

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council, Borough of Keyport, held on the above date via videoconference in Borough Hall Council Chambers, Keyport, NJ, pursuant to the Annual Notice on file with the Borough Clerk forwarded to the Asbury Park Press, The Independent, Two River Times and Newark Star Ledger and posted on the Bulletin Board in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231.

Members of the public who wished to participate in the meeting used the following dial in information:

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85375749207?pwd=aTI4RkpnZzVuRHRUT0MzMlJxZzFnZz09>

Meeting ID: 853 7574 9207

Passcode: 251246

Dial in Number: (646) 558-8656

Mayor Kennedy called the Meeting to Order at 7:02PM. Borough Clerk Michele Clark read the Sunshine Law Notice.

ROLL CALL

On Roll Call the following were present via videoconference: Councilmembers Cooper, Fotopoulos, Goode, McDermott, Pacheco and Sheridan. Present in Council Chambers: Mayor Kennedy, Borough Administrator Jay Delaney. Borough Attorney Mark Moon was present via videoconference.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Kennedy dedicated a moment of silence in honor of all of those who were impacted by the pandemic this year.

PRESENTATION

Chief Hafner presented \$550 to the Food Pantry, which the Keyport Police Department collected during the No-Shave November Fundraiser.

Councilman Cooper thanked the Chief and Mayor.

Councilman Goode – He acknowledged Nicole Henn for the great job she is doing to receive and distribute additional funds received from the State’s Neighborhood Preservation Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The Meeting was opened to the public for comments or questions listed on the Agenda at 7:10PM moved by Sheridan, carried by Cooper with ayes by all present.

Elmer J. Graham, Jr., 22 St. Peters Place – Regarding, **R286-20** Authorizing Certain Transfers of Appropriations Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58, he asked for an explanation, which Mr. Delaney provided. Regarding, **R289-20** Authorizing the Rejection of Bids Submitted in Response to Request for Bids for Emergency and On-Call Utility Repair Services, he asked for an explanation which Mr. Delaney provided.

Michael Lane, 51 First St. – He asked that under “Committee Reports” Councilman Fotopoulos post the Anbaric PowerPoint presentation, report on the Harbor Commission position and porta potty enclosures. He also addressed Councilwoman Pacheco and said that during the most recent flooding on American Legion Drive the flood gates were not operated. He asked if there is a procedure for monitoring the tides, wind speeds and the forecasting of flooding. He asked about the 25MPH speed limit sign progress and the First Street traffic calming needs. He asked Councilman Goode about the Engineering timeline on the pump station and outfall pipe. He asked Mr. Delaney the status of the 25MPH signs on Broad Street and the latest solution for the Beach Park outfall pipe. He asked Mayor Kennedy about the issues she raised at the December 3, 2020 Special Council meeting regarding underground utilities and improvements to First and Waverly. Regarding, **R233-20** he asked about the five-year tax abatement for the Waverly project and wanted to know who approved this before the completion of the project. Regarding, **R287-20** In Support of the Living Shoreline Policy for Flood Mitigation, Educational and Ecological Purposes for Keyport, New Jersey, he asked if any thought had been given about Aeromarine erosion and stabilizing that shoreline. He sent an email suggesting a virtual session for Brown’s Point Marina and asked why the Clerk did not list it on the Agenda. He asked for a Tax Assessor’s report.

There being no further comments or questions, the Meeting was closed to the public at 7:21PM moved by Sheridan, carried by Pacheco with ayes by all present.

Mayor Kennedy – In response to Mr. Lane’s commentary, she clarified that the Clerk does not set the agenda and that the email is not listed in Communications because all members of Council have seen it. She said in regards to Waverly, she will continue to follow up on it. She said that the Engineer is aware that they have to pave the roadway from curb to curb. As far as the utilities, she said that she is still waiting for an updated, official answer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Cooper: Recreation/Senior Center/Library/Veteran’s Initiative

- Senior Center
 - Had a new AC unit installed
 - The roof repair is outstanding, as well as the mold clean up
 - They continue to do Wellness calls
 - Goody bags were given out to 90% of members
 - Purchased supplies for office and education programs
 - Purchases will be made in 2021 under the CARES Act Funding
 - New virtual Media Art on Thursday evenings at 7PM
 - Monthly newsletters delivered to buildings
 - Morris Goldman is missed
 - Volunteer Appreciation drive thru and slideshow can be seen on the Facebook Page
 - The Holiday Show was cancelled
 - Title III Grant Budget prepared and submitted
- Deferred Recreation Committee report to Councilwoman McDermott
- Thanked Mayor and Council

Councilman Fotopoulos: Board of Health/Registrar/Recycling/Environmental/Harbor Commission/Redevelopment

- Harbor Commission deferred procedures of Flood Gates to the Police Department
- Janet Fuller, from Anbaric, gave a presentation that was well attended
- Harbor Commission voted their disapproval of the extension of the porta potties and enclosures at the current locations around the Harbor
- Recycling Committee met and had questions about the budget
- He will be meeting with Mr. Fallon and will invite Mr. Delaney to discuss the Recycling RBIT Account
- The team wants to revisit how much is charged for AC units and refrigerators
- A paper shredding event will be held in 2021
- Recycling brochure has been edited
- Environmental Commission met
- Environmental Commission will be given a presentation on Brown’s Point soil remediation
- Thanked Councilman Cooper and Councilman Sheridan for serving

Councilman Goode: Fire/First Aid/Emergency Services/Planning Board/Redevelopment

- Fire Department Report read
- He congratulated the new Fire Department Chief, Jay Borsari
- Thanked outgoing Chief Moscatiello
- Thanked all First Responders
- He responded to Mr. Lane’s commentary about the Pump Station and tax abatement
- Thanked Chief Hafner
- Thanked Councilman Cooper and Councilman Sheridan for serving

Councilwoman McDermott: Public Works/Construction/Zoning/Property Maintenance/KBBC/MAC

- Congratulated all who worked during 2020
- Thanked Councilman Cooper and Councilman Sheridan
- Recreation Committee is hosting virtual Holiday decoration contest – submit pictures
- Thanked KBBC
- Snowflake decorating sponsored by KBBC
- Municipal Alliance Grant renewal
- COVID-19 safety precautions implemented by Borough
- NPP PPE distribution event

Councilwoman Pacheco: Police/MAC/Harbor Commission/Green Team

- Thanked Nicole Henn
- Thanked all who assisted at the PPE distribution event
- Police Department Report was read
- 25MPH signs are in and will be going up shortly
- Deferred flood gate issues to the Police Department
- Thanked Councilman Cooper and Councilman Sheridan for serving
- Thanked Chief Hafner

Councilman Sheridan: Finance/Grants/LEPC/Veteran's Initiative

- Finance meeting will be this Thursday
- Historical Society met
- Fireman's election
- Thanked NPP Coordinator for the PPE distribution event
- Thanked Chief Hafner for his service
- Thanked Councilman Cooper
- Thanked the Mayor, Council and Councilmembers-elect
- Thanked Mr. Delaney
- Wished all best of health and good fortune

MAYOR'S UPDATES

- Mayor Kennedy read her report and spoke about this year's struggles with COVID-19, as well as what was accomplished.
 - Keyport proved their resilience by drawing rainbows and posting them, sent messages of support and encouragement, supported businesses, checked in on neighbors, held drive-by birthday celebrations and compiled a video with birthday greetings from across the Borough.
 - Construction Office is using SDL
 - Helped numerous businesses with information and resources from the Monmouth County CARES grant and the NPP COVID Relief Grant
 - The Borough remained operational through the pandemic
 - The Library has a new roof and stairs, the Senior Center has a new roof and upgraded HVAC and lighting
 - Welcomed Michele Clark as the Borough Clerk, Jay Delaney as the Business Administrator and additional new hires
 - Thanked Emergency Services, who kept us all safe
 - Appointed to a Mayor's Task Force with the NJ Reentry Program for the Prisoner Release Program
 - Put together a Keyport Leader's Resource Advisory Panel
 - Dais always had the best interest of the entire Borough through the entire pandemic
 - Thanked Councilmembers Sheridan and Cooper
 - Told Chief Hafner that he will be missed
 - Encouraged everyone to look back and think about things they learned through the experiences this year

Captain Torres – She thanked Mayor Kennedy for all that she has done, as well as Councilman Sheridan and Councilman Cooper. She spoke about Chief Hafner's commitment and service to the Borough and wished him the best in his retirement.

Chief Hafner – He thanked Mayor and Council for their support and spoke about the upcoming promotions.

- Thanked Councilman Sheridan for his 15 years of service
- Thanked Councilman Cooper for his service and all that he has done for the Food Pantry.
- Thanked Councilwoman Pacheco as Police Commissioner
- Thanked Mayor Kennedy and mentioned her attention to detail, passion for the town and proactive approaches
- Thanked Nicole for all that she has done with the NPP in a short amount of time
- Thanked Kenny Krohe, First Aid and Fire Department
- Thanked Michele Clark
- Thanked Mr. Delaney

CONSENT AGENDA

(All resolutions listed hereunder are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. Any person may request that an item be removed for separate consideration.)

- R281-20 Payment of Bills for the November 12, 2020 Bills List
- R282-20 Payment of Bills for the November 17, 2020 Bills List
- R283-20 Payment of Bills for the December 2, 2020 Bills List
- R284-20 Payment of Bills for the December 15, 2020 Bills List
- R285-20 Authorizing Execution of a Grant Agreement with the County of Monmouth for Funding Related to Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Prevention
- R286-20 Authorizing Certain Transfers of Appropriations Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58
- R287-20 In Support of the Living Shoreline Policy for Flood Mitigation, Educational and Ecological Purposes for Keyport, New Jersey
- R288-20 Authorizing the Addition of a Position on the Green Team of the Borough of Keyport for Appointment by the Arts Society of Keyport by the Mayor with the Advice and Consent of the Borough Council
- R289-20 Authorizing the Rejection of Bids Submitted in Response to Request for Bids for Emergency and On-Call Utility Repair Services
- R290-20 Authorizing Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement between the Borough of Keyport and Hudson Pointe at Keyport LLC with Respect to the Property Commonly Known as Block 120, Lots 8 and 9, and Block 130, Lots 42, 48, 49, 50, 51 and 52 on the Tax Map of the Borough of Keyport

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS

Motion to approve items listed on the Consent Agenda moved by Sheridan, carried by Pacheco.

Roll Call: Ayes: Cooper, Fotopoulos, Goode, McDermott, Pacheco, Sheridan
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Absent:

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance – Authorizing Easement of Veteran’s Park to Monmouth County for Open Space Purposes

The Clerk reads the Ordinance by Title: **ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF KEYPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING EASEMENT TO THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH FOR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES AT BLOCK 94, LOT 45 AND BLOCK 124, LOTS 12, 13, AND 25 – Veteran’s Park**

1a. Motion to Open Public Hearing at 8:06PM moved by Goode, carried by Pacheco with ayes by all present.

Elmer J. Graham, Jr. – Regarding, Ordinance Authorizing Easement of Veteran’s Park to Monmouth County for Open Space Purposes, he asked for an explanation which Mr. Delaney provided.

There being no further comments or questions, the Meeting was closed to the public at 8:08PM moved by Goode, carried by Sheridan with ayes by all present.

1b. Motion authorizing the Clerk to adopt Ordinance moved by Goode, carried by Pacheco.

Roll Call: Ayes: Cooper, Fotopoulos, Goode, McDermott, Pacheco, Sheridan
 Nays:
 Abstain:
 Absent:

1c. Motion authorizing the Clerk to publish the Ordinance as adopted moved by Goode, carried by Sheridan with ayes by all present.

COMMUNICATIONS BY CONSENT
(For Approval)

1. Application for renewal of a COVID-19 Expansion of Premises Permit submitted by Keyport-Matawan Elks BPOE 2030
2. Application for Membership in Liberty Hose Company from Jason A. Miller (subject to State approval) and notification that at the November 6, 2020 meeting the membership accepted the resignation of Jessie Johnson as an active member
3. Application for Membership in Hook & Ladder Company from Jatin B. Patel (subject to State approval) and notification that at the March 5, 2020 meeting the membership accepted the resignation of Kate Aumack as an active member

(To Receive and File)

4. Certified results of the Monmouth County General Election of November 3, 2020
5. Letter dated November 16, 2020 from NJDOT advising Keyport selected to receive funding from the NJDOT Fiscal Year 2021 Municipal Aid Program for Fulton Street area Improvements in the amount of \$270,000
6. Millennium Strategies Monthly Activity Report dated December 1, 2020
7. Keyport Fire Department Election Results for 2021 Officers dated December 2, 2020

APPROVAL and/or RECEIPT AND FILE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Motion on Communications by Consent to Approve or Receive and File moved by Goode, carried by Cooper.

Roll Call: Ayes: Cooper, Fotopoulos, Goode, McDermott, Pacheco, Sheridan
Nays:
Absent:
Abstain:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 10, 2020 Regular Meeting
December 3, 2020 Special Meeting

Motion to approve the Minutes was moved by McDermott, carried by Cooper.

Roll Call: Ayes: Cooper, Fotopoulos, Goode, McDermott, Pacheco, Sheridan
Nays:
Absent:
Abstain: Pacheco from approval of minutes December 3, 2020

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS

1. Municipal Clerk's Report for November 2020
2. Board of Health Treasurer's Report for November 2020
3. Building Department Monthly Report for November 2020
4. Municipal Court Monthly Report for November 2020
5. Clean Communities Annual Report for 2020

Motion to receive and file moved by Cooper, carried by Sheridan with ayes by all present.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Kennedy explained **R297-20** Changing the Location of the 2021 Reorganization Meeting.

Mayor Kennedy explained **R298-20** Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation-NPP COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Grant Program (\$231,000). She commended all of the staff upstairs as well and said that it has been a collaborative effort. She thanked everyone for the group effort to help keep our businesses afloat.

Motion to approve **R297-20** Changing the Location of the 2021 Reorganization Meeting and **R298-20** Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation-NPP COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Grant Program (\$231,000) was moved by Goode, carried by Pacheco.

Roll Call: Ayes: Cooper, Fotopoulos, Goode, McDermott, Pacheco, Sheridan
Nays:
Absent:
Abstain:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The Meeting was opened to the public for comments or questions at 8:15PM moved by Cooper, carried by Pacheco with ayes by all present.

Elmer J. Graham, Jr. – He wished Councilman Cooper and Councilman Sheridan good luck. He congratulated Chief Hafner on his retirement and he congratulated Captain Torres on her promotion. He asked the status on the Complete Streets Initiative. Mayor Kennedy responded.

John Merla, 34 Broad St. – He thanked Councilman Cooper and Councilman Sheridan for their dedication and service to the community. Thanked Chief Hafner for doing a tremendous job.

Michael Lane – He asked about the report on the flood gates and the operating procedures. Mayor Kennedy said that someone will get back to him after they review the policy.

He asked Mr. Delaney if there was an update on the Beach Park outfall pipe. Mayor Kennedy said that Mr. Delaney is still working with the Engineers and that there is no update at this time.

He spoke about the Tax Abatement regarding the Waverly project. Mayor Kennedy and Councilman Goode gave explanations.

There being no further comments or questions, the Meeting was closed to the public at 8:23PM moved by Sheridan, carried by Cooper with ayes by all present.

Motion to go into Closed Session at 8:24PM moved by Sheridan, carried by Pacheco.

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION #291-20

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF KEYPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Keyport, County of Monmouth (the “**Borough**”), a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey, is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, *et seq.* (the “**Act**”), and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 10:4-12 provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Borough to discuss, in a session not open to the public, issues related to employment and personnel involving the Borough, pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 10:4-12(b)(8).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Keyport, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.
2. The Mayor and Council assembled in public session on December 15, 2020 via Zoom Video Conference and determined that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on December 15, 2020 at approximately 8:00 P.M. via teleconference for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.
3. This resolution will take effect immediately.

OFFERED: SHERIDAN
SECONDED: PACHECO
AYES: COOPER, FOTOPOULOS, GOODE, MCDERMOTT, PACHECO, SHERIDAN
NAYS:
ABSENT:

Council reconvened to Open Session at 9:07PM moved by Goode, carried by Cooper.

Roll Call: Ayes: Cooper, Fotopoulos, Goode, McDermott, Pacheco, Sheridan
Nays:
Absent:
Abstain:

Attorney Mark Moon gave an explanation of what was discussed in Closed Session, which was to discuss personnel matters related to the Borough of Keyport Police Department in regards to Appointments and Promotions. Notices were provided to the employees and perspective employees.

Councilman Sheridan – He said that on December 31, 2020, Lieutenant Dixon will be retiring and that he has had the honor of working beside him for 15 years. He said that Keyport will miss him and he thanked him for all of his years of service.

Mayor Kennedy – She agreed with Councilman Sheridan and said that Lieutenant Dixon was a true asset to the Police Department. She commended him for his service and thanked him for serving the Borough.

RESOLUTION #292-20

**AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTIONAL APPOINTMENT OF A
POLICE CHIEF OF THE BOROUGH OF KEYPORT POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2020 Police Chief Mark Hafner will retire from the Borough of Keyport Police Department creating a vacancy in the Chief of Police position; and

WHEREAS, Police Captain Shannon Torres presently serves the Keyport Police Department and with the scheduled retirement of Chief Hafner is the highest ranking officer; and

WHEREAS, Shannon Torres joined the Keyport Police Department in 1997 as a Police Officer and was promoted to Sergeant in November 2014, Lieutenant in January 2018, and in May 2019 was promoted to Police Captain; and

WHEREAS, the Police Commissioner and the Police Committee of the Borough Council have consulted with retiring Chief Hafner and recommend that Captain Shannon Torres be promoted to Police Chief effective January 1, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Keyport, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Police Captain Shannon Torres is hereby promoted to Police Chief of the Keyport Police Department, effective January 1, 2021, subject to the approval of the New Jersey Civil Service Commission.
2. The Borough Administrator is directed and authorized to file the required documents with the New Jersey Civil Service Commission to effectuate this appointment, including documents required for a competitive examination waiver.
3. The Borough Clerk is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Shannon Torres, retiring Chief of Police Mark Hafner, the Borough Administrator, and the Borough CFO.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

OFFERED: GOODE
SECONDED: FOTOPOULOS
AYES: COOPER, FOTOPOULOS, GOODE, MCDERMOTT, PACHECO, SHERIDAN
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

RESOLUTION #293-20

**AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTIONAL APPOINTMENT OF A
POLICE CAPTAIN OF THE BOROUGH OF KEYPORT POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, a vacancy in the position of Police Captain in the Borough of Keyport Police Department is expected to occur on January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Civil Service Commission previously conducted an examination of candidates eligible for promotional appointment to the position of Police Captain and promulgated a list of personnel within the Police Department certified for promotion to this position; and

WHEREAS, Police Lieutenant Michael Ferm presently serves the Keyport Police Department, having joined the Police Department in 1988 as a Police Officer, and was promoted to Sergeant in November 2007, and in January 2018 was promoted to Police Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, the Police Commissioner and the Police Committee of the Borough Council have consulted with retiring Police Chief Hafner and Captain Torres and recommend that Lieutenant Michael Ferm be promoted to Police Captain effective January 1, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Keyport, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Police Lieutenant Michael Ferm is hereby promoted to Police Captain of the Keyport Police Department, effective January 1, 2021, subject to the approval of the New Jersey Civil Service Commission.
2. The Borough Administrator is directed and authorized to file the required documents with the New Jersey Civil Service Commission to effectuate this appointment.
3. The Borough Clerk is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Michael Ferm, the Chief of Police, the Borough Administrator, and the Borough CFO.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

OFFERED: PACHECO
SECONDED: MCDERMOTT
AYES: COOPER, FOTOPOULOS, GOODE, MCDERMOTT, PACHECO, SHERIDAN
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

RESOLUTION #294-20

**AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTIONAL APPOINTMENT OF A
POLICE LIEUTENANT OF THE BOROUGH OF KEYPORT POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, a vacancy in the position of Police Lieutenant in the Borough of Keyport Police Department is expected to occur on January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Civil Service Commission previously conducted an examination of candidates eligible for promotional appointment to the position of Police Lieutenant and promulgated a list of personnel within the Police Department certified for promotion to this position; and

WHEREAS, Police Sergeant Joseph Ruth presently serves the Keyport Police Department, having joined the Police Department in 2001 as a Police Officer, and was promoted to Sergeant in August 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Police Commissioner and the Police Committee of the Borough Council have consulted with retiring Police Chief Hafner and Captain Torres and recommend that Sergeant Joseph Ruth be promoted to Police Lieutenant effective January 1, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Keyport, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Police Sergeant Joseph Ruth is hereby promoted to Police Lieutenant of the Keyport Police Department, effective January 1, 2021, subject to the approval of the New Jersey Civil Service Commission.
2. The Borough Administrator is directed and authorized to file the required documents with the New Jersey Civil Service Commission to effectuate this appointment.
3. The Borough Clerk is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Joseph Ruth, the Chief of Police, the Borough Administrator, and the Borough CFO.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

OFFERED: PACHECO
SECONDED: COOPER
AYES: COOPER, FOTOPOULOS, GOODE, MCDERMOTT, PACHECO, SHERIDAN
NAYS:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

RESOLUTION #295-20

**AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTIONAL APPOINTMENT OF A
POLICE SERGEANT OF THE BOROUGH OF KEYPORT POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, a vacancy in the position of Police Sergeant in the Borough of Keyport Police Department is expected to occur on January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Civil Service Commission previously conducted an examination of

candidates eligible for promotional appointment to the position of Police Sergeant and promulgated a list of personnel within the Police Department certified for promotion to this position; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer Kevin Bennett presently serves the Keyport Police Department, having joined the Police Department in 2013 as a Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Police Commissioner and the Police Committee of the Borough Council have consulted with retiring Police Chief Hafner and Captain Torres and recommend that Police Officer Kevin Bennett be promoted to Police Sergeant effective January 1, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Keyport, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Police Officer Kevin Bennett is hereby promoted to Police Sergeant of the Keyport Police Department, effective January 1, 2021, subject to the approval of the New Jersey Civil Service Commission.
2. The Borough Administrator is directed and authorized to file the required documents with the New Jersey Civil Service Commission to effectuate this appointment.
3. The Borough Clerk is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Kevin Bennett, the Chief of Police, the Borough Administrator, and the Borough CFO.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

OFFERED: PACHECO

SECONDED: GOODE

AYES: COOPER, FOTOPOULOS, GOODE, MCDERMOTT, PACHECO, SHERIDAN

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION #296-20

AUTHORIZING A POLICE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough Council previously determined the need for the appointment of a Police Officer and on October 6, 2020 adopted Resolution No. 251-20 authorizing the Borough Administrator to initiate the process for said appointment; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Civil Service Commission previously conducted an examination of Police Officer candidates and promulgated a list of eligible individuals; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Mark Hafner has reviewed the qualifications of those individuals eligible for appointment and recommends the appointment of Vito Koempel Jr. as a Police Officer, effective January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funding will be provided in the 2021 Municipal Budget for to fund this appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Keyport, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Vito Koempel Jr. is hereby appointed to the position of Police Officer for the Borough of Keyport Police Department, effective January 1, 2021, and shall be paid in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Borough and PBA Local No. 223.
2. The Borough Administrator is directed and authorized to file the required documents with the New Jersey Civil Service Commission to effectuate this appointment.

3. The Borough Clerk is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Chief of Police, the Borough Administrator, and the Borough CFO.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

OFFERED: GOODE

SECONDED: PACHECO

AYES: COOPER, FOTOPOULOS, GOODE, MCDERMOTT, PACHECO, SHERIDAN

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Mayor Kennedy – She commended the entire Police Department from the Chief to the Crossing Guards. She said we are the best hands down, in the State of New Jersey.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn at 9:19PM moved by Sheridan, carried by McDermott with ayes by all Present.