

January 5, 2020 Oath of Office

MINUTES
OATH OF OFFICE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL COURT /COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY
SUNDAY JANUARY 5, 2020 AT 12:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Mayor Schwager at 12:05 pm.

NATIONAL ANTHEM: The National Anthem was sung by Amanda Masfield.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: The Salute to the Flag was led by Scouts Natalya & Aleksandra Kozlovski.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

INVOCATION: Rabbi Chanoch Kaplan gave the Invocation.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor Schwager advised that this meeting is being held in accordance with the open public meetings law, duly announced, advertised and posted in the municipal building.

OATH OF OFFICE: Congressman Josh Gottheimer administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Linda H. Schwager.

Congressman Gottheimer wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated he was honored to be in the Borough of Oakland. He acknowledged Freeholders Amoroso and Zur, Boy Scout troops 34 and 59 and Girl Scout troop 96478 for being here today. He acknowledged the First Responders who every single day wake up to get our backs. He thanked the Veterans in attendance for their service. Congressman Gottheimer stated that the start of a new year gives the opportunity for the town to come together, put party aside and put Country first. He thinks we don't do enough of that these days. This is the greatest Country because we come together. Diversity is our greatest strength. Congressman Gottheimer loves that the Governing Body of Oakland comes together for the people who elected them. .,

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE TO MAYOR: A representative of WEDO of Bergen County congratulated Mayor Schwager and gave her a certificate.

Freeholders Mary Amoroso and Tracy Silna Zur were in attendance to congratulate and present certificates to Mayor Schwager and to Councilman Knapp and Councilman Van Eck.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Mayor Schwager thanked Congressman Gottheimer for the honor of having him administer the Oath of Office. She thanked Rabbi Kaplan for his inspiring invocation. Mayor Schwager thanked her family who came from near and far to share the day including family representing her recently deceased sister. She thanked the Kates family who have become like her family.

Mayor Schwager is here today because of her husband, Steve. Steve is her biggest supporter, her biggest fan who always gives words of encouragement and wisdom. During the campaign, he listened and shared all his knowledge. Steve also worked very hard putting up signs, replacing signs and then removing signs-all without complaints.

Mayor Schwager was fortunate to have run with Tom Connolly. He and his wife have become good friends. Our campaign manager, Andrea Levy, was with us all the way. She was our leader, our sounding board and kept us focused. We kept our heads up high and ran on the truth.

Mayor Schwager is starting her third term as Mayor of Oakland. This is unprecedented in Oakland. Prior to 1972, Mayors only served two-year terms. In 1972, Mayor Leroy Wright was the first to serve a four-year term. Mayor Schwager is honored to be the first Mayor to serve a third four-year term. During the past two terms, she strived for open government and full disclosures to all our residents and she promises to continue.

Oakland has many volunteers who serve on Boards and Commissions. The dedicated officers of our Police Department, led by Chief Sanzari, are top notch. Our volunteer Fire Department and First Aid Squad members give their time unselfishly and she thanked their families. The DPW workers, under the supervision of Anthony Marcucilli, work tirelessly day and night especially when it snows or there is a water main break or some other emergency.

There is so much going on in Oakland and so many projects coming to fruition this year. It is going to be an exciting year ahead-buildings coming down, sidewalks installed, bridges repaired and/or replaced, downtown beautification and sewers to help with ratables. Mayor Schwager reminded everyone that the Governing Body is here to work together regardless of party politics. Partisanship has no place in our town. Freeholder Ganz once stated that there is no Republican or Democratic way to pick up garbage. The newly-elected Councilwoman in Wayne stated that there is no Republican or Democratic way to fill potholes. Mayor Schwager added that there is no Republican or Democratic way to plow our streets, fix a broken water pipe, volunteer services, help one another or help our children. She asked everyone to work together for our town.

OATH OF OFFICE: Mayor Schwager introduced Borough Attorney Brian Chewcaskie who administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Robert Knapp.

Councilman Knapp's Message:

Councilman Knapp thanked everyone who supported him during his campaign. He thanked his parents and his in-laws for their support and encouragement. He thanked his wife Andrea for dealing with all the time he spends with the Council. Councilman Knapp has been a member of the Fire Department for 38 years and his wife Andrea has been a member of the First Aid Squad for over 15 years. Our Police Department is outstanding. Councilman Knapp is proud to be the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee. The OEM gives support behind the scenes. The DPW is always there when we need them. Councilman Knapp has grown up in this town and has never left. He stated that the Governing Body doesn't agree all the time but work well as a group. He thanked his campaign manager, Frank DiPentima. Councilman Knapp hopes that he takes what he learned during his first term and does better his second term.

OATH OF OFFICE: Mayor Schwager introduced John McCann who administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Grant Van Eck.

Councilman Van Eck's Message:

Councilman Van Eck thanked his wife, Kathy, and his daughter, Felicity. He couldn't have done this without their sacrifice going forward. This has been a lifelong dream to be elected and serve in public office. He is grateful to all his family. His grandparents have set an example and his

grandfather is a Veteran. He thanked his running mate Eric Kulmala and his campaign manager, John McCann. Councilman Van Eck thanked our first responders for all they do.

Mayor Schwager administered the Oath of Office to the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department Officers:

	2020 OFFICERS
SECRETARY:	TIMOTHY DeBLOCK
FIRE ENGINEERS:	LEIGH DODD
	CHRISTOPHER HOITSMA
LIEUTENANTS:	CESAR ARREDONDO
	STEVEN LONGA
	JEFFREY PEREIRA
	DANIEL DeRISI
CAPTAINS:	MATTHEW SORCE
	VINCENT INCORVAIA
ASSISTANT CHIEFS:	LEWIS THURSTON
	GARY WALKER
CHIEF:	VINCENT DIES

REGULAR MEETING COMMENCES:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL: Mayor Schwager called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Present: Mayor Schwager, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Levy, Pignatelli, Talamini, Van Eck. Absent: None. Also Present: Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk; Richard Kunze, Borough Administrator; Brian Chewcaskie, Borough Attorney.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Levy, this portion of the meeting be opened for public discussion.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Levy, Pignatelli, Talamini, Van Eck.

No comments made.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Knapp, this portion of the meeting be closed to public discussion.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Levy, Pignatelli, Talamini, Van Eck.

ADOPT 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Levy, the 2020 Meeting Schedule be adopted:

2020
SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS
BOROUGH OF OAKLAND

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Business may be conducted at each meeting. Executive Sessions will be held at 6:30 pm to discuss possible litigation, negotiations, and personnel matters. All regular business meetings, which are open to the public, will commence at 7:30 pm.

All meetings will be held in the Municipal Court/Council Chambers, 10 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, New Jersey. Oath Of Office Ceremony will be held on January 5, 2020 at 12:00 pm and the Re-Organization Meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on January 8, 2020 at the Council Chambers, 10 Lawlor Drive.

January	5	Oath of Office
	8	Re-Organization
	22	Regular Meeting
February	12	Regular Meeting
	26	Regular Meeting
March	11	Regular Meeting
	25	Regular Meeting
April	7 (Tuesday)	Regular Meeting
	22	Regular Meeting
May	13	Regular Meeting
	27	Regular Meeting
June	10	Regular Meeting
	24	Regular Meeting
July	8	Regular Meeting
	22	Regular Meeting
August	12	Regular Meeting
	26	Regular Meeting
Sept	9	Regular Meeting
	23	Regular Meeting
Oct	14	Regular Meeting
	28	Regular Meeting
November	9 (Monday)	Regular Meeting
	24 (Tuesday)	Regular Meeting
December	9	Regular Meeting
	23	Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Levy, Pignatelli, Talamini , Van Eck.

ADOPT OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Knapp, approval be granted for The Record to be the Official Newspaper of the Borough of Oakland.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Levy, Pignatelli, Talamini ,
Van Eck.

APPOINT COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Councilman Pignatelli and Councilman Talamini nominated Councilman John Biale to be Council President. Councilman Biale declined the nomination.

On motion of Councilman Knapp, seconded by Councilman Biale, Councilman Lew Levy be Council President for 2020.

ROLL CALL: Yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Levy, Pignatelli, Talamini.
Nay, Councilman Van Eck.

BENEDICTION: Fire Chaplain Russell Stammer gave the Benediction.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Levy, the meeting be adjourned at 1:03 pm.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Levy, Pignatelli, Talamini Van Eck.

Lisa M. Duncan

Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk
January 22, 2020

Date Approved

Linda H. Schwager

Mayor Linda H. Schwager