



**BOROUGH OF WALLINGTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH 2024, CIVIC CENTER**

SUBJECT TO CHANGE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-8 (D) – THIS AGENDA IS TENTATIVE TO THE EXTENT KNOWN AT TIME OF POSTING

Mayor Melissa Dabal calls the Meeting to order at: 2:06 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Present – Eugeniusz Rachelski, Wendy Ivanicki, Susanne Preinfalk, Beata Balik, Mayor Melissa Dabal

Also Present - Dennis Graham, Borough Attorney Richard Allen

Absent – Khaldoun Androwis, Tomasz Sadecki, Borough Administrator Jennifer Appice

The regular order of business was briefly postponed to administer the Oath of Office to the re-elected and newly elected Mayor and Council members - Mayor Melisa Dabal, Councilwoman Wendy Ivanicki and Councilman Dennis Graham. Honorable Jack Ciattarelli led the ceremony, with each member swearing to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey. Jack Ciattarelli expressed gratitude for the honor of being part of the Wallington reorganization meeting and praised the Mayor and Council for their impact on the Borough's quality of life.

Presentation of the New Mayor and Council.

Following the oath, Mayor Dabal proceeded with the reorganization and presented a new voting order:

Rachelski, Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Ivanicki, Androwis.

Ms. Preinfalk motioned to open the Hearing of the Citizens. Seconded by **Mr. Rachelski**.

Roll Call: **AYE:** Rachelski, Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Ivanicki.

John Rebecky from 69 Hathaway Street, on behalf of the Wallington Republican Club and Republican Committee, congratulated the members and those serving, commending their success in a tough fight. Mr. Rebecky expressed optimism about the town's improvement and its continued progress.

Honorable Jack Ciattarelli emphasized the importance of Mayors and Councils in influencing the citizens' quality of life, acknowledging their significant role in local affairs. Mr. Ciattarelli extended his best wishes for 2024, asserting that the Borough is in capable hands. He thanked the Council for the honor and privilege of being part of the reorganization meeting.

Ms. Ivanicki motioned to nominate **Mr. Rachelski** for Council President. Seconded by **Ms. Balik**.



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STATE OF THE BOROUGH ADDRESS – MAYOR MELISSA DABAL

During her address, Mayor Melissa Dabal expressed her gratitude to everyone for attending the meeting. She congratulated Councilwoman Wendy Ivanicki and Dennis Graham, acknowledging them as not only friends but also dedicated advocates for the community. Dabal reflected on her decision to run in 2016, emphasizing her belief that the town had the potential to be much better. Over the past four years, her team, along with professionals, employees, and volunteers, worked diligently to bring about significant improvements. Dabal highlighted ongoing projects, including the imminent completion of the library construction and a 911 Memorial dedication on September 11. The new police station, structurally sound and free of environmental concerns, is set to be completed in 2024. Infrastructure improvements, increased communication through emergency alerts and newsletters, expanded recreation offerings, and bi-weekly garbage pickup were among the accomplishments.

Mayor and Council introduced new town events such as the Fall Festival, a summer concert series, and the holiday festival. Notably, improved financial accountability was achieved with the ability to track every dollar moving in and out of the Borough. Looking ahead, Mayor Dabal outlined plans for further enhancements, including replacing galvanized waterlines, addressing speeding concerns with speed bumps and signage, and revitalizing Wallington Locust and Main Avenues with new curbs, sidewalks, and decorative streetscape. Expressing her anticipation for the next four years, Mayor Dabal thanked everyone who had supported their efforts and wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year. She also thanked Dolores Rebecky and recognized her for her dedication & support over the years.

During the next part of the meeting, Mayor Melissa Dabal proceeded to announce the appointments for various roles within the Mayor and Council.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN

VICE CHAIRMAN



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FINANCE
INSURANCE
POLICE
FIRE/EMS
PUBLIC WORKS
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
LIGHTS
LEGAL/COURTS
REDEVELOPMENT
CAPITAL PROJECTS
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE
PARKING STICKER PROGRAM

E. RACHELSKI
D.GRAHAM
M.DABAL
W. IVANICKI
B. BALIK
D. GRAHAM
K. ANDROWIS
E. RACHELSKI
E. RACHELSKI
E. RACHELSKI
S. PREINFALK
S. PREINFALK
K. ANDROWIS

D. GRAHAM
W.IVANICKI
W.IVANICKI
M. DABAL
D.GRAHAM
B. BALIK

S. PREINFALK
M. DABAL
S. PREINFALK
M. DABAL
W. IVANICKI

COUNCIL LIASION

COMMITTEE

RECREATION
BOARD OF HEALTH
RECYCLING
BUILDING DEPT./CODE ENFORCEMENT
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
PLANNING BOARD

CHAIRMAN

D. GRAHAM
B. BALIK
W. IVANICKI
M. DABAL
M. DABAL
E. RACHELSKI

VICE CHAIRMAN

S. PREINFALK
W. IVANICKI

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M. DABAL

COMMITTEE

ZONING BOARD
BOARD OF EDUCATION
LIBRARY BOARD
RENT LEVELING BOARD
SHADE TREE COMMISSION
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
FLOOD COMMISSION
COMMUNICATION & SOCIAL MEDIA
M&C/BOE SUB COMMITTEE
VETERANS AFFAIRS

CHAIRMAN

D. GRAHAM
S. PREINFALK
S. PREINFALK
B. BALIK
B. BALIK
W. IVANICKI
M. DABAL
S. PREINFALK
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VICE CHAIRMAN

E. RACHELSKI
D. GRAHAM
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B. BALIK



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Mr. Rachelski motioned to approve the Committee assignments. Seconded by **Ms. Ivanicki**.

Roll Call: Rachelski, Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Ivanicki

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

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| i. | Planning Board | 1 Year Term |
| | i. Class I: | Melissa Dabal |
| | ii. Class II: | Nick Melfi |
| | iii. Class III: | Eugene Rachelski |
| ii. | Zoning Board | 4 Year Term |
| | i. Member: | John Rebecky |
| | ii. Member: | Joseph Ivanicki Sr. |
| | iii. Alt. Member 1: | _____ |
| | iv. Alt. Member 2: | _____ |
| iii. | Recreation Commission | 5 Year Term |
| | i. Member (Unexpired): | Mark Pokoj |
| | ii. Member: | Christoph Preinfalk |
| | iii. Member: | Tim Thompson |
| | iv. Member: | Rafal Bogusz |
| | | 1 Year Term |
| | v. Alt. Member 1: | |
| | vi. Alt. Member 2: | |
| iv. | Rent Leveling Board | 1 Year Term |
| | i. Landlord / Homeowner: | |
| | ii. Landlord / Homeowner: | |
| | iii. Tenant: | |
| | iv. Alt. Homeowner: | |
| | v. Attorney: | |
| v. | Board of Health | 4 Year Term |
| | i. Member | Donna Tomko |
| ii. | Redevelopment Advisory Committee | |
| | i. Member | Joseph Smith |
| | ii. Member | Bobby Ristovski |
| | iii. Member | Eugene Rachelski |



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Ms. Preinfalk motioned to approve the Board Appointments. Seconded by **Mr. Rachelski**.

Roll Call: **AYE:** Rachelski, Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Ivanicki

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Balik motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by **Mr. Rachelski**.

Roll Call: **AYE:** Rachelski, Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Ivanicki

The following resolutions can be approved “en mass” by Consent Agenda. The items listed below are considered routine by the Borough of Wallington and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

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| 1. Resolution No. 2024 – 001 | Meeting Dates |
| 2. Resolution No. 2024 – 002 | Voting Order |
| 3. Resolution No. 2024 – 003 | Roberts Rules of Order |
| 4. Resolution No. 2024 – 004 | “En Mass” Reading of Resolutions |
| 5. Resolution No. 2024 – 005 | Appointing Borough Administrator – Jennifer Appice |
| 6. Resolution No. 2024 – 006 | Appointing Borough Attorney – Richard J. Allen |
| 7. Resolution No. 2024 – 007 | Appointing Acting Municipal Clerk - Frank Belli |
| 8. Resolution No. 2024 – 008 | Appointing Borough Auditor – Garbarini & Co., PC |
| 9. Resolution No. 2024 – 009 | Appointing Borough Engineer - Neglia Engineering Associates |
| 10. Resolution No. 2024 – 010 | Appointing Borough Prosecutor – Mark DiPisa |
| 11. Resolution No. 2024 – 011 | Appointing Borough Public Defender - Jerry Kuzemczak, Esq. |
| 12. Resolution No. 2024 – 012 | Appointing Bond Counsel – Rogut McCarthy |
| 13. Resolution No. 2024 – 013 | Appointing Risk Consultant - Regional Risk Managers |
| 14. Resolution No. 2024 – 014 | Appointing Fire Officials - Joseph Ivanicki Sr., Eddie Tanderis, James Furtak, Paul Stolarz, Stuart Stolarz, Jr. |
| 15. Resolution No. 2024 – 015 | Appointing Recycling Coordinator - Karen Zupanovich |
| 16. Resolution No. 2024 – 016 | Appointing Animal Control - County of Bergen |
| 17. Resolution No. 2024 – 017 | Authorizing Designated Newspapers – The Record and Star Ledger |
| 18. Resolution No. 2024 – 018 | Authorizing Grant Services Agreement |
| 19. Resolution No. 2024 – 019 | 2024 Payroll Schedule |
| 20. Resolution No. 2024 – 020 | Appointing ADA Compliance Officer - Nick Melfi |
| 21. Resolution No. 2024 – 021 | Designating Borough Depository - Spencer Savings Bank |
| 22. Resolution No. 2024 – 022 | Appointing Tax Appeal Counsel - Elias, Bittiger and Triolo |
| 23. Resolution No. 2024 – 023 | Appointing JIF Representative - Dennis Graham |
| 24. Resolution No. 2024 – 024 | Appointing HIF Representative - Dennis Graham |
| 25. Resolution No. 2024 – 025 | Appointing Lien Officer - Kathy Sireci, CTC |
| 26. Resolution No. 2024 – 026 | General Liability |
| 27. Resolution No. 2024 – 027 | Storm Water Management - Raymond Dynes |
| 28. Resolution No. 2024 – 028 | Appointing Emergency Management Coordinators |



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| 29. Resolution No. 2024 – 029 | Appointing Right to Know Coordinator - Edward Tanderis |
| 30. Resolution No. 2024 – 030 | Appointing Licensed Water Professional – William Bierwas |
| 31. Resolution No. 2024 – 031 | Appointing Safety Officer - Edward Tanderis |
| 32. Resolution No. 2024 – 032 | Appointing Class III Planning Board Member - Eugene Rachelski |
| 33. Resolution No. 2024 – 033 | Authorized Banking Signatures |
| 34. Resolution No. 2024 – 034 | Payroll – Action Data Services |
| 35. Resolution No. 2024 – 035 | Annual Audit of the Water Fund |
| 36. Resolution No. 2024 – 036 | Supplemental Fire Services – Edward Tanderis |
| 37. Resolution No. 2024 – 037 | Appointment of Office Emergency Management Staff |
| 38. Resolution No. 2024 – 038 | Authorizing Interest Rate, Grace Period and Year-End Penalty |
| 39. Resolution No. 2024 – 039 | Authorizing Purchases Under NJ State Contracts |
| 40. Resolution No. 2024 – 040 | Authorizing Checking Accounts and Signatures at Valley National Bank for the Municipal Court Account |
| 41. Resolution No. 2024 – 041 | Imposing \$35.00 Service Charge for Returned Checks |
| 42. Resolution No. 2024 – 042 | Authorizing Law Enforcement Mutual Aid |
| 43. Resolution No. 2024 – 043 | Authorizing Cancellation of Certain Property Tax Refunds or Delinquencies |
| 44. Resolution No. 2024 – 044 | Authorizing Issuance and Signing of Checks for Fixed Charges |
| 45. Resolution No. 2024 – 045 | Authorizing Transfer of Funds within Official Depository |
| 46. Resolution No. 2024 – 046 | Appointing of Labor Attorney - Mark DiPisa |
| 47. Resolution No. 2024 – 047 | Appointing Registered Municipal Finance Advisor – Phoenix Advisors |
| 48. Resolution No. 2024 – 048 | Shared Services – Certified Recycling Professional BCUA |
| 49. Resolution No. 2024 – 049 | Adopting Cash Management Plan |
| 50. Resolution No. 2024 – 050 | Appointing Board of Health Attorney – Jon Sontz |
| 51. Resolution No. 2024 – 051 | Appointing Redevelopment Counsel - Herold Law, Robert Simon |
| 52. Resolution No. 2024 – 052 | Establishing Policies and Procedures for the Payment of Claims and Claimant's Signature |
| 53. Resolution No. 2024 – 053 | Appointing Land Use Counsel - Herold Law, Robert Simon |
| 54. Resolution No. 2024 – 054 | Appointing Borough Planner – Burgis and Associates |
| 55. Resolution No. 2024 – 055 | Establishing Temporary Budget Appropriations for 2024 |
| 56. Resolution No. 2024 – 056 | Appointing QPA – Frank Belli |
| 57. Resolution No. 2024 – 057 | Alcoholism and Abuse Grant |
| 58. Resolution No. 2024 – 058 | Department of Defense Excess Equipment |
| 59. Resolution No. 2024 – 059 | Authorizing CMFO to Pay Certain Obligations |
| 60. Resolution No. 2024 – 060 | Approve abatement of property taxes under \$10.00 |
| 61. Resolution No. 2024 – 061 | Approve interest rates for delinquent taxes and assessments |
| 62. Resolution No. 2024 – 062 | Authorize electronic transfer of funds |
| 63. Resolution No. 2024 – 063 | Authorize payments between meeting dates |
| 64. Resolution No. 2024 – 064 | Shared service agreement with Carlstadt for backup street sweeping |
| 65. Resolution No. 2024 – 065 | Appointment of part-time CFO Dave Sireci |
| 66. Resolution No. 2024 – 066 | Appointment of Tax Clerk – Carole West |
| 67. Resolution No. 2024 – 067 | Appointment of Information Tech Consultant – Dart Computer Services |
| 68. Resolution No. 2024 – 068 | Authorization Payment of Bills |
| 69. Resolution No. 2024 – 069 | Convene into Executive Session |
| 70. Resolution No. 2024 – 070 | Authorizing Crossing Guard Contract |
| 71. Resolution No. 2024 – 071 | Authorizing CBDG Grant agreement for roadway improvements on Reservoir Avenue |
| 72. Resolution No. 2024 – 072 | Appointment of Clerk Typist – Magdalena Thompson |
| 73. Resolution No. 2024 – 073 | Authorizing Construction Code Inspectors Stipend |
| 74. Resolution No. 2024 – 074 | Authorizing PVWC Water Rate Increase |



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| 75. Resolution No. 2024 – 075 | Authorizing Police Chief Imbruglia Buyout |
| 76. Resolution No. 2024 – 076 | Appointing PBA Grievance Attorney – Mark DiPisa |

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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| a. Melissa Dabal | Mayor |
| b. Eugene Rachelski | Councilman |
| c. Dennis Graham | Councilman |
| d. Beata Balik | Councilwoman |
| e. Wendy Ivanicki | Councilwoman |
| f. Susanne Preinfalk | Councilwoman |
| g. Kaldoun Androwis | Councilman |

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

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| a. Jennifer Appice | Borough Administrator |
| b. Frank Belli | Acting Municipal Clerk / QPA |
| c. David Sireci | Chief Municipal Financial Officer |
| d. Kathy Sireci | Tax Collector |
| e. Nick Melfi | Construction Official |
| f. Edward Brown | Tax Assessor |

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

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| a. David Kaczor | Chief of Department |
| b. Shawn Tilt | Deputy Chief |
| c. Douglas Krause | Assistant Chief |
| d. Richard Ray | Truck Co. 201 Captain |
| e. Kenneth Friedman | Truck Co. 201 Lieutenant |
| f. Michael Moinar | Engine Co. 202 Captain |
| g. James Woods Jr. | Engine Co. 202 Lieutenant |
| h. Moustafa Abdulla | Hose Co. 3 Captain |
| i. Brian Svetz | Hose Co. 3 Lieutenant |
| j. Kyle Mizdol | Rescue Co. 204 Captain |
| k. Michael Collins | Rescue Co. 204 Lieutenant |
| l. Ed DiGiorgi | EMS Captain |
| m. William Swiston | BLS Lieutenant |
| n. Stu Stolarz Jr. | Scuba Lieutenant |



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2024 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

a. Mark Lepinski	Coordinator
b. Stanley Baginski	Deputy Coordinator
c. Michael Marciniak	Deputy Coordinator
d. Marta Goldyn	Board of Health Secretary
e. Nick Melfi	Code Official
f. David Kaczor	Fire Department Chief
g. Ed DiGiorgi	EMS Captain
h. Shawn Kudlacik	Chief of Police
i. Ireneusz "Eric" Kluska	Captain
j. Doug Krause	Deputy
k. James Woods Sr.	Deputy
l. Douglas Krause	Assistant Chief
m. Shawn Tilt	Deputy Chief
n. Melissa Dabal	Mayor
o. Jennifer Appice	Borough Administrator

There being no further business before the Mayor and Council, **Ms. Preinfalk** made the motion at 2:24 pm for adjournment, seconded by **Ms. Ivanicki**.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Rachelski, Graham, Balik, Preinfalk, Ivanicki

Respectfully Submitted,

Marta Goldyn

Recording Clerk