

**BOROUGH OF PROSPECT PARK
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2013**

Present:

Mayor	Mohamed T. Khairullah
Councilman	Robert Artis
Councilman	Samir Hayek
Councilwoman	Felicia Ortiz
Councilwoman	Cristina Peralta
Councilman	Adnan Zakaria

Absent:

Councilwoman	Esther Perez
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Also Present:

Municipal Attorney	Denis Murphy
Municipal Clerk	Stephanie Evans

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Mohamed T. Khairullah at 12:00 Noon.

This meeting was opened with the FLAG SALUTE by Councilman Artis, and was followed with an INVOCATION by Councilman Hayek.

The Re-Organization meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Prospect Park took place on January 5, 2013 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 106 Brown Avenue, Prospect Park, New Jersey. Formal action will be taken.

Statement of compliance with Open Public Meetings Act

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS PROVIDED BY A NOTICE SENT TO THE HERALD NEWS, THE RECORD, AND THE HAWTHORNE PRESS ON DECEMBER 18, 2012. THIS NOTICE WAS ALSO POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON DECEMBER 18, 2012 AND HAS REMAINED CONTINUOUSLY POSTED AS REQUIRED BY STATUTE. IN ADDITION, A COPY OF THIS NOTICE IS AND HAS BEEN AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK.

Proper notice having been given, the Municipal Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.

OATH OF OFFICE TO BE ADMINISTERED TO COUNCIL-ELECT

- The Oath of Office was administered to Samir Hayek by Mayor Mohamed T. Khairullah. Councilman Hayek took his seat at the dais.
- The Oath of Office was administered to Richard Esquiche by Mayor Mohamed T. Khairullah. Councilman Esquiche took his seat at the dais.

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ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR A TERM OF 1 YEAR

Motion by Councilwoman Ortiz, seconded by Councilwoman Peralta to Elect Councilman Artis as Council President:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Ortiz, Peralta, Zakaria

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The Oath of Office was administered to the Council President Robert Artis by Mayor Mohamed T Khairullah.

GREETING BY MAYOR KHAIRULLAH

Good Afternoon, Buenos Noches, and Alsalmua Alikum Ladies Gentlemen. I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. Residents of Prospect Park, family, friends, Honorable Chairman Currie, Honorable Elected and Appointed Officials, members of the Clergy, municipal employees and volunteers, and all of the Prospect Park friends, on behalf of the Governing Body, I want to welcome every single one of you to our Annual Reorganization Meeting.

2012 has been a very challenging year. But despite the many difficulties, we pulled together as a community. Our nation, as well as our Borough continued to go through tough economic times. Despite that, we managed to fully exit the State's transitional aid program resulting in no interference by the Sate in our financial matters.

This year, I am happy to announce that we took another step to bringing our financial house to normal operation by not requesting furlough days from our employees this year. While this move will force us to continue to watch our nickels and dimes very closely this year, it will result in a very financially healthy 2014. At this moment I want to thank the police, and municipal employees for their cooperation and understanding in this time of difficulties.

We continued to do infrastructure improvements around the municipality with minimal Prospect Park tax payer's dollars due to aggressive grant seeking ways. I am happy to announce that Prospect Park has received approximately \$535,000.00 in grants. This year, the residents of Prospect Park will be able to enjoy the new bathrooms and Spray Park in Hofstra Park at minimal cost out of their pockets.

When it comes to recreation, we are committee to providing our children with the much enjoyed baseball and soccer programs in addition to the special events that they have become accustomed to enjoy.

When it comes to economic development, I am happy to announce that the ownership of the Tilcon property has been transferred to a developing group that has already began dialogue with us and is committed to bringing the best possible development that would benefit all the members of our community. With the commencement of this development project, our residents can look for a long lasting economic boom and property tax stability.

Before I end my remarks I want to thank the entire community for coming together during super storm Sandy. What we saw is that during our darkest hours, good people do make a difference and Prospect Park proved to be full of good people. I want to thank all residents and neighboring communities and organizations for their support of our displaced resident.

I want to thank my colleagues on the Council for the wonderful job they are doing for the community. I want to tell you that it is an honor working with you.

I want to thank all of you for being here and wish every single one of you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Before I turn it over to the Council, I just wanted to remind everyone that our newly elected Council people and the Council President are providing refreshments upstairs. We should be done with the meeting hopefully before 1:00PM, so hopefully you will stay with us. At this moment I would like to ask the Council members for their remarks, starting with the Council President Artis.

COUNCIL MEMBERS GREETINGS

Councilman Artis: Thanks everyone for being here. Thank the Council for allowing him to be Council President for the year. He's watched and learned a lot from all the Council members. Congratulates Councilman Hayek for being re-elected, and to Richie who I feel our thinking is very similar, looks forward to working with him.

Councilman Esquiche: Happy New York. My parents are my inspiration, showing that hard work does pay off. Thanks town for the privilege of serving, a little bit wiser and older, knows that his duty is to serve the community.

Councilman Hayek: Greetings to everyone. Thanking everyone for allowing him to serve a second term. He is humbled and looks forward to serving the community. His last term they worked on trimming the budget but maintaining all the same services, will continue to keep Prospect Park safe and clean.

Councilwoman Ortiz: Congratulates Councilman Esquiche and Councilman Hayek. To the residents, thank you for allowing to serve, and also letting us know what you want for Prospect Park. Thanks the Police and Fire Departments for all they do.

Councilwoman Peralta: Happy New Year to everyone. Congratulations to Hayek and Esquiche. I know they will do a great job. Congratulations to all the elected officials at all levels.

Councilman Zakaria: Thanks everyone for coming, congratulating our elected officials. Thanking the Mayor for all his hard work. It takes all of working together for a safe and strong community.

RECOGNITION OF ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Mr. John Curry, Democratic Chairman – Start his remarks by congratulating the Mayor for doing an outstanding job not only with this governing body, keeping this town moving forward in tough times, but congratulate him on the (inaudible) he brings not only for this town but help with all levels of government. Pleased with the way this council works together.

State Senator Nellie Pou of the 35th District – Greetings to everyone. Addressed Councilman Esquiche, congratulating him on his return to office. Mentioned Councilwoman Perez for all her hard work in all the years she served. She and her colleagues will continue to work hard for the Borough of Prospect Park.

Freeholder Bruce James – Congratulated Council President Artis, addressed Councilman Hayek saying he is a man of the people, has a big heart and works hard for the community. Councilman Esquiche he remembers as a young man wearing a tee shirt and black jacket. Glad he came back to serve community. Mayor you are a loyal Democratic and a great friend. Have a small town, with a big heart, and a massive voice. You are speaking out for the people in Syria. God takes his time in doing things, but I know he is listening to you.

The Mayor would like recognize the following dignitaries:

Assemblywoman Shayonda Sumter who is with her mother in the hospital

Assemblyman Benjie Wimberly

County Surrogate and Prospect Park Resident Ms. Bernie Toledo

Haledon Councilman Mounir Almaita

RESOLUTION #2013-002

**APPOINTMENT OF PROSPECT PARK VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY OFFICERS 1 YR TERM**

Motion by Councilwoman Ortiz, seconded by Councilman Zakaria to Approve:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Ortiz, Peralta, Zakaria
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

The Oath of Office was administered by Mayor Khairullah.

Mayor Khairullah requested the advice and consent of the Borough Council to appoint the position of Fire Official.

- William B. Smith 2 Years (exp. 12/31/2014)

RESOLUTION #2013-003

**APPOINTMENT OF PROSPECT PARK FIRE
PREVENTION BUREAU - FIRE OFFICIAL
WILLIAM B. SMITH – TWO YEAR TERM**

Motion by Councilman Hayek, seconded by Councilman Esquiche to Approve:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Ortiz, Peralta, Zakaria
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

The Oath of Office was administered by Mayor Khairullah.

Mayor Khairullah requested the advice and consent of the Borough Council to appoint the position of Borough of Prospect Park's Fire Inspector.

RESOLUTION #2013-004

**APPOINTMENT OF PROSPECT PARK FIRE
PREVENTION BUREAU - FIRE INSPECTOR
SCOTT HOEK - ONE YEAR TERM**

Motion by Councilwoman Ortiz, seconded by Councilman Esquiche to Approve.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Ortiz, Peralta, Zakaria
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

The Oath of Office was administered by Mayor Khairullah.

Mayor Khairullah requested the advice and consent of the Borough Council to appoint the position of the Borough of Prospect Park's Planning Board.

RESOLUTION #2013-005 APPOINTMENT OF PROSPECT PARK PLANNING BOARD MEMBER –PAUL BIRCH –1 YEAR TERM

Motion by Councilman Hayek, seconded by Councilwoman Peralta to Appoint:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Ortiz, Peralta, Zakaria
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

The Oath of Office was administered by Mayor Khairullah.

Mayor Khairullah requested the advice and consent of the Borough Council to appoint the following appointments:

	<u>Borough Employees</u>		
Deputy Tax Collector	Hana Hataf	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
Court Administrator	Naomi Kasib	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
Deputy Court Administrator	Heidy Amaral	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
Safety Coordinator	Ken Valt	1 year	Exp. 12/31/2013
DPW Worker	RJ Dansen	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
Custodian	Anthony Lovell	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
Housing Official	Paul Birch	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
Recreation Director/Municipal Alliance Coordinator	Damian Serafin	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
Administrative Assistant –P/T	Diana Pleasant	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
<u>Police Department:</u>			
Class II Special Police Officer	Esllam Zakaria	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
	Jawad Hataf	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
Class I Special Police Officer	Giovanne Perez	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
Superintendent of Police and Fire Alarms	Raymond Dansen, Sr.	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
Administrative Assistant P/T	Mary Ann Cakl	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
Administrative Assistant P/T	Heather R. Hayden	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013

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Crossing Guards:	April Torres	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
	Alcida Arizola	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
	Sandra Kelson	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
	Wayne Shermond	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
	Jocelyn Bayne	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
	Angela Ramos	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
Substitute Crossing Guards	Della Lovell	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
	Anthony Lovell	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
<u>Office of Emergency Management:</u>			
OEM Coordinator		1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
OEM Deputy Coordinator	William Mullanaphy	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
Auxiliary Officers:	Tamara Abaza	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
	Marvin Carraso	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
	Daniel Chavarria	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
	Katherine Estrella	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
	Muhamed Illijazi	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
	Basil Kashuka	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
	Louis Kessner	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
	Michael Perez	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
<u>Police Physician:</u>	Dr. David Rasa	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013
Alternate Physician	Dr. George Guariglia	1 Year	Exp. 12/31/2013

RESOLUTION #2013-006

**APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH OF PROSPECT
PARK EMPLOYEES**

Motion by Councilwoman Peralta, seconded by Councilwoman Ortiz to Appoint:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Ortiz, Peralta, Zakaria
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

The Oath of Office was administered by Mayor Khairullah.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S COMMITTEES

Mayor Khairullah appointed his committee heads as follows:

Public Safety:

Artis

Public Service:

Zakaria

Finance/Insurance:

Ortiz

Housing/Health & Welfare:

Esquiche

Parks & Recreation/Buildings & Grounds

Peralta

Communications/Ordinances

Hayek

RESOLUTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS, NUMBER 2013-007 THROUGH #2013-23, WILL BE ADOPTED BY A CONSENT AGENDA, WITH ONE VOTE BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL, AND WILL BE READ BY TITLE ONLY:

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-007 CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-008 OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-009 INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-010 ASSESSMENT SEARCHES

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-011 OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-012 AUTHORIZATION TO INVEST FUNDS

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-013 WIRE TRANSFER AUTHORIZATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-014 ESTABLISH MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2013

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-015 DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER-
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-016 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO
CHARGE A PENALTY FOR DELINQUENT TAXES**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-017 PETTY CASH – FINANCE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-018 CONTINUANCE OF WAGE & SALARY ORDINANCE

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-019 APPOINTMENT OF DAVID FERRANTE AS PROSECUTOR

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-020 APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD BALDI AS PUBLIC DEFENDER

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-021 ESTABLISH TEMPORARY BUDGET – 2013

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-022 APPROVE APPLICATION FOR TOWING LICENSE
CITY WIDE TOWING**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-023 APPROVE APPLICATION FOR TOWING LICENSE
CLASSIC TOWING**

Motion by Councilwoman Peralta, seconded by Councilman Zakaria to Approve:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Ortiz, Peralta, Zakaria
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING

(Privilege of the Floor)

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Councilman Zakaria, seconded by Councilwoman Ortiz to Approve:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Ortiz, Peralta, Zakaria
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Al Demarest - 368 North 9th Street, thanks Mayor and Council for supporting the children and their education, this was for all past and present Council members. Once again the support the children receive for their education is overwhelming.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Councilman Hayek, seconded by Councilman Zakaria to Approve:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Ortiz, Peralta, Zakaria
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

ADJOURN

Motion by Councilwoman Ortiz, seconded by Councilman Esquiche to Adjourn @ 1:00PM

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Artis, Esquiche, Hayek, Ortiz, Peralta, Zakaria
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

**Mohamed T. Khairullah
Mayor**

**Stephanie Evans, RMC
Municipal Clerk**