent Resolution was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>aye</i>
Council President Almonte:	<i>absent</i>	Councilperson Pascual:	<i>aye</i>

B. Resolutions

26-231/To Hire Keyboard Clerk I – Edwin Ramirez

MOTION by Councilperson Pascual, seconded by Councilperson Kornbluth that Resolution #26-231 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>aye</i>
Council President Almonte:	<i>absent</i>	Councilperson Pascual:	<i>aye</i>

26-232/To Hire Part-Time Violations Clerk – Julie Amico

MOTION by Councilperson Pascual, seconded by Councilperson Rivera, that Resolution #26-232 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>aye</i>
Council President Almonte:	<i>absent</i>	Councilperson Pascual:	<i>aye</i>

26-233/To Hire Part-Time Laborers

MOTION by Councilperson Kornbluth, seconded by Councilperson Rivera, that Resolution #26-233 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>aye</i>
Council President Almonte:	<i>absent</i>	Councilperson Pascual:	<i>aye</i>

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

MOTION offered by Councilperson Pascual that the Committee/Department Reports be spread upon the minutes in full and filed. Councilperson Rivera seconded the motion. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS II

Mayor Amatorio opened the meeting to Verbal Communications II and invited the public to comment on any subject, limited to five minutes per speaker.

Debbie Deposito, resident, expressed concerns over the developments, stating that adding more children to the schools will increase the school budget, which taxpayers will need to fund.

Mayor Amatorio stated that he understands the concern, but historically, the apartments have minimal impact to the schools.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated there are many people that pay taxes that do not have children attending the schools.

Mayor Amatorio stated that the program will generate revenue for the municipality. If there is enough revenue, the borough can fund the budget and avoid raising taxes.

Nancy Bravo, resident, requested clarification on the Borough Attorney's statement that the school budget will not be impacted by the PILOT.

Mr. Schettino explained that any money needed to fund the Board of Education budget will need to be given to them. If they need 50 million to operate the school district, they will receive 50 million from the town. They are not impacted because they will always receive their funding.

Ms. Bravo stated that when taxpayers receive a tax bill, there is a distribution, a break down as to how much goes to the DPW, the school district, and so on. In this case, all the funds come to the borough, and then the borough distributes the funds to the Board of Education. She expressed that for homeowners, the amount is identified. She inquired how is it guaranteed that the borough will provide schools their funding.

Mr. Schettino explained it is State law, the borough has to fund the school district.

Councilperson Kornbluth stated that when the PILOT program is over, the property reverts back to pay taxes.

Mr. Schettino expressed that the school district will receive all the funding they need to educate the children of this community.

John Smith, resident, stated that years ago, the governing body used to approve the school budget.

Councilperson Lodato stated that if it was turned down, it would go to the polls.

Mr. Smith stated that the school budget no longer comes before the governing body, and if the school district needs 50 million, they receive 50 million. He further stated that with regards to Ordinance 186-49 regarding street parking and loading areas, the borough contradicts itself. The first part states that for every bedroom in excess of 5, you need .5 parking spots, and then rounded to the next number. In the same ordinance, it says that when the computation to determine parking spaces ends up in any fraction up to $1/5$, which is .5, shall be disregarded. He recommended that this be clarified because Attorneys will argue this.

Mary Sullivan, resident, stated that garbage cans purchased from the DPW will be \$70 as of August 1st. She stated that if DPW destroys the trash cans, the responsibility shouldn't be on the homeowner.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that first one is free, the second garbage can is the responsibility of the homeowner.

Ms. Sullivan stated that the newsletter is a great idea, but it is delivered too late. She stated that the borough held a shredding event, but residents were unaware of the event because the newsletter was delivered late. She understands the DPW is strained and short on people, but offer the opportunity to kids at the schools. Ms. Sullivan also expressed that the website needs to be updated, as all the information is outdated, especially on the tax department page. Notice was provided that the tax box was moved, but the notice was late and is not included on the tax department page on the website. She also inquired when the public will be able to see the plans on the screens during board meetings.

Jacqueline Romney, resident, stated that she was discharged from the hospital and expressed that it is sad that she has to attend the meeting to advocate on a matter that many residents have been asking for, which is the streaming or holding the meetings via Zoom. She expressed that the service should be offered to residents, as it is offered in many municipalities. She doesn't understand why people that have immobility issues are forced to attend the meeting. She asked the elected officials what their position is on the matter. She also followed up on her email regarding the complete streets policy. She expressed this policy needs to be updated.

Diana Valencia, resident, stated she lives on a dead end near the brook on Martin and Bradley expressed concern over the water and debris in the area. Debris and leaves remain on the cover that was placed on the drain, which causes water back up. She also expressed concern over the conditions of the bridge on the end of Bradley.

Mr. Gallo stated that engineers designed it this way to run a bigger trough and pipe to prevent erosion. However, he will have the team look into both matters.

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

Borough Administrator Gallo stated there have been quite a few towns recently, many municipalities that stream their meetings, that are moving away from it.

Mayor Amatorio stated that we are still discussing the possibility of televising the meetings, weighing the pros and cons, but a decision hasn't been made. He stated that as the Borough Administrator was relaying, there are concerns.

Councilperson Pascual stated his opinion and position is that with the advancements in technology, people can alter what he is saying, they can filter and cut certain parts to publicize and make him look like the bad guy. He personally isn't comfortable with streaming the meetings. If he has to, no problem. However, we are relying on research and how other municipalities are dealing with this, and that is what the Borough Administrator is trying to explain.

Mr. Gallo encouraged the public to YouTube Cranford's public meetings. Their meetings were across all news outlets, ABC, NBC, Fox, on every national television channel. He asked the public to look up the video and look up what took place. He expressed these are his concerns. He advised everyone to look up "New Jersey meetings go wrong," to see the things that happen at the meetings. As the Administrator of the Borough that is responsible for the operations of the community, he has his reservations. More and more towns are cutting it off and moving away from it. We don't want that here.

Mayor Amatorio stated that we haven't made a final decision on this, we have been discussing this, but at this point, the decision is not to do it yet, until we are comfortable with it. We are transparent, anyone can come here, the public is welcome to join us, our agendas and minutes are published on the website, and we provide information.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Amatorio stated that we should have done this at the start of the meeting, but he asked everyone for a moment of silence for the Borough resident that perished in the earthquake in Colombia.

Moment of Silence.

Councilperson Lodato thanked all for coming and wished all a good night.

Councilperson Deauna thanked all for coming and wished all a good night.

Councilperson Kornbluth thanked all for coming and extended that her thoughts and prayers are with all the residents of Colombia.

Councilperson Rivera expressed his gratitude and blessings for the support that the residents have shared with Colombia. He stated that a third of the Country is devastated by the earthquake. Everyone has been collaborating with them and he is thankful. God bless everyone.

Councilperson Pascual expressed his deepest condolences with the resident that perished in the earthquake in Colombia. We are on standby, we are here to support the family. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting, please continue to attend and invite neighbors and friends to attend.

Mayor Amatorio thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, especially all the residents that came to voice their opinions. We appreciate your participation. We standby with the people of Colombia and the residents of Bergenfield that have family there.

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION 26-234/Authorizing the Governing Body to Enter into Closed Executive Session to discuss:

A.) Attorney-Client Privilege

1. Personnel Matter

Minutes will be taken of the meeting and released to the public at the time that the matter is resolved. After Closed Executive Session, the Mayor and Council will reconvene in the Executive Chambers to adjourn this public meeting.

On a motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Lodato, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session in the Executive Chambers at 9:12 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Pascual, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Marie Quiñones-Wilson
Borough Clerk