Approved 10-07-03

January 1, 2003
Keyport, New Jersey

Minutes of a Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council, Borough of Keyport, held on the above date in the All Purpose Room, Central School, Broad Street, Keyport, N.J. pursuant to the adoption of Resolution #363-02 at the Regular Meeting of November 19, 2002 in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231. Notices were filed with the Borough Clerk, posted on the Bulletin Boards, forwarded to the Asbury Park Press, the Courier, the Two River Times and the Independent.

Mayor Graham called the meeting to order at 12:06 P.M. and read the Sunshine Law Notice.

ROLL CALL - 2002 COUNCIL

On Roll Call the following were present: Mayor Graham, Councilmembers Atkins, Merla, Hyer, Stalter, Green. Absent: Councilman Bergen.

PRESENTATIONS TO OUTGOING MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Kevin Graham
Councilwoman Susan Ashmore-Montanti

Councilman Merla said this is Mayor Graham's last meeting and presented Mayor Graham with a plaque on behalf of all the 7,000 + citizens of the Borough of Keyport. He said that Mayor Graham has dedicated time away from his wife and family and that being a public official is not easy, that he did his best, was loyal and dedicated. Joseph Wedick, on behalf of George Walling, Wade Pedersen, Thomas Antonucci and Robert Bergen echoed the same sentiments. Mr. Walling presented Mayor Graham with the Democratic Club gift. Mayor Graham said he appreciated the kind words, that he was closing a chapter in his life, that he has been a public official for the past 19 years. He wished the incoming Mayor and Council the best of luck. He expressed his gratitude to the many people for their time and talent, that they make Keyport extra special. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated the incoming officials. Mrs. Ashmore-Montanti was not present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY SHERIFF JOSEPH OXLEY TO NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

John E. C. Doyle, Councilmember
Bible held by Mr. Doyle's Brother, Det. Sgt. Mark Doyle

June E. Atkins, Councilmember
Bible held by Mrs. Atkins' Grandchildren, Karolann, James and Terre Atkins

John J. Merla, Mayor
Bible held by Mr. Merla's Children
Dominque and Giovanni

Sheriff Oxley said he was proud and honored to be here and offered his thanks to Kevin Graham. He said he knows the dedication of John Merla and his hopes and aspirations. Sheriff Oxley said over the Holidays he became a newlywed. He said John Merla puts in more hours and cares more about the community and is committed.

ROLL CALL - 2003 COUNCIL

On Roll Call the following were present: Mayor Merla, Councilmembers Atkins, Hyer, Stalter, Green, Doyle. Absent: Councilman Bergen.

INVOCATION

Reverend Michael Shahid of the Bayshore Gospel Church gave the Invocation.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Cub Scout Pack #364 and Troop 80 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Merla acknowledged Paul Smith, Union Beach Councilmember, former Keyport Councilmembers Wilbur Hansen, William Cerase, Robert McLeod, John Kovacs and Susan Ashmore-Montanti and Assemblyman Joseph Azzolina of the 13th District. He asked that his wife be excused as she is recovering from an operation and thanked everyone for their prayers. Mayor Merla gave thanks to all the volunteers and to start his administration recognized "Babe" Strang who is the 2002 Volunteer of the Year to the Fire Department; this being his 60th year as a volunteer fireman and his 89th birthday.

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Mayor Merla announced the appointment of Wesley M. Kain, Esq., as the Borough Attorney for the term of one year, from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.

1. Resolution #1-03, Appointment of Borough Attorney

WHEREAS, there exists a need for legal services in the Borough of Keyport, County of Monmouth, and

WHEREAS, funds are or will be available for that purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the Resolution awarding the contract shall state the supporting reasons and be printed in a newspaper of general circulation no more than ten days after the passage of the Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Keyport, County of Monmouth, that the appointment for the year 2003, by the Mayor, be and the same is hereby confirmed. The person hereby appointed, Wesley M. Kain, Esq., is a member of the legal profession and it is not possible to obtain competitive bids.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published in the Courier, as required by law, within ten days of its passage.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mr. Stalter

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH PROSECUTOR

Mayor Merla announced the appointment of John Lane as the Borough Prosecutor for the term of one year, from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.

2. Resolution #2-03, Appointment of Borough Prosecutor

WHEREAS, there exists a need for a Borough Prosecutor in the Borough of Keyport, County of Monmouth, and

WHEREAS, funds are or will be available for that purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the Resolution awarding the contract shall state the supporting reasons and be printed in a newspaper of general circulation not more than ten days after the passage of the Resolution.

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L. 1996, c.95, subsection 14, a municipality may employ an attorney at law as a prosecutor under the supervision of the Attorney General or County Prosecutor, who may represent the state, county or municipality in any matter within the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Keyport, County of Monmouth, that the appointment for the year 2003, by the Mayor, be and the same is hereby confirmed. The person hereby appointed, John Lane, is a member of the legal profession and it is not possible to obtain competitive bids.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published in the Courier, as required by law, within ten days of its passage.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Stalter, seconded by Mr. Hyer

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE BOROUGH PROSECUTOR

Mayor Merla announced the appointment of Cheryl Hammel as the Alternate Borough Prosecutor for the term of one year, from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.

3. Resolution #3-03, Appointment of Alternate Borough Prosecutor

WHEREAS, there exist's a need for an Alternate Borough Prosecutor in the Borough of Keyport, County of Monmouth; and

WHEREAS, funds are or will be available for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) Requires that the Resolution awarding the contract shall state the supporting reasons and be printed in a newspaper of general circulation not more than ten days after the passage of the Resolution.

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L. 1996, c. 95, subsection 14, a municipality may employ an attorney at law as an alternate prosecutor under the supervision of the Attorney General or County Prosecutor, who may represent the state, county or municipality in any matter within the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court.

NOR, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Keyport, County of Monmouth, that the appointment for the year 2003, by the Mayor, be and the same is hereby confirmed. The person hereby appointed, Cheryl Hammel, is a member of the legal profession and it is not possible to obtain competitive bids.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this appointment is made pursuant to the authority conferred by P.L. 1996, c. 95, subsection 14; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published in the courier, as required by law, within ten days of its passage.

Offered for adoption by Mrs. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Stalter

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

Mayor Merla announced the appointment of Raymond Laytham as the Municipal Public Defender for the term of one year, from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.

4. Resolution #4-03, Appointment of Municipal Public Defender

WHEREAS, pursuant to the laws of the State of New Jersey and Borough Ordinance there exists a need for a Municipal Public Defender in the Borough of Keyport, County of Monmouth; and

WHEREAS, funds are or will be available for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the Resolution awarding the contract shall state the supporting reasons and be printed in a newspaper of general circulation not more than ten days after the passage of the Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Keyport, County of Monmouth, that the appointment for the year 2003, by the Mayor, be and the same is hereby confirmed. The person hereby appointed, Raymond Laytham Esq. is a member of the legal profession and it is not possible to obtain competitive bids.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published in the Courier, as required by law, within ten days of its passage.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mr. Stalter

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer,

Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH AUDITOR

Mayor Merla announced the appointment of William Meyler as the Borough Auditor for the term of one year, from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.

5. Resolution #5-03, Appointment of Borough Auditor

WHEREAS, there exists the need for an Auditor to advise Mayor and Council on financial matters in the Borough of Keyport, County of Monmouth; and

WHEREAS, funds are or will be available for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq.) requires that the Resolution awarding the contract shall state the supporting reasons and be printed in a newspaper of general circulation not more than ten days after the passage of the Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Keyport, County of Monmouth, that the appointment for the year 2003 by the Mayor, be and the same is hereby confirmed. The person hereby appointed, William Meyler is a Registered Municipal Accountant and it is not possible to obtain competitive bids.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be published in the Courier, as required by law, within ten days of its passage.

Offered for adoption by Mrs. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Hyer

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

ANNUAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that effective January 1, 2003, the Keyport Borough Council will hold its Work Agenda Meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. in the Keyport Senior Center, 110 Second Street, Keyport, N.J. and its Regular Agenda Meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. in the Keyport Senior Center, 110 Second Street, Keyport, N.J. with the following exception listed below. Formal action may be taken at these meetings. This notice is provided in accordance with the requirements of P.L. 1975, Ch. 231, Open Public Meetings Act (Sunshine Law Notice).

EXCEPTION: The April 15, 2003 meeting will be held on Monday, April 14, 2003, the June 3, 2003 meeting will be held on Monday, June 2, 2003 and the November 4, 2003 meeting will be held on Monday, November 3, 2003

NOTE: 7:00 P.M.-Closed Meeting-Public excluded
8:00 P.M.-Regular Business-Public may attend and comment

6. Resolution #6-03, Annual Notice

BE IT RESOLVED by the Keyport Borough Council that the Notice of its Agenda Work Meetings which will be held the 1st Tuesday of the month in the Keyport Senior Center, 110 Second Street, Keyport, N.J at 7:00 P.M. and its Regular Meetings which will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. in the Keyport Senior Center, 110 Second Street, Keyport, N.J. be posted on the Bulletin Boards, in the Keyport Borough Hall, be mailed to the Asbury Park Press, the Two River Times, the Courier and the Independent and be filed in the office of the Borough Clerk.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Stalter, seconded by Mr. Hyer

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor Merla announced the election of June E. Atkins as Council President for the year 2003.

7. Resolution #7-03, Appointment of Council President

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a member of the Council be elected President of said Council to fulfill the duties of Mayor during his absence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Keyport that June E. Atkins, a member of said Council, be elected President.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mr. Stalter

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mayor Merla announced the appointment to Council Committees for the year 2003.

POLICE	1.	**Robert Bergen, Chairman**
	2.	**John Doyle**
	3.	**Robert Hyer**
FIRE	1.	**June Atkins, Chairman**
	2.	**Robert Hyer**
	3.	**Robert Bergen**
FINANCE	1.	**John Doyle, Chairman**
	2.	**Brain Stalter**
	3.	**Gerard Green**
HEALTH/RECREATION/PARKS	1.	**Brian Stalter, Chairman**
	2.	**Gerard Green**
	3.	**June Atkins**
PUBLIC WORKS/RECYCLING/ PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	1.	**Robert Hyer, Chairman**
	2.	**Robert Bergen**
	3.	**Brian Stalter**

BUILDING & GROUNDS/ LIBRARY	**1.**	**Gerard Green, Chairman**
	2.	**June Atkins**
	3.	**John Doyle**

8. Resolution #8-01, Appointment of Council Committees

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Keyport that the foregoing appointments of Committees, as made by the Mayor, for the year 2003 be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mrs. Atkins

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

DESIGNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

9. Resolution #9-03, Designate Official Newspapers

BE IT RESOLVED that this Borough Council hereby designates The Asbury Park Press, Neptune, N.J., The Two River Times, Red Bank, N.J., The Courier, Middletown, N.J. and the Independent, Freehold, N.J. as the Newspapers to receive notice of meetings required by P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, Open Public Meetings Act for the year 2003.

Offered for adoption by Mrs. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Hyer

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

DESIGNATE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES

10. Resolution #10-03, Designate Official Depositories

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 mandates that the governing body of a municipal corporation shall, by resolution passed by a majority vote of the full membership thereof, designate as a depository for its monies a back or trust company having its place of business in the state and organized under the laws of the United States or this state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on the 1st day of January 2003 by the Council of the Borough of Keyport, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that:

1. Fleet Bank, First Union, Sovereign Bank of New Jersey and the New Jersey Cash Management Fund be and the same are hereby designated as the Depository Banks for the funds of the Borough of Keyport for 2003; and

2. Prior to the deposit or any municipal funds in the above mentioned depositories, said bank shall file with the Chief Financial Officer a statement indication that the bank is covered under the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (R.S. 17:9-41).

3. Said banks are hereby authorized and directed to honor checks drawn upon said banks signed by the Mayor, Borough Clerk and Treasurer or in the absence of the Mayor signed by the Council President, and in the absence of the

Borough Clerk, signed by the Deputy Borough Clerk, and in the absence of the Treasurer signed by the Finance Chairman.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Stalter, seconded by Mr. Hyer

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

2003 FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEFS

Mayor Merla announced the 2003 Fire Department Chiefs, and asked that they assemble to take their Oaths of Office, to be administered by the Borough Clerk.

PRESENTATION OF EX-CHIEFS BADGE

TO
KENNETH MARR, JR.
BY
2002 FIRE COMMISSIONER JUNE E. ATKINS

Mrs. Atkins pinned the Ex-Chief's badge and said it was a pleasure serving the past year as Fire Commissioner, that she watched Mr. Marr grow and mature, that besides being a fireman he is also a police officer. Mr. Marr turned over the reigns to Harry Aumack, III.

CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT: HARRY AUMACK, III

Chief Aumack was sworn in, his wife and children held the Bible. Harry Aumack, II, his father passed over the trumpet which was given to his great-great uncle and great grandfather who belonged to Hook & Ladder Company.

FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF:	Roy Jimenez
SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF:	Michael Walling
THIRD ASSISTANT CHIEF:	Timothy Regan

2003 FIRST AID SQUAD OFFICERS

Mayor Merla announced the 2003 First Aid Squad Officers and asked that they assemble to take their Oaths of Office to be administered by the Borough Clerk.

CAPTAIN:	HARVEY BRANDT
1ST LIEUTENANT:	KENNETH KROHE
2ND LIEUTENANT:	DEE KEERAN
3rd LIEUTENANT:	PEARL DIXON

Mayor Merla said the members of the Fire Department and First Aid Squad should be proud and thanked them for their service.

FIRE INSPECTORS

Mayor Merla announced, with the advice and consent of the Council, the appointments of Harry Aumack, III, William Larkin, Kenneth Marr, Jr., David Olsen, James English, William Jeandron, Jr.,and Dean Stoppiello as Fire Inspectors in the Borough of Keyport for the term of one year, from January 1, 2003, to December 31, 2003.

11. Resolution #11-03, Appoint Fire Inspectors

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Keyport that the appointments of Harry Aumack, III, William Larkin, Kenneth Marr. Jr., David Olsen, James English, William Jeandron, Jr. and Dean Stoppiello as Fire Inspectors, be and the same are hereby confirmed.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Stalter, seconded by Mrs. Atkins

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

FIRE MARSHALS

Mayor Merla announced, with the advice and consent of the Council, the appointments of the following named persons of the Board of Fire Wardens of the Keyport Fire Department as Fire Marshals, whose terms shall expire on December 31, 2003.

Pedro Santiago
Vito Esposito
Robert Ferry, Jr.
Kenneth Goble
William Vaughn
Nicholas Devincenzo
Richard Burian
Lawrence Stone rock
Marc Thalheimer
Jay Gordon
Earl Hallam
Adam VanHeusen

12. Resolution #12-03, Appointment of Fire Marshals

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Keyport the appointments of the foregoing named persons of the Board of Fire Wardens of the Keyport Fire Department be and the same are hereby confirmed as Fire Marshals, each term to expire on December 31, 2003.

Offered for adoption by Mrs. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Stalter

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Mayor Merla announced, with the advice and consent of the Council, the appointments of the following named persons as Special Police Officers, whose terms shall expire on December 31, 2003.

CLASS II
MICHAEL HANDLER
FRANK CURRIER
BRIAN MCGROGAN
CASEY ANDREWS (ACADEMY)
CLASS I
ROGER OLMSTEAD
TIMOTHY REGAN

13. Resolution #13-03, Appointment of Special Police Officers

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Keyport that the appointments of the foregoing named persons be and the same are hereby confirmed as Special Police Officers, whose terms shall expire on December 31, 2003.

Offered adoption by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mrs. Atkins

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

POLICE MATRON

Mayor Merla announced, with the advice and consent of the Council, the appointment of Jacqueline Shipley as Police Matron, whose term shall expire on December 31, 2003.

14. Resolution #14-03, Appointment of Police Matron

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Keyport that the appointment of the foregoing named person be and the same is hereby confirmed as Police Matron, whose term will expire on December 31, 2003.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Stalter, seconded by Mrs. Atkins

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

Mayor Merla announced, with the advice and consent of the Council, the appointments of the following named persons as School Crossing Guards, whose terms shall expire on December 31, 2003.

Alice Albrecht
Linda Connors
Janine Popovich
John Yard
Harry Kneute
Emily Burlew
Linda Corbett
Sonia Perno
Paul Albrecht
June Silva (Substitute)

15. Resolution #15-03, Appointment of School Crossing Guards

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Keyport that the appointments of the foregoing named persons be and the same are hereby confirmed as School Crossing Guards, each term to expire on December 31, 2003.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mr. Stalter

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Mayor Merla announced, with the advice and consent of the Council, the appointment of Kenneth Krohe, as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, which will expire on December 31,2003.

16. Resolution #16-03, Appointment of Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Keyport that the appointment of Kenneth Krohe as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator with a term to expire on December 31, 2003 be and the same is hereby confirmed.

Offered for adoption by Mrs. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Stalter

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

TREASURER

Mayor Merla announced, with the advice and consent of the Council, the appointment of Pauline Redmond, as the Borough Treasurer for the term of one year, January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.

17. Resolution #17-03, Appointment of Borough Treasurer

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Keyport that Pauline Redmond is hereby appointed as Treasurer for the calendar year 2003.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mr. Stalter

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

OFFICIAL COLLECTOR OF WATER & SEWER UTILITY RENTS

Mayor Merla announced the appointment of Pauline Redmond as Official Collector of Water & Sewer Utility Rents, for a term of one year, from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.

18. Resolution #18-03, Appointment of Official Collector of Water & Sewer Utility Rents

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Keyport, that the appointment of Pauline Redmond as Official Collector of Water & Sewer Utility Rents. be and the same is hereby confirmed.

Offered for adoption by Mrs. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Hyer

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

RECYCLING COORDINATOR

Mayor Merla announced with the advice and consent of the Council, the appointment of Thomas Gallo, Jr. as the Recycling Coordinator for a term of one year, from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.

19. Resolution #19-03, Appointment of Recycling Coordinator

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Keyport that the appointment of Thomas Gallo, Jr as Recycling Coordinator in the Borough of Keyport for a term of one year, January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003 be and the same is hereby confirmed.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mr. Stalter

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

DEPUTY RECYCLING COORDINATOR

Mayor Merla announced with the advice and consent of the Council the appointment of Frank R. Currier as Deputy Recycling Coordinator for a term of one year, January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.

20. Resolution #20-03, Appointment of Deputy Recycling Coordinator

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Keyport that the appointment of Frank R. Currier as Deputy Recycling Coordinator in the Borough of Keyport for a term of one year, January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003 be and the same is hereby confirmed.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mr. Stalter

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

MONMOUTH COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVE

Mayor Merla announced, with the advice and consent of the Council the appointment of June E. Atkins as the Monmouth County Community Development Representative for the year 2003.

21. Resolution #21-03, Appointment of Monmouth County Community Development Representative

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Keyport that the appointment of June E. Atkins as the Monmouth County Community Development Representative for the year 2003 be and the same is hereby confirmed.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Stalter, seconded by Mr. Hyer

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

MONMOUTH COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE

Mayor Merla announced, with the advice and consent of the Council the appointment of Robert L. Hyer, as the Monmouth County Community Development Alternate Representative for the year 2003.

22. Resolution #22-03, Appointment of Monmouth County Community Development Alternate Representative

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Keyport that the appointment of Robert L. Hyer as the Monmouth County Community Development Alternate Representative for the year 2003 be and the same is hereby confirmed.

Offered for adoption by Mrs. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Stalter

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer,

Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEMBERS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Keyport have established, by Ordinance, an Environmental Commission consisting of seven members; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance provides that the Mayor shall appoint all members of the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, John J. Merla, Mayor of the Borough of Keyport, do hereby appoint the following members of the Environmental Commission for a three (3) year term.

1. Sidney Becnel	1/1/03 to 12/31/05
2. Tiffany Bohlin	1/1/03 to 12/31/05

HARBOR COMMISSION MEMBER

Mayor Merla announced with the advice and consent of the Council the appointment of Frank Fishler as a member of the Harbor Commission for a term of five years, from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2007.

23. Resolution #23-03, Appointment of Harbor Commission Member

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Keyport that the foregoing appointment of Frank Fishler as a member of the Harbor Commission be and the same is hereby confirmed.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Stalter, seconded by Mr. Hyer

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

HARBOR COMMISSION MEMBER

Mayor Merla announced, with the advice and consent of the Council, the appointment of Gary Tango as a member of the Harbor Commission for a term of five years, from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2007.

24. Resolution #24-03, Appointment of Harbor Commission Member

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Keyport that the foregoing appointment of Gary Tango as a member of the Harbor Commission be and the same is hereby confirmed.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mr. Stalter

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

HARBOR COMMISSION COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Merla announced the appointments of Councilmembers Robert L. Hyer and Gerard H. Green, members of the Governing Body, to the Harbor Commission for the year 2003.

25. Resolution #25-03, Appointment of Harbor Commission Councilmembers

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Keypo9rt that the foregoing appointments to the Harbor Commission for the year 2003, Councilmembers Robert L. Hyer and Gerard H. Green, be and the same are hereby confirmed.

Offered for adoption by Mrs. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Stalter

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER

Mayor Graham announced, with the advice and consent of the Council, the appointment of Ann Biaganti as a member of the Board of Health for a term of four years, from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2006.

26. Resolution #26-03, Appointment of Board of Health Member

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Keyport that the foregoing appointment of Ann Biaganti as a member of the Board of Health be and the same is hereby confirmed.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Stalter, seconded by Mrs. Atkins

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER

Mayor Merla announced, with the advice and consent of the Council, the appointment of James Groome as a member of the Board of Health for a term of four years, from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2006.

27. Resolution #27-03, Appointment of Board of Health Member

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Keyport that the foregoing appointment of James Groome as a member of the Board of Health be and the same is hereby confirmed.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Stalter, seconded by Mrs. Atkins

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Keyport have established, by Ordinance, a Historic Preservation Commission consisting of five members; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance provides that the Mayor shall appoint all members of the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN J. MERLA, Mayor of the Borough of Keyport, do hereby appoint the following members of the

Historic Preservation Commission for the terms designated:

Class A Member William Cerase, term expiring on 12/31/2006
Class C Member Frank Wroblewski, term expiring on 12/31/2006
Alternate #1 Kenneth Young, term expiring on 12/31/2004

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER

Mayor Merla announced with the advice and consent of the Council, the appointment of Marilyn Viray, as a member of the Library Board of Trustees to fill a five year term which will expire on December 31, 2007.

28. Resolution #28-03, Appointment of Library Board of Trustees Member

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Keyport that the appointment of Marilyn Viray, as a member of the Library Board of Trustees to fill a five year term which will expire on December 31, 2007 be and the same is hereby confirmed.

Offered for adoption by Mrs. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Hyer

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

Mayor Merla announced the appointment of George Sappah as a Class II member of the Planning Board to fill a one year term which will expire on December 31, 2003.

Mayor Merla announced the appointment of Albert DeGracis as a Class IV member of the Planning Board to fill a four year term which will expire on December 31, 2006.

Mayor Merla announced the appointment of Donald Rumsey as a Class IV member of the Planning Board to fill a four year term which will expire on December 31, 2006.

Mayor Merla announced the appointment of John Kovacs as an Alternate #1 member of the Planning Board to fill a two year term which will expire on December 31, 2004.

PLANNING BOARD COUNCILMEMBER

Mayor Merla announced the appointment of John E. C. Doyle a member of the Governing Body, to the Planning Board as a Class III member for the year 2003.

29. Resolution #29-03 Appointment of Planning Board Councilmember

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Keyport that the foregoing appointment to the Planning Board for the year 2003, as a Class III member, Councilmember John E. C. Doyle be and the same is hereby confirmed.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Stalter, seconded by Mr. Hyer

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBER

Mayor Merla announced with the advice4 and consent of the Council, the appointment of William Quinn as a Recreation Commission member for a term of five years, from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2007.

30. Resolution #30-03, Appointment of Recreation Commission Member

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Keyport that the appointment of William Quinn to the Recreation Commission be and the same is hereby confirmed.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Stalter, seconded by Mrs. Atkins

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

BOROUGH PHYSICIAN

31. Resolution #31-03, Appointment of Borough Physician

WHEREAS, the Borough is desirous of having a Borough Physician to send employees to for medical services when necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council this 1st day of January 2003 that Hazlet Health Care be and hereby is appointed as Borough Physician for the year 2003 and that they be compensated for each employee referred to them for examination.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mr. Stalter

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

APPOINTMENT OF BOND COUNSEL

32. Resolution #32-03, Appointment of Bond Counsel

WHEREAS, there exists a need for specialized legal services in connection with the authorization and issuance of bonds and other obligations and other matters relating to capital financing by the Borough of Keyport, County of Monmouth, New Jersey (herein the "Borough"); and

WHEREAS such specialized legal services can be provided only by a recognized Bond Counsel firm, and the law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, PA are so recognized by the financial community; and

WHEREAS, the services to be performed are "professional services" as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6) and therefore are excepted from the Local Public Contracts Law requirements for competitive bidding, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), requires the public advertisement of notice with respect to contracts for professional services awarded without competitive bids; and

WHEREAS, funds are or will be available for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF KEYPORT, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Borough Council hereby appoints the firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, PA, to serve as Bond Counsel to the Borough in connection with the financing of capital projects, and awards the contract which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof (the "Contract") in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

2. That the Mayor or other appropriate official of the Borough, on behalf of the Borough, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract and the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the execution of said Contract for professional services in connection with the preparation of all bond ordinances and the authorization and issuance of all bonds, bond anticipation notes, tax anticipation notes or similar obligations and related matters of capital and debt financing by the Borough.

3. That no appropriation of funds is required at this time, payment coming from the proceeds of the sale of bonds, bond anticipation notes and tax anticipation notes or similar obligations or from capital authorizations or other appropriate budgeted items in accordance with the attached Contract.

4. That this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), because legal services are a recognized profession licensed and regulated by law.

5. That a notice in accordance with this resolution and the Local Public Contracts Law, shall be published in the official newspaper or newspapers of the Borough.

6. That an executed copy of the Contract between the Borough and Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, PA and a copy of this resolution shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk and be available there for public inspection in accordance with law.

7. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Offered for adoption by Mrs. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Stalter

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer,
Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

DESIGNATE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER

33. Resolution #33-03, Designate Public Agency Compliance Officer

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Keyport that Judith L. Poling is hereby designated Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) For the year 2003.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the State Division of Contract Compliance.

Offered for adoption by Mrs. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Hyer

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

APPOINTMENT OF SMOKE DETECTOR INSPECTOR

34. Resolution #34-03, Appointment of Smoke Detector Inspector

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance #21-98 establishing the position of Smoke Detector Inspector in the Borough of Keyport; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance established said position provided that the initial term shall be for the remainder of the year 1998; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Vecchio was appointed as the Smoke Detector Inspector for the Borough of Keyport effective December 2, 1998, for the initial term for such position to expire as of December 31, 1998 and was reappointed on January 1, 2000, January 1, 2001 and January 1, 2002 each for a one year term, the latest appointment which expired on December 31, 2002.

NOW, THEREFORE, BT IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that Anthony Vecchio is appointed Smoke Detector Inspector for the Borough of Keyport effective January 1, 2003 for a one (1) year term which shall expire on December 31, 2003.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Stalter, seconded by Mr. Hyer

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

WATER PLANT OPERATOR POSITION

35. Resolution #35-03, Water Plant Operator Position

WHEREAS, the Borough of Keyport is required to have a licensed operator of it's Water Treatment Facility; and

WHEREAS, Edward Rainer is qualified and holds a license as a Water Treatment Facility Operator.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council as follows:

1. Edward Rainer is hereby retained as the licensed operator of the Keyport Water Treatment Facility effective from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003.

2. Edward Rainer shall be compensated for said services at the rate of $5,260.00 per annum.

3. Said services shall include the preparation and filing of all operation reports, performance of all services required by the State of New Jersey and any other regulatory bodies of a licensed operator of the Keyport Water Treatment Facility. In the event of an emergency and services are required outside the scope of this agreement that require on site supervision of Edward Rainer, he shall be compensated

with an additional rate of $25.00 per hour for said services but shall not receive any other benefits or compensation.

4. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to enter into an agreement with Edward Rainer providing for the performance of said professional services.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mr. Stalter

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

RETENTION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
LICENSED WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEMS OPERATOR
AND
LICENSED WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS OPERATOR

36. Resolution #36-03, Licensed Wastewater Collection Systems Operator and Licensed Water Distribution Systems Operator

WHEREAS, the Borough of Keyport is presently in need of the professional services of a duly licensed "Wastewater Collection System Operator" and "Water Distribution System Operator"; and

WHEREAS, these professional services include the preparation of filing of all operation reports, performance of all services required by the State of New Jersey and other regulatory bodies of persons so licensed; and

WHEREAS, David Rooke has offered these professional services for which he is qualified, pending additional licensing, for a cost of $5,500 per license per annum; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has reached an agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Locals 68-68A-68B to allow for the retention of these professional services from David Rooke, in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds for same are available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Keyport as follows:

1. The Borough hereby retains the professional services of Licensed Wastewater Collection Systems Operator and Licensed Water Distribution System Operator from David Rooke, for a term of January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003 at a rate of $5,500 per annum for each license.
2. This retention is conditioned upon David Rooke performing all of the duties and responsibilities of a Licensed Wastewater Collection System Operator and Licensed Water Distribution System Operator in according with all laws and regulations pertaining to same and the obtaining of all necessary licenses to perform said duties.
3. The Mayor and appropriate Borough officials are authorized to execute any necessary documents pertaining to same.
4. This action is approved without competitive bids,

nor the solicitation of competitive price quotes, in accordance with State Law.

5. A notice of this award shall be advertised as required by law.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Stalter, seconded by Mr. Hyer

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer,
Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

ACTING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

37. Resolution #37-03, Acting Code Enforcement Officer

WHEREAS, it is necessary to have an acting Code Enforcement Officer available to replace the designated Code Enforcement Officer in the event that said officer is absent from the Borough or from his office; and

WHEREAS, Harry Aumack is qualified to perform the duties of the Code Enforcement Officer and has agreed to serve as acting Code Enforcement Officer in the absence of the Code Enforcement Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Keyport as follows:

1. Harry Aumack is designated a acting Code Enforcement Officer in the absence of the designated Code Enforcement Officer for the purpose of performing Certificate of Occupancy inspections.

2. For said services in serving as acting Code Enforcement Officer and performing Cer4tificate of Occupancy Inspections, Harry Aumack shall be paid at the rate of Twenty ($20.00) Dollars per inspection, said amount to be due an payable yearly for services rendered during the calendar year.

3. The term of the Acting Code Enforcement Officer shall be for one (1) year from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003, or until a successor is appointed.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Stalter, seconded by Mrs. Atkins

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer,
Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

APPOINTING SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL

38. Resolution #38-03, Appointing Special Legal Counsel

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Keyport have determined the need for the appointment of Special Legal Counsel to handle certain matters as may be designated by the Borough Attorney or the Mayor and Council based upon circumstances arising, including conflict, as the case may be; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Keyport have considered the qualifications of Brian Mullen, Esq., Robert Thaler, Esq., Dominic Manco, Esq., and John Bennett, Esq., and have determined that these attorneys are admitted to the practice of law in the State of New Jersey and otherwise qualified to handle any legal work requested by the Borough of Keyport; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Keyport are mindful of the requirements of N.J.S.A. 48:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law and deem it necessary and appropriate to act in accordance therewith.

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

1. Brian Mullen, Esq., Robert Thaler, Esq., Dominic Manco, Esq., and John Bennett, Esq. Are hereby appointed Special Legal Counsel for the Borough of Keyport for the year 2003.

2. Special Legal Counsel shall be paid the rate and shall bill at the rate established for the Borough Attorney.

3. Public Notice of this Resolution shall forthwith be published in the Courier.

4. Copy of the Resolution between the Borough of Keyport and Special Counsel shall be kept on file with the Borough Clerk and shall be available for inspection upon request.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mr. Stalter

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

1. Ordinance #1-03, Establishment of Planning Board and Establishment of Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Clerk read the Ordinance by Title:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF KEYPORT: ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL AND AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME THEREAFTER AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XXV, LAND USE REGULATIONS, ARTICLE III, SECTION 25:3-1, LAND USE PROCEDURES

(SEE FULL COPY OF ORDINANCE #1-03 ATTACHED AND MADE PART OF THESE MINUTES AS PAGES 36-60)

Offered by Mr. Stalter, seconded by Mr. Hyer

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Hyer, Stalter, Green, Doyle

1a. Motion authorizing the Clerk to publish the Ordinance, as introduced, in the Courier, issue of January 2, 2003 for a Hearing to be held on January 21, 2003, moved by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mrs. Atkins, with Ayes by all present.

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mr. Hyer said he considered the following unsung heroes: On January 10, 2002, Jonathan Rhodes and Eddie Cheatum while picking up metal on Osborn Street noticed smoke coming out of the front of the house at #26 Osborn Street. They quickly called Headquarters and attempted to extinguish the fire with a garden hose while waiting for the Fire Department. On August 14, 2002, Bert Morris and John Yard, while cutting grass at the Senior Center, reported a house fire at 131 Second Street to Headquarters. On December 17, 2002, Tony Davino and Eddie Cheatum, while out cold patching the streets, noticed smoke and fire coming out of the house at 22 Osborn Street. Mr. Davino then called the fire in to Headquarters on the truck radio and proceeded to help people out of the house.

RECREATION COMMISSION HOLIDAY LIGHTING AWARDS

Mayor Merla read the following list of awards and commended the community on the Holiday decorations and requested that they leave the lights on for a few more days:

First Place: 42 First Street, Michael & Ann Marie Reedy
Second Place: 180 Washington Street, Mr. & Mrs. Richard B. Ely, Jr.
Third Place: 48 Pine Street, Mr. & Mrs. Paul D. Young
Honorable Mentions:
7 Broadway, Ronald & Jane Zuback
32 Cedar Street, Donald & Naomi Connallon
10 Chingarora Avenue, Kevin & Tina Mann
162 Chingarora Avenue, Mr. & Mrs. Gallopo
170 Seventh Street, Judith M. Valdes
209 Main Street, Steven Georgalas
35 Maple Place, New Testament Baptist Church
425 Florence Avenue, David & Sherry Riley

RESOLUTIONS

39. Resolution #39-03, 2003 Rate of Interest for Non-Payment of Taxes and Assessments

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 permits the governing body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for non-payment of taxes or assessments subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 has been amended to permit the fixing of said rate of 8% annum on the first $1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of $1,500.00 an allows an additional penalty of 6% be collected against a delinquency in excess of $10,000.00 on properties that fail to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year.

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

1. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to charge 8% per annum on the first $1,500.00 of taxes becoming delinquent after the due date and 18% per annum on any amount of taxes in excess of $1.500.00 becoming delinquent after due date and if a delinquency is in excess of $10,000.00 and remains in arrears beyond December 31st an additional penalty of 6% shall be charged against the delinquency.

2. Effective January 1, 2003 there will be a ten (10) day grace period of quarterly tax payments made by cash, check or money order.

3. Any payments not made in accordance with paragraph two of this Resolution shall be charged interest from the due date as set forth in paragraph one of this Resolution.

4. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided by the Borough Clerk to the Tax Collector, Borough Attorney and Borough Auditor for the Borough of Keyport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said letter of interest rates shall become effective January 1, 2003.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mrs. Atkins

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

40. Resolution #40-03, 2003 Rate of Interest for Non-Payment of Water & Sewer Charges

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the authority N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 the rate of interest to be charged for the nonpayment of water and sewer charges on or before the date when they would become delinquent be and the same is hereby fixed in the Borough of Keyport at 8% per annum on the first $1,500.00 of the delinquency, and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of $1,500.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no interest shall be charged if payment on any installment is made within ten days of the date upon which the same became payable. After the 10 day "grace period" interest will revert back to the due date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said interest rates shall become effective January 1, 2003.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mrs. Atkins

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

41. Resolution #41-03, Authorize Payroll/Emergencies for the year 2003

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Keyport that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to pay Payroll as it becomes due and any emergencies which may arise during the year 2003 without future Resolution of the Mayor and Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is to report to the Mayor and Council at the next Council Meeting following, all Payroll and emergency payments made, so that it becomes part of the official minutes.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mrs. Atkins

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

42. Resolution #42-03, Authorization for Tax Assessor to File Tax Appeals with the County

WHEREAS, statutory provision is made for review and correction of errors prior to certification of an assessment list; and

WHEREAS, provision is also allowed for the discovery and correction of errors after establishment of the tax rate; and

WHEREAS, changes in property ownership at times necessitates adjustments in the veterans and/or senior citizen deductions allowed on the assessment list; and

WHEREAS, responsibility for maintenance and correction for assessments and the assessment list rests with the local Tax Assessor subject to laws and regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Keyport that the Tax Assessor fulfilling the duties and requirements of his office, be authorized to file with the Monmouth County Board of Taxation such appeals as may be necessary to maintain accuracy and equality in the assessment list of the Borough of Keyport; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Assessor is hereby authorized to execute stipulations of Settlement on behalf of the Borough of Keyport; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Assessor is hereby authorized to file complaints on behalf of the Borough of Keyport based upon farmland rollback procedures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Assessor is hereby authorized to file cross petitions of appeal and counterclaims.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mrs. Atkins

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

43. Resolution #43-03, Authorize Purchasing Under State Contracts

WHEREAS, in the past, the Borough of Keyport has availed itself of the right to purchase materials, supplies and equipment under contracts for such materials, supplies and equipment entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of Treasury pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable from time to time to obtain materials, supplies and equipment under contracts for such materials, supplies and equipment entered into on behalf of the State by the said Division without the necessity of advertising for bids, or in the cases where no bids have been received; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that it will be necessary or desirable to obtain materials, supplies and equipment under such contract or contracts entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by said Division during the year 2003.

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

1. That the purchases by the Borough of Keyport, through several municipal department shall be purchased under a contract or contracts for such materials, supplies or equipment entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of the Treasury, in those cases where it is desirable and in the best interest of the Borough of Keyport, and in those cases where bids have been sought by advertisement therefore and no bids are received.

2. That a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Borough Administrator, all Department Heads of the Borough of Keyport, and the Chief Financial Officer and any other party in interest.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mrs. Atkins

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

44. Resolution #44-03, Authorize Investment of Idle Funds

WHEREAS, it is desirable that idle funds of the Borough of Keyport be invested in legal investment vehicles at all times; and

WHEREAS, it is occasionally necessary to transfer funds for the purpose of meeting current Borough expenses for the purpose of effecting investments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Keyport, County of Monmouth, that it does hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer and/or Treasurer to request bids and to place orders for the investment of idle funds solely in legally authorized investment vehicles, such investments to the investing institution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above named Chief Financial Officer and/or Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer funds by wire solely for the following purposes and subject to all pertinent regulations:

1. To or from Borough checking or savings accounts to other Borough Accounts.

2. To or from Borough checking or savings accounts to or from accounts and investment accounts specified by banks

or to the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund and any other legal investment vehicle solely for the purpose of investing for the account of the Borough of Keyport.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mrs. Atkins

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

45. Resolution #45-03, Adoption of Cash Management Plan

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Keyport to earn additional revenue through the investment and prudent management of its cash receipts; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 1983, Chapter 8 approved January 18, 1983 is an act concerning the Local Fiscal Affairs Law and amends N.J.S.A. 40A:5-2 and N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14; and

WHEREAS, this law requires that each local unit shall adopt a cash management plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following shall constitute the Cash Management Plan for the Borough of Keyport and the Borough shall manage its funds pursuant to this plan.

Definitions
1. Treasurer and CFO shall mean the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Keyport.
2. Fiscal Year shall mean the twelve months ending December thirty one.
3. Cash Management Plan shall mean the plan as approved by this resolution.

Designation of Depositories
At least once each fiscal year the governing body shall by resolution designate the depositories for the Borough of Keyport in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14.

Audit Requirements
The Cash Management Plan shall be subject to the annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14.

Authority to Invest
The governing body shall pass a resolution at its first meeting of the fiscal year designating the Borough Official(s) who shall make and be responsible for municipal deposits and investments.

Investment Instrument
The designated Borough Official(s) shall invest at his discretion in any investment instrument as approved by the State of New Jersey in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.2.

Records and Reports
1. The Treasurer shall report all investments in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.2.
2. At a minimum the Treasurer shall:
   a. Keep a record of all investments
   b. Keep a cash position record which reveals, on a daily basis, the status of the cash in its bank accounts.
   c. Confirm investments with the governing body as to

the status of cash balances in bank accounts, revenue collection, interest rates and interest earned.

Cash Flow
1. The Treasurer shall ensure that the accounting system provides regular information concerning the cash position and investment performance.
2. All moneys, shall be turned over to the Treasurer and deposited in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.
3. The Treasurer/CFO is authorized and directed to invest surplus funds of the Borough of Keyport as the availability of the funds permit. In addition, it shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to minimize the possibility of idle cash by depositing the moneys in interest bearing accounts whenever practical and in the best interest of the Borough of Keyport.
4. The CFO shall ensure that funds are borrowed for Capital projects in a timely fashion.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mrs. Atkins

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

46. Resolution #46-03, Authorize Tax Collector to Issue Duplicate Tax Sale Certificates

WHEREAS, P.L. 1997, Chapter 99, requires the authorization of the Governing Body for replacement and issuance of a duplicate tax sale certificate held by a third party lien holder which has been destroyed or lost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Keyport, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the Tax Collector, upon receipt of the appropriate affidavits from owner of the certificates, prepare replacement certificates for Tax Sale Certificates and issue to original lien holder

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these replacement certificates, duplicated in original form, shall be marked as "duplicate" and a $100 fee per duplicate certificate be assessed to the original lien holder for the preparation of said duplicate certificates.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a Certified copy of said duplicate certificates shall be maintained by the Tax Collector and issued to the lien holder.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mrs. Atkins

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

47. Resolution #47-03, Temporary Budget

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2003 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty days of January 2003; and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2002 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance is the sum of $5,768,254.79 and $2,753,200.00 for the General Budget and Water/Sewer Utility Budget respectively; and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2002 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance in said 2002 budget is the sum of $1,514,166.88 and $722,715.00 for the General Budget and Water/Sewer Utility budget respectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records:

GENERAL BUDGET	TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS 2003
ADMINISTRATIVE AND EXECUTIVE	
S&W	$ 8,400.00
OE	2,200.00
MAYOR AND COUNCIL	
S&W	3,700.00
OE	1,000.00
MUNICIPAL CLERK	
S&W	10,000.00
OE	
Revision and Codification of Ordinances	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	8,000.00
FINANCIAL ADMIN.	
S&W	11,900.00
OE	2,200.00
AUDIT SERVICES	
OE	8,000.00
COLLECTION OF TAXES	
S&W	16,800.00
OE	2,300.00
ASSESSMENT OF TAXES	
S&W	5,800.00
OE	2,000.00
LEGAL SERVICES & COSTS	
OE	40,000.00
ENGINEERING SERVICES & COSTS	
OE	10,000.00
PLANNING/ZONING BOARD	
S&W	4,500.00
OE	2,000.00
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE	
S&W	1,900.00
OE	400.00
ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT	
S&W	4,800.00

OE	800.00
INSURANCE	
LIABILITY INSURANCE	100,000.00
WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE	75,000.00
EMPLOYEE GROUP INSURANCE	200,000.00
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	3,500.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT	
S&W	450,000.00
OE	
MISCELLANEOUS	30,000.00
CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	6,100.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES	
OE	500.00
FIRST AID CONTRIBUTIONS	5,000.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT	
OE	23,000.00
UNIFORM FIRE SAFETY ACT	
S&W	3,900.00
OE	1,000.00
MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR	
S&W	3,100.00
ROAD REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	
S&W	63,400.00
OE	23,100.00
GARBAGE AND TRASH REMOVAL	
S&W	12,000.00
OE	3,300.00
CONTRACTED (40a:4-85)	43,000.00
PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS	
OE	15,000.00
BOARD OF HEALTH	
S&W	6,900.00
OE	1,300.00
RECREATION	
S&W	4,750.00
OE	5,500.00
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMUNITY CENTER	
S&W	6,000.00
OE	4,000.00
SENIOR CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTED	1,000.00
PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS	
OE	2,400.00
CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS	
OE	500.00
FUEL FOR MOTOR VEHICLES	12,000.00
TELEPHONE	6,500.00
STREET LIGHTING	23,500.00
FUEL OIL	1,900.00
NATURAL GAS	2,000.00
ELECTRICITY	9,900.00

LANDFILL DISPOSAL COSTS	44,000.00
SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM	40,000.00
MUNICIPAL COURT	
S&W	19,700.00
OE	2,600.00
BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS-HEPATITIS B	
OE	1,200.00
MAINTENANCE OF FREE LIBRARY	30,000.00
SERVICES OF REGIONAL HEALTH ASSOC.	26,000.00
PUBLIC DEFENDER	
S&W	1,400.00
OE	100.00
RECYCLING (HAZLET)	
OE	1,300.00
POLICE (BAYSHORE TASK FORCE)	
OE	5,500.00
MUNICIPAL DRUG ALLIANCE PROGRAM	
LOCAL SHARE	1,850.00
STATE SHARE	7,400.00
OFFICE ON AGING GRANT	8,500.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	20,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS	**$ 1,506,300.00**

WATER/SEWER UTILITY BUDGET	TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS 2003
SALARIES AND WAGES	$ 110,000.00
OTHER EXPENSES	100,000.00
BRSA	370,000.00
ACQUISITION OF WATER	131,000.00
SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM	10,000.00
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INSURANCE	1,000.00
TOTAL WATER/SEWER UTILITY BUDGET	**$722,000.00**

Offered for adoption by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mrs. Atkins

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

48. Resolution #48-03, Temporary Debt Service Budget

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-19 provides authority for appropriating in a temporary resolution the permanent debt service requirements for the coming fiscal year providing that such resolution is not made earlier than December 20 of the year preceding the beginning of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is subsequent to December 19, 2002; and

WHEREAS, principal and interest will be due on various dates from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003, inclusive on sundry bonds and notes issued and outstanding:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriations be made to cover the period from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003 inclusive:

<u>DEBT SERVICE - CURRENT FUND</u>	
Principal on Bonds	$180,000.00
Interest on Bonds	177,166.00
Interest on Notes	84,500.00
Principal on Notes	0.00
Monmouth Cty Improvement Authority Loan Principal & Interest	6,500.00
	$448,166.00

<u>DEBT SERVICE - WATER/SEWER UTILITY</u>	
Principal on Bonds	$120,000.00
Interest on Bonds	58,400.00
Interest on Notes	3,200.00
Principal on Notes	5,000.00
	$186,600.00

Offered for adoption by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mrs. Atkins

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

49. Resolution #49-03, Payment of Bills

(See full copy of Resolution attached hereto and part of these minutes as page 61)

Offered for adoption by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mrs. Atkins

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

50. Resolution #50-03, Authorizing Renewal of the Borough Property and Casualty Insurance

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council have determined that it would be in the best interest of the Borough of Keyport to maintain Borough Property and Casualty Insurance; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council and the Borough of Keyport have considered the proposal of Frank J. Siracusa and Sons, Inc., Atlantic City, New Jersey to provide appropriate Property and Casualty Insurance for the Borough of Keyport.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Keyport as follows:

1. That the proposal for the renewal of the Borough Property and Casualty Insurance shall be renewed through Frank J. Siracusa and Sons, Inc. of Atlantic City, New Jersey in accordance with their proposal which was reviewed and accepted by John J. Merla, Mayor.

2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that charges for the basic renewal will be in the sum of $192,000.00 for the period February 8, 2003 through February 8, 2004.

3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sum of $50,000.00 be paid to Frank J. Siracusa and Sons, Inc. upon adoption of this resolution as a binder for the insurance services provided herein.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mrs. Atkins

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

51. Resolution #51-03, Appointing Special Bond Counsel for Matters Related to The Privatization of The Borough's Water and Wastewater Systems: DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Whistler

WHEREAS, there exists a need for specialized legal services in connection with the management, operation, lease, privatization or sale of the Borough's Water and Wastewater Systems, which may involve the need to obtain capital financing, relative to the management, operation, lease, privatization or sale of the within systems; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that such specialized legal services can only be provided by an experienced law firm with an emphasis in bond related issues, and the law firm of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Whistler, LLP is so experienced and recognized by the financial community; and

WHEREAS, the services to be performed are "professional services" as defined in the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6) and therefore are excepted from the Local Public Contracts Law requirements from competitive bidding, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(I); and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1)(a)(I), requires the public advertisement of notice with respect to contracts for professional services awarded without competitive bids; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that funds are or will become available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE and it is HEREBY RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Keyport as follows:

1. The law firm of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Whistler LLP, is hereby appointed Special Bond Counsel for the Borough of Keyport in connection with the management, operation, lease, privatization or sale of the Borough's Water and Wastewater Systems, and awards the contract which is annexed hereto (the "Contract"), in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

2. That the Mayor or other appropriate official of the Borough, on behalf of the Borough, is authorized and directed to execute the contract when presented and the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to the execution of said contract for professional services in connection with legal services relative to the management, operation, lease, privatization or sale of the Borough's Water and Wastewater Systems, as may be required pursuant to the direction of the Mayor and Borough Council.

3. That no appropriation of funds is required at this time, which payment coming from revenues associated with the management, operation, lease, privatization or sale of the Borough's Water and Wastewater Systems or as determined by the Mayor and Council from the general revenues of the Borough of Keyport.

4. That this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(I), because legal services are a recognized profession licensed and regulated by law.

5. That a notice in accordance with this resolution and the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, shall be published in an official newspaper or newspapers of the Borough of Keyport.

6. Certified copies of the within resolution and contract shall be forwarded to the law firm of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Whistler, LLP, Borough Attorney and Municipal Finance Officer and that a copy of the within resolution and executed contract be retained on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk for public inspection according to law.

7. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Hyer, seconded by Mrs. Atkins

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Atkins, Green, Hyer, Stalter, Doyle
Absent: Councilman Bergen

REMARKS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilman Bergen: Councilman Bergen was absent. He is Legal Counsel for Carteret and was attending their Reorganization Meeting.

Councilwoman Atkins: Mrs. Atkins wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. She wised Mayor Graham the best in the future. To Susan Ashmore-Montanti, she was committed and will be missed. The course is being set for the Fire Department and equipment. To the Ex-Chief, firemen and auxiliary there is a strength of commitment which lies in volunteer service. She congratulated the Keyport First Aid on the 75th year and their volunteer service and providing thousands of hours of service. She also thanked Harvey Brandt and Kenneth Krohe on the Cadets, 100 High School Students. She commended Chief Marr on the 125th anniversary and serving as Fire Commissioner was a true honor. She thanked Harry Aumack II, 125th anniversary Chairman. There were convention trophies. Two fire were brought under control. She commended the spirit and dedication of the 146 volunteer firemen, the reserves and the auxiliaries on providing service. She congratulated and thanked the volunteers doing a great job on the Fire Museum. She welcomed Councilman Green, Councilman Doyle and John J. Merla as Mayor.

Councilman Hyer: Mr. Hyer thanked Kevin Graham and Susan Ashmore-Montanti, having worked with both. Projects in 2002: Old Public Works yard and Recycling Yard were cleaned up. Other projects: curb markings, traffic sign replacements, flourescent channels installed on sign posts, the Parks have been put in the charge of one of the Public Works employees, and are being fertilized and seeded. Two new pieces of equipment have been purchased. Public Works employees reported fires and saved lives and property. George Sappah, Superintendent of Public Works received the Joshua P. Huddy Award in Atlantic City. A Public Works Wish List was presented to Mayor Merla. He thanked the Public Works on the clean up of the last snow storm. He wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Councilman Stalter: Mr. Stalter said 2002 was his first year on the Council and he learned a lot. He worked with different departments. The Recreation Commission has goals, i.e. bus trips and a skatepark. The specifications for the skatepark have been sent to the Borough Engineer and should be up and functioning by spring. There has been input from many people in town. In 2003 goals will be set. Purchasing of a marquee sign, ski and baseball trips. The Web Site will begin. He congratulated Mayor Merla and welcomed Councilmen Green and Doyle. He thanked Susan Ashmore-Montanti who approached him to run for Council and on whom he counted. He thanked the residents and the continuation of working with the KBA and Keyport. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Green: Mr. Green said it was a honor to be asked to serve and replace Susan Ashmore-Montanti who gave of her time and effort and support for the November election. Mr. Green said he is a five year resident formerly a Union Beach Councilman for three years. He see's possibilities for Keyport and will prove he is capable to serve.

Councilman Doyle: Mr. Doyle said he is fortunate to serve and asked to be wished luck and offered condolences. He looks forward to 2003 and the next five years. He will address the residents concerns. He has sat out in the audience for years. He thanked his family for their support and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Merla: Mayor Merla thanked all the volunteers, residents and friends on their appointments. The new administration will focus on two areas: 1. Opportunity and a chance to grow and develop the waterfront, a diverse Council to plan the next 10 years and to market the Borough. Resident concerns such as taxes, redevelopment sites, grants, waterfront transportation, new Borough Hall, streets and roads, recreation development and Smart Growth need community backing. The Mayor said the residents should believe in results, not rumors or hype and to judge on results. Stabilization of taxes and holding the line on water/sewer rates. To approve projects money must be spent. He requested that the residents give the Mayor and Council a chance to do the job, that changes will be made in order to run the community. Keyport has been knocked in the past, but the community came together and bounced back. Meetings will be televised, there will be traveling meetings and youth and senior input will be received. He said Keyport should let grow and succeed and he is proud to live here. He thanked Kevin Graham for his years of service and commended Susan Ashmore-Montanti for her service to the community. Mrs. Atkins is serving her 6th full term, 18 years; there is 34 years of experience, 2 members with 1 year experience and 2 new members and they will be an asset. Mayor Merla thanked his family and friends, his wife Kelly for allowing him to do this and for raising Giovanni and Dominque who asked why there are so many meetings!. He thanked everyone. Darlene Dorsey (Keep Keyport Clean) presented Mayor Merla with a card.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn moved by Mr. Pedersen, seconded by Mr. Merla with Ayes by all present.

Time of Adjournment: 1:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith L. Poling

Judith L. Poling, RMC/CMC
Borough Clerk