

MINUTES

REORGANIZATION MEETING; LODI BOROUGH COUNCIL; JULY 1, 2023

Time: 12:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The Borough Clerk called the meeting to order.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Borough Clerk read the Open Public Meeting Notice.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

Scott A. Luna	674 Votes
Emil Carafa, Jr.	644 Votes
Vincent Martin	636 Votes
Bruce T. Masopust	630 Votes
Joseph P. Leto, IV	626 Votes

OATHS OF OFFICE

Councilman Scott A. Luna

Oath Administered by Bergen County Executive James J. Tedesco, III

Bible held by Mrs. Michele Luna | Accompanied by Jamie, Garrett and Alexia Luna and Former Mayor Tony Luna

Councilman Emil Carafa, Jr.

Oath Administered by Alan P. Spiniello, Esq.

Bible held by Mrs. MaryLou Carafa

Councilman Joseph P. Leto, IV

Oath Administered by The Honorable Martin P. Geisler

Bible held by Ms. Bianca Pagano

Councilman Bruce T. Masopust

Oath Administered by Congressman Bill Pascrell

Bible held by Laura and Gianna Mezza

Councilman Martin was absent from the meeting.

Councilman Masopust acknowledged the dignitaries in attendance; Congressman Bill Pascrell, County Executive James Tedesco, Senator Joseph Lagana, Assemblyman Christopher Tully, Assemblywoman Lisa Swain, Sherriff Anthony Cureton, Paterson Mayor Andre Sayegh, Judge Martin Geisler, School Board President Nancy Cardone, School Board Vice-President Sharon Salvacion, Former Councilman Albert DiChiara, Former Mayor Gary Paparozzi, Former Mayor Karen Viscana, Former Mayor Tony Luna, Former School Board President Joseph Licata, Police Chief Donald Scorzetti

Councilman Carafa wished everyone Good Afternoon and thanked those in attendance; thanked his wife and family; made a short speech, thanking those for giving him another opportunity to serve.

Councilman Leto thanked his family and friends for support, special thank you to his fiancé Bianca; made a short speech thanking Albert DiChiara for being a mentor.

(Batteries in recorder were replaced between CM Leto and CM Masopust; cutting off the beginning of CM Masopust's speech).

Councilman Masopust thanked Former Councilman DiChiara for his service, thanked the citizens of Lodi for their support and dignitaries for their attendance. Thanked the employees of the Borough and Congressman Bill Pascrell.

The Borough Clerk wished to address the presence of Borough Auditor Frank R. DiMaria, Anthony Kurus from Neglia Engineering and Borough Attorney Alan P. Spiniello in lieu of the regular Roll Call which is not part of Reorganization.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution No. 23-90 establishing Council Voting Order
MOTION: CM Leto, Second CM Carafa to Approve
AYES: (4) CM Masopust, CM Leto, CM Carafa, CM Luna
ABSENT: (1) CM Martin

2. Resolution No. 23-91 electing Councilman Scott A. Luna as Mayor of the Borough of Lodi selected from the members of the Borough Council
MOTION: CM Leto, Second CM Masopust to Approve
AYES: (4) CM Masopust, CM Leto, CM Carafa
ABSTAIN: (1) CM Luna
ABSENT: (1) CM Martin

Councilman Scott A. Luna

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County Executive James Tedesco made a speech; it's an honor swearing in the Mayor for a 2nd time. Presented Certificates to the Mayor and Council and County Coin.

Mayor Luna made a speech; thanking the County Executive, wishing everyone a Good Afternoon and thanking all in attendance for joining on a holiday weekend. Thanked the voters on Lodi on a reelection, councilmates and Deputy Mayor. Thanked outgoing Councilman DiChiara for his service, welcomed back Councilman Masopust. Thanked his wife Michele and family, Jamie, Garrett, Lexi and his father Tony. Thanked all hard-working Borough employees and volunteers for helping Lodi move in the right direction. Thanked Borough Manager Schrieks, DPW Director Brian Paladino, Police Chief Donald Scorzetti, Frank DiMaria.

3. Resolution No. 23-92 electing Councilman Vincent Martin as Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Lodi selected from the members of the Borough Council
MOTION: CM Masopust, Second CM Carafa to Approve
AYES: (4) CM Masopust, CM Leto, CM Carafa, Mayor Luna
ABSENT: (1) Deputy Mayor Martin

CERTIFICATES & AWARDS

Speech from Senator Joseph Lagana, Assemblyman Christopher Tully and Councilwoman Lisa Swain – Also presented Certificates to Mayor and Council

Speech from Congressman Bill Pascrell

The Borough Clerk read a letter on behalf of Senator Cory Booker who could not be in attendance

Speech from Bergen County Sheriff Anthony Cureton

The Borough Clerk stated that it was an honor to run (preside over) the meeting and handed it over to Mayor Luna

CONSENT AGENDA (These resolutions are matters covering operation of government and will be passed by one roll call vote covering all items on the consent agenda.)

1. Resolution No. 23-93 designating the Borough of Lodi's official depositories
2. Resolution No. 23-94 designating the Borough of Lodi's official newspapers
3. Resolution No. 23-95 appointing VOYA as a Deferred Compensation Plan
4. Resolution No. 23-96 appointing Equitable as a Deferred Compensation Plan

5. Resolution No. 23-97 appointing Nationwide Retirement Solutions as a Deferred Compensation Plan
6. Resolution No. 23-98 authorizing the interest rate on delinquent taxes
7. Resolution No. 23-99 authorizing Municipal Tax Collector Gary Stramandino to conduct the Annual Standard Tax Sale during the Calendar Year 2023 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-19
8. Resolution No. 23-100 authorizing Municipal Tax Collector Gary Stramandino to conduct an Accelerated Tax Sale during the Calendar Year 2023 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-19
9. Resolution No. 23-101 reappointing Frank Belli as the Borough of Lodi's Qualified Purchasing Agent
10. Resolution No. 23-102 authorizing contracts with certain approved State Contract Vendors for contracting units pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a
11. Resolution No. 23-103 appointing the Certifying Officer/Supervisor of Pension Funds
12. Resolution No. 23-104 appointing Marc N. Schrieks as the Borough Affirmative Action Officer for the Borough of Lodi
13. Resolution No. 23-105 appointing Marc N. Schrieks as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Borough of Lodi
14. Resolution No. 23-106 designating Marc N. Schrieks as the Authorized Signature for all Community Development Program vouchers
15. Resolution No. 23-107 reappointing Sheryl A. Luna as Part-Time Treasurer for the Borough of Lodi
16. Resolution No. 23-108 reappointing Debbie Klugler Irwin, Esq. as Public Defender for the Borough of Lodi for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
17. Resolution No. 23-109 reappointing Mark A. DiPisa, Esq. as Municipal Prosecutor for the Borough of Lodi for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
18. Resolution No. 23-110 authorizing signatures on Borough Drafts/Checks
19. Resolution No. 23-111 authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to disburse funds in case of emergencies
20. Resolution No. 23-112 authorizing temporary investment of excess fund in all accounts
21. Resolution No. 23-113 authorizing entering into an agreement with NW Financial Group LLC providing Continuing Disclosure Agent Services and Independent Registered Municipal Advisor of Record for the Borough
22. Resolution No. 23-114 appointing Colliers Engineering & Design as Alternate Borough Engineer for the Borough of Lodi for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
23. Resolution No. 23-115 appointing RSC Architects as Architect for the Borough of Lodi for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
24. Resolution No. 23-116 appointing Alan P. Spiniello, Esq. as Attorney for the Borough of Lodi for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
25. Resolution No. 23-117 appointing Joseph A. Russo of Uscher, Quait, Uscher and Russo as Attorney for the Borough of Lodi Planning Board for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
26. Resolution No. 23-118 appointing Peter Scandariato, Esq. of Eastwood, Scandariato & Steinberg as Attorney for the Borough of Lodi Zoning Board of Adjustment for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
27. Resolution No. 23-119 appointing Rogut McCarthy as Bond Counsel for the Borough of Lodi for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
28. Resolution No. 23-120 appointing Frank R. DiMaria of DiMaria and Associates, LLP as Borough Auditor for the Borough of Lodi for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
29. Resolution No. 23-121 appointing Neglia Engineering Associates as Borough Engineer for the Borough of Lodi for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
30. Resolution No. 23-122 appointing Gary Paporozzi of Paporozzi Associates Inc. Engineering Surveying Planners as Borough Planner for the Borough of Lodi for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
31. Resolution No. 23-123 appointing H2M Associates, Inc as Chemical Engineer for the Borough of Lodi for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

32. Resolution No. 23-124 appointing Intrep Solutions LLC as Information System Management Consultant/Technical Computer Consultant for the Borough of Lodi including the Department of Public Works, Fire Department and Borough Hall (excluding Lodi Police Department) for the Period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
33. Resolution No. 23-125 appointing Intrep Solutions LLC as Information System Management Consultant/Technical Computer Consultant for the Borough of Lodi Police Department including the (excluding Department of Public Works, Fire Department and Borough Hall) for the Period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
34. Resolution No. 23-126 appointing McNerney & Associates as Real Estate Tax Appraiser for the Borough of Lodi for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
35. Resolution No. 23-127 appointing Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt, Cappelli, Tipton & Taylor LLC as Special Labor Law Counsel for the Borough of Lodi on a non-exclusive basis for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
36. Resolution No. 23-128 appointing Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs LLC as Special Labor Law Counsel for the Borough of Lodi on a non-exclusive basis for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
37. Resolution No. 23-129 appointing David E. Cassidy, Esq. of Vlasac & Shmaruk LLC as Special Labor Law Counsel for the Borough of Lodi on a non-exclusive basis for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
38. Resolution No. 23-130 appointing Alan P. Spiniello, Esq. as Special Tax Counsel for the Borough of Lodi for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
39. Resolution No. 23-131 appointing Raymond Tighe as Part-Time Tax Assessor for the Borough of Lodi for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027
40. Resolution No. 23-132 designating Gary Stramandino as Tax Searcher for the Borough of Lodi
41. Resolution No. 23-133 authorizing the cancellation of small balances
42. Resolution No. 23-134 authorizing a change in custodian for the Recreation Department Change Fund
43. Resolution No. 23-135 adopting the Accounting Policies and Procedures and Fund Balance Policy for the Borough of Lodi
44. Resolution No. 23-136 appointing John P. Pampaloni Jr. as Licensed Sewer Operator for the Borough of Lodi for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

MOTION: CM Leto, Second CM Carafa to Approve
AYES: (4) CM Masopust, CM Leto, CM Carafa, Mayor Luna
ABSENT: (1) Deputy Mayor Martin

MAYOR LUNA ABSTAINED: Resolution No. 23-107 and Resolution No. 23-127

B RESOLUTIONS

None.

ORDINANCES

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

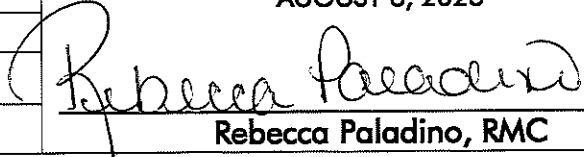
No citizen wishing to be heard.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: CM Leto, Second CM Masopust to Adjourn.
AYES: (4) CM Masopust, CM Leto, CM Carafa, Mayor Luna
ABSENT: (1) Deputy Mayor Martin

TIME: 1:15 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Paladino, RMC
Borough Clerk

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY AS ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LODI, N.J. AT A MEETING HELD AUGUST 8, 2023  Rebecca Paladino, RMC
M MASOPUST		✓	/				
M LETO			/				
CM CARAFA	✓		/				
DEPUTY MAYOR MARTIN					/		
MAYOR LUNA			/				