

BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON
REORGANIZATION MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2011
COMMENCING AT 7:25 p.m.

IN THE MATTER OF:

2011 REORGANIZATION MEETING -
SALUTE TO THE FLAG, INVOCATION,
INTRODUCTION, OATHS OF OFFICE,
ROLL CALL, RESOLUTIONS

NORTH ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
222 RIDGE ROAD
NORTH ARLINGTON, NEW JERSEY

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

PETER C. MASSA, MAYOR
JOSEPH P. BIANCHI, COUNCILMAN
RICHARD T. HUGHES, COUNCILMAN
CHRIS JOHNSON, COUNCILMAN
JON KEARNEY, COUNCILMAN
STEVEN A. TANELLI, COUNCILMAN
MARK YAMPAGLIA, COUNCILMAN

TERENCE WALL, ACTING BOROUGH CLERK
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1 MR. WALL: Good evening and
2 Happy New Year. My name is Terence Wall, the
3 Borough Clerk and Borough Administrator. It's a
4 great honor and pleasure to serve the taxpayers of
5 North Arlington on behalf of the Mayor and Council
6 for the Borough. I wanted to wish you a very happy
7 and healthy and safe 2011.

8 This is the reorganization meeting for
9 the Mayor and Council of North Arlington,
10 January 3, 2011.

11 Council members Johnson, Kearney,
12 Tanelli, Yampaglia, Borough Clerk Terence Wall and
13 Acting Borough Attorney Gregory Randazzo will be
14 sitting at the Council table.

15 Spouses and family of Council-elect and
16 candidates for appointment will sit with their
17 families, and will be coming up shortly.

18 We're now going to call this meeting to
19 order.

20 Ladies and gentlemen, this meeting is
21 being held in accordance with the rules and
22 regulations of the Open Public Meetings Act of the
23 State of New Jersey. Adequate notice of this
24 meeting was provided by forwarding a Sunshine
25 notice, which included the time, date and location

1 of this public meeting of the Mayor and Council.

2 I'd ask everybody to now kindly stand
3 for the salute to our great flag.

4 (Whereupon the Pledge of Allegiance is
5 recited.)

6 MR. WALL: Thank you very much. It's now
7 with the great pleasure and respect that we have our
8 invocation this evening from Monsignor William J.
9 Fadrowski, Queen of Peace Church.

10 MONSIGNOR FADROWSKI: Let us remember
11 that we are in God's presence.

12 Lord our God, look with love on the
13 people of North Arlington and keep them safe in your
14 service.

15 Guide the members of this Council and
16 help them to work together for the good of all of
17 the citizens of the Borough.

18 Bless their plans and deliberations and
19 bring them to success.

20 Blessed are you, Lord, our God, forever
21 and ever. Amen.

22 MR. WALL: Now, I'd like to introduce to
23 the folks here.

24 Our police escort for this evening,
25 Patrolman Robert Evans. Thank you, Robert.

1 Now, with great pleasure the oath of
2 officers for Councilman-Elect Richard Hughes. If
3 Council-Elect Richard Hughes and his family would
4 please come forward. His oath of office will be
5 administered by our County Executive, Kathleen
6 Donovan.

7 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: I.

8 MR. HUGHES: I, Richard T. Hughes.

9 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Do solemnly swear.

10 MR. HUGHES: Do solemnly swear.

11 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: That I will
12 support the Constitution of the United States.

13 MR. HUGHES: That I will support the
14 Constitution of the United States.

15 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: And the
16 Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

17 MR. HUGHES: And the Constitution of
18 the State of New Jersey.

19 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: And that I
20 will bear true faith and allegiance.

21 MR. HUGHES: And that I will bear true
22 faith and allegiance.

23 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: To the same.

24 MR. HUGHES: To the same.

25 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: And to the

1 governments established in the United States.

2 MR. HUGHES: And the governments
3 established in the United States.

4 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: And in this
5 state.

6 MR. HUGHES: And in this state.

7 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: Under the
8 authority of the people.

9 MR. HUGHES: Under the authority of the
10 people.

11 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: I do further
12 solemnly swear.

13 MR. HUGHES: I do further solemnly
14 swear.

15 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: That I will
16 faithfully.

17 MR. HUGHES: That I will faithfully.

18 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: Impartially.

19 MR. HUGHES: Impartially.

20 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: And justly.

21 MR. HUGHES: And justly.

22 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: Perform all
23 the duties of Councilman.

24 MR. HUGHES: Perform all the duties of
25 Councilman.

1 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: According to
2 the best of my ability.

3 MR. HUGHES: According the best of my
4 ability.

5 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: So help me
6 God.

7 MR. HUGHES: So help me God.

8 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN:
9 Congratulations.

10 MR. HUGHES: Thank you very much.

11 MR. WALL: Congratulations,
12 sir. Thank you very much.

13 We now would like to request that
14 Councilman-elect Joseph Bianchi be escorted with his
15 family to come forward for the oath of office
16 administered again by County Executive Kathleen
17 Donovan. Thank you.

18 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: I.

19 MR. BIANCHI: I, Joseph Bianchi.

20 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: Do solemnly
21 swear.

22 MR. BIANCHI: Do solemnly swear.

23 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: That I will
24 support the Constitution of the United States.

25 MR. BIANCHI: That I will support the

1 Constitution of the United States.

2 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: And the
3 Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

4 MR. BIANCHI: And the Constitution of
5 the State of New Jersey.

6 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: And that I
7 will bear true faith and allegiance.

8 MR. BIANCHI: And that I will bear true
9 faith and allegiance.

10 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: To the same.

11 MR. BIANCHI: To the same.

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: And to the
13 governments established in the United States.

14 MR. BIANCHI: And to the governments
15 established in the United States.

16 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: And in this
17 State.

18 MR. BIANCHI: And in this State.

19 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: Under the
20 authority of the people.

21 MR. BIANCHI: Under the authority of
22 the people.

23 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: I do further
24 solemnly swear.

25 MR. BIANCHI: I do further solemnly

1 swear.

2 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: That I will
3 faithfully.

4 MR. BIANCHI: That I will faithfully.

5 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: Impartially.

6 MR. BIANCHI: Impartially.

7 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: And justly.

8 MR. BIANCHI: And justly.

9 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: Perform all
10 the duties.

11 MR. BIANCHI: Perform all the duties.

12 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: Of
13 Councilman.

14 MR. BIANCHI: Of Councilman.

15 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: According to
16 the best of my ability.

17 MR. BIANCHI: According to the best of
18 my abilities.

19 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: So help me
20 God.

21 MR. BIANCHI: So help me God.

22 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN:
23 Congratulations.

24 MR. BIANCHI: Thank you very much.

25 MR. WALL: Thank you very much, County

1 Executive Donovan.

2 And subsequent to the swearing in of
3 our Mayor, Peter Massa, and the reconstitution of the
4 governing body, County Executive and Congressman
5 Steven Rothman will be asked to come and share a few
6 words with the folks who are here tonight, that are
7 gathered today.

8 We'd like to now ask for our
9 Mayor-Elect Peter C. Massa and his family to please
10 come forward and be escorted forward for the oath of
11 office which will be administered by Congressman
12 Rothman.

13 Thank you very much.

14 CONGRESSMAN ROTHMAN: I, Peter C.
15 Massa, Junior.

16 MAYOR-ELECT MASSA: I, Peter C. Massa,
17 Junior.

18 CONGRESSMAN ROTHMAN: Do solemnly
19 swear.

20 MAYOR-ELECT MASSA: Do solemnly swear.

21 CONGRESSMAN ROTHMAN: That I will
22 support the Constitution of the United States.

23 MAYOR-ELECT MASSA: That I will support
24 the Constitution of the United States.

25 CONGRESSMAN ROTHMAN: And the

1 Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

2 MAYOR-ELECT MASSA: And the
3 Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

4 CONGRESSMAN ROTHMAN: And that I will
5 bear true faith.

6 MAYOR-ELECT MASSA: And that I will
7 bear true faith.

8 CONGRESSMAN ROTHMAN: And allegiance.

9 MAYOR-ELECT MASSA: And allegiance.

10 CONGRESSMAN ROTHMAN: To the same.

11 MAYOR-ELECT MASSA: To the same.

12 CONGRESSMAN ROTHMAN: And to the
13 government.

14 MAYOR-ELECT MASSA: And the to
15 government.

16 CONGRESSMAN ROTHMAN: Established in
17 the United States.

18 MAYOR-ELECT MASSA: Established in the
19 United States.

20 CONGRESSMAN ROTHMAN: And in this
21 state.

22 MAYOR-ELECT MASSA: And in this state.

23 CONGRESSMAN ROTHMAN: Under the
24 authority of the people.

25 MAYOR-ELECT MASSA: Under the authority

1 of the people.

2 CONGRESSMAN ROTHMAN: I do further
3 solemnly swear.

4 MAYOR-ELECT MASSA: I do further
5 solemnly swear.

6 CONGRESSMAN ROTHMAN: That I will
7 faithfully.

8 MAYOR-ELECT MASSA: That I will
9 faithfully.

10 CONGRESSMAN ROTHMAN: Impartially.

11 MAYOR-ELECT MASSA: Impartially.

12 CONGRESSMAN ROTHMAN: And justly
13 perform.

14 MAYOR-ELECT MASSA: And justly perform.

15 CONGRESSMAN ROTHMAN: All the duties of
16 mayor.

17 MAYOR-ELECT MASSA: All the duties of
18 mayor.

19 CONGRESSMAN ROTHMAN: According to the
20 best of my ability.

21 MAYOR-ELECT MASSA: According to the
22 best of my ability.

23 CONGRESSMAN ROTHMAN: So help me God.

24 MAYOR-ELECT MASSA: So help me God.

25 CONGRESSMAN ROTHMAN: Congratulations.

1 MAYOR-ELECT MASSA: Thank you.

2 MR. WALL: Mayor, it's my duty and
3 pleasure to share with you and announce that the
4 Borough Council is now duly constituted for the year
5 2011. Congratulations.

6 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you. Thank you.

7 MR. WALL: Shall I call the
8 roll?

9 MAYOR MASSA: Call the roll.

10 MR. WALL: Councilman Bianchi?

11 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Here.

12 MR. WALL: Councilman Hughes?

13 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Here.

14 MR. WALL: Councilman Johnson?

15 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Here.

16 MR. WALL: Councilman Kearney?

17 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Here.

18 MR. WALL: Councilman Tanelli?

19 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Here.

20 MR. WALL: Councilman

21 Yampaglia?

22 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Here.

23 MR. WALL: Thank you very much.

24 We'd like at this time to invite back
25 to the dais County Executive Donovan, if you'd kind

1 to share a few words we the folks that are here
2 today. Thank you very much.

3 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: Good evening,
4 everybody. It's nice to be to be back here in North
5 Arlington. You know I always considered it one of
6 my hometowns. I went to Queen of Peace High School
7 and my brother graduated from there and my son was
8 part of Queen of Peace for a very long time, so I
9 always feel very warm and welcomed in North
10 Arlington.

11 I salute all of us for the work you are
12 about to do this year. It's going to be a tough
13 budget year for all of us. We know that, and I look
14 forward to seeing great things coming from North
15 Arlington.

16 And to all of you, I thank you for
17 coming out tonight. I'm giving a very short speech
18 because it's their night.

19 You can find me at the Bergen County
20 Administration Building, used to be on the first
21 floor, now I'm on the fifth floor. If I can ever
22 help any of you in any way, please find me and ask
23 for help. I'd be delighted to do anything that I
24 could for you. I am a public servant and I take that
25 very seriously. So if ever I can help you in any

1 way, Mayor and Council, I'm saying that to you as
2 well, I'd be delighted to do that, and your
3 Congressman, Steven Rothman, is going to say the same
4 kind of thing to you. We are public servants and
5 we'd be glad to help you. Thank you so much,
6 everybody. Good evening.

7 MR. WALL: Thank you very much, and I'd
8 be remiss if I didn't share from the Mayor and
9 Council to the Board of Education and to Dr.
10 Stringham and the folks in the school system for
11 helping to prepare for this evening. Thank you
12 very, very much for your hospitality. It's really
13 appreciated.

14 Without further ado, I'd like to
15 invite back up on behalf of the Mayor and Council
16 Congressman Steve Rothman to share a few words as
17 well. Thank you, Congressman.

18 CONGRESSMAN ROTHMAN: Thank you,
19 Terence. Monsignor, fellow elected officials,
20 ladies and gentlemen, to Kathy Donovan, my dear
21 friend of many, many years.

22 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: Many years.

23 CONGRESSMAN ROTHMAN: Congratulations
24 to you on your election as our County Executive of
25 the best county in New Jersey.

1 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: Absolutely.

2 CONGRESSMAN ROTHMAN: We're all pulling
3 for you, and as you know from earlier conversations
4 with your staff and my staff, and you and me, I'm
5 looking forward personally to helping you in every
6 single way I can.

7 COUNTY EXECUTIVE DONOVAN: Thank you.

8 CONGRESSMAN ROTHMAN: I'm delighted
9 with your success and the success for the people of
10 Bergen County in having you as our County Executive.

11 Peter Massa, thank you for inviting me
12 to swear you in, Mayor. I was a two-term mayor in
13 my hometown of the City of Englewood back in the
14 day, back in the eighties, and we had tough problems
15 there, and we overcame them by bringing people from
16 all corners of the community together to solve
17 problems that haven't been solved in a very, very,
18 very long time, whether they were crime, taxes or
19 other proper management issues.

20 Peter, if I may, Mayor, you've been a
21 law enforcement official; you've been a school board
22 member, school board president, mayor, born and
23 raised here in town; your family's here in town. I
24 think the people of this community know you well,
25 know you as a person of intelligence and integrity.

1 And I also want to congratulate Richard and Joe,
2 congratulations to you on your well-deserved
3 victories. The people have spoken and have
4 expressed their confidence in you both, and, you
5 know, after the elections are over, now comes the
6 hard part, governing, especially in very difficult
7 economic times.

8 I'm about to head down by train tomorrow
9 to Washington, DC to join a brand new House of
10 Representatives with a new majority, and
11 I'm looking forward to working with my new
12 colleagues whom the voters have chosen, and it
13 should be very exciting, democracy at its finest.

14 Plus, if I may offer just a brief word of
15 counsel to my dear friends, the Mayor and Council,
16 while there may be real differences of ideology,
17 point of view: What's the role of government? How
18 much should the government do? How little should it
19 do? Who should it help? Who must it help? Who does
20 it really need not to help? How do we move our
21 community forward? And, most importantly, how best
22 to protect the people of our nation and our
23 communities.

24 While they may be legitimate different
25 point of ideological view, in the end we have to

1 govern it; we have to get problems solved, and that
2 may mean sometimes compromising, not with any joy
3 because you know you went as far as you could to
4 fulfill your view of the vision of government, but in
5 the end you knew it was your job to solve problems,
6 and I've been happy over the last number of years, I
7 was happy to bring home money to fix the mine shaft
8 problem of \$320,000 from the mine collapse and the
9 money for the cops and the schools from Washington,
10 and the money for the school bus, apparently they
11 bought the bus before the check came in, but net
12 speaking of that's real money for this community,
13 hundreds of thousands of dollars that the local
14 property taxpayers didn't have to pay directly,
15 that's just me doing my job. That's because the
16 Mayor and Council, under Democrats and Republicans,
17 reached out to me, said, Steve, we need help; this
18 is a problem. And they each had my home numbers,
19 cell numbers, and we worked out solutions to the
20 problems.

21 And I'm happy to see our former first
22 Lady Barbara Kaiser here, who she and her husband
23 have done so much for this community as well. I
24 also see the former Bergen County Freeholder
25 Director Doug Bern is here. We have to work

1 together. That's what it's all about.

2 And as Kathy did say, and we've been
3 saying this since we've been in local government and
4 county government and on all these years been given
5 the privilege of service, my job is not just to go to
6 Washington to vote on laws and budgets and bills and
7 war and peace and bring back money home, which I do
8 all of those, but it's also to serve you if you or
9 your neighbor or a family member or a total stranger
10 needs help. That's the blessing, the privilege you
11 give me, at least for two more years to serve you.

12 So please, the Mayor and I think most
13 of the Council have my numbers. I know the Mayor
14 and the Administrator do. Call me. Call my staff,
15 and we will help.

16 Elections are over. It doesn't matter
17 if you voted for me or not. My job is to move my
18 community forward, help the people of this community
19 and help the country, period, and that's what I'm
20 determined to do as long as the people give me the
21 privilege doing it.

22 So Mayor and Council members, God bless
23 you, God speed in your work. It will not be an easy
24 year, but you are up to the task. The people
25 respect you, dare say love you, and want you to work

1 together as a team, I'll add, under the leadership
2 of Mayor Massa, that's my comment, to move this
3 community forward.

4 God bless you, everybody. I wish you a
5 healthy, happy, peaceful, safe, and prosperous new
6 year. Call me if you need me.

7 MR. WALL: Thank you very much,
8 Congressman Rothman.

9 And next item on the agenda, and just
10 as a -- by the way, I'd like to thank a key team
11 member, the key folks who helps the administration
12 on a day-to-day basis, who doesn't make as many of
13 these reorganizations as we'd like her to, but I'd
14 like to extend a round of applause to Cathy Keogan.
15 She's been here quite an number of years, helping
16 keeping everything moving along in Borough Hall.
17 Cathy, happy new year.

18 Next I'd ask our Chief of Police Lou
19 Ghione to come forward as part of the oath of
20 officers which will be administered to Lieutenant
21 Daniel M. Sandowick. If you would kindly come
22 forward for your police promotion and the oath of
23 office and with your family as well. Thank you very
24 much.

25 And the oath of office will be

1 administered by Mayor Peter Massa.

2 MAYOR MASSA: Raise your right hand.

3 Repeat after me.

4 I, Daniel M. Sandowick.

5 SGT. SANDOWICK: I, Daniel M.

6 Sandowick.

7 MAYOR MASSA: Do solemnly swear.

8 SGT. SANDOWICK: Do solemnly swear.

9 MAYOR MASSA: That I will support the
10 Constitution of the United States.

11 SGT. SANDOWICK: That I will support
12 the Constitution of the United States.

13 MAYOR MASSA: And the Constitution of
14 the State of New Jersey.

15 SGT. SANDOWICK: And the Constitution
16 of the State of New Jersey.

17 MAYOR MASSA: And that I will bear true
18 faith and allegiance to the same.

19 SGT. SANDOWICK: And that I will bear
20 true faith and allegiance to the same.

21 MAYOR MASSA: And to the governments
22 established.

23 SGT. SANDOWICK: And to the governments
24 established.

25 MAYOR MASSA: In the United States.

1 SGT. SANDOWICK: In the United States.

2 MAYOR MASSA: And in this state.

3 SGT. SANDOWICK: And in this state.

4 MAYOR MASSA: Under the authority of
5 the people.

6 SGT. SANDOWICK: Under the authority of
7 the people.

8 MAYOR MASSA: I do further solemnly
9 swear.

10 SGT. SANDOWICK: I do further solemnly
11 swear.

12 MAYOR MASSA: That I will faithfully.

13 SGT. SANDOWICK: That I will
14 faithfully.

15 MAYOR MASSA: Impartially.

16 SGT. SANDOWICK: Impartially.

17 MAYOR MASSA: And justly.

18 SGT. SANDOWICK: And justly.

19 MAYOR MASSA: Perform all the duties.

20 SGT. SANDOWICK: Perform all the
21 duties.

22 MAYOR MASSA: Of police lieutenant.

23 SGT. SANDOWICK: Of police lieutenant.

24 MAYOR MASSA: According to the best of
25 my ability.

1 SGT. SANDOWICK: According to the best
2 of my ability.

3 MAYOR MASSA: So help me God.

4 SGT. SANDOWICK: So help me God.

5 MAYOR MASSA: Congratulations,
6 Lieutenant.

7 LT. SANDOWICK: Thank you.

8 MAYOR MASSA: Can Sergeant Gary Edwards
9 please come forward with your family. Raise your
10 right hand, repeat after me.

11 I, Gary M. Edwards.

12 PTL. EDWARDS: I, Gary M. Edwards.

13 MAYOR MASSA: Do solemnly swear.

14 PTL. EDWARDS: Do solemnly swear.

15 MAYOR MASSA: That I will support the
16 Constitution of the United States.

17 PTL. EDWARDS: That I will support the
18 Constitution of the United States.

19 MAYOR MASSA: And the Constitution of
20 the state of New Jersey.

21 PTL. EDWARDS: At the Constitution of
22 the State of New Jersey.

23 MAYOR MASSA: And that I will bear true
24 faith and allegiance.

25 PTL. EDWARDS: That I will bear truth

1 faith and allegiance.

2 MAYOR MASSA: To the same.

3 PTL. EDWARDS: To the same.

4 MAYOR MASSA: And to the governments.

5 PTL. EDWARDS: And to the governments.

6 MAYOR MASSA: Established in the United
7 States.

8 PTL. EDWARDS: Established in the
9 United States.

10 MAYOR MASSA: And in this state.

11 PTL. EDWARDS: And in this state.

12 MAYOR MASSA: Under the authority of
13 the people.

14 PTL. EDWARDS: Under the authority of
15 the people.

16 MAYOR MASSA: I do further solemnly
17 swear.

18 PTL. EDWARDS: I do further solemnly
19 swear.

20 MAYOR MASSA: That I will faithfully.

21 PTL. EDWARDS: That I will faithfully.

22 MAYOR MASSA: Impartially.

23 PTL. EDWARDS: Impartially.

24 MAYOR MASSA: And justly perform.

25 PTL. EDWARDS: And justly perform.

1 MAYOR MASSA: All the duties.
2 PTL. EDWARDS: All the duties.
3 MAYOR MASSA: Of police sergeant.
4 PTL. EDWARDS: Of police sergeant.
5 MAYOR MASSA: According to the best of
6 my ability.
7 PTL. EDWARDS: According to the best of
8 my ability.
9 MAYOR MASSA: So help me God.
10 PTL. EDWARDS: So help me God.
11 MAYOR MASSA: Congratulations.
12 SGT. EDWARDS: Thank you very much.
13 MR. WALL: Congratulations.
14 SGT. EDWARDS: Thank you.
15 MR. WALL: Each year is elected from
16 amongst their peers a Council President to lead the
17 Council for the year. And the next item on the
18 agenda of Mayor and Council is Resolution 6-11.
19 This is a Resolution regarding election of the
20 President of the Borough Council for the year 2011.
21 May I have a motion?
22 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I make a motion.
23 MAYOR MASSA: Motion introduced by
24 Councilman Bianchi.
25 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Second.

1 MAYOR MASSA: Seconded by Councilman
2 Johnson.

3 I don't think there's really much
4 discussion on this one. I just wanted to extend my
5 congratulations to Rich Hughes for being reappointed
6 as the Council President of Borough Council for this
7 year, and I wish him all the best.

8 Call the roll.

9 MR. WALL: Roll call for the election of
10 Councilman Hughes to serve as Council President for
11 2011.

12 Councilman Bianchi?

13 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.

14 MR. WALL: Councilman Hughes?

15 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes.

16 MR. WALL: Councilman Johnson?

17 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.

18 MR. WALL: Councilman Kearney?

19 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.

20 MR. WALL: Councilman Tanelli?

21 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.

22 MR. WALL: Councilman

23 Yampaglia?

24 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.

25 MR. WALL: Congratulations.

1 MAYOR MASSA: Congratulations.

2 MR. WALL: Councilman Hughes,
3 if we can have you come forward please, for an oath
4 of office.

5 Karen, would you be so kind as to come
6 forward too, please.

7 I.

8 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: I, Richards
9 Hughes.

10 MR. WALL: Do solemnly swear.

11 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Do solemnly swear.

12 MR. WALL: That I will support and the
13 Constitution of the United States.

14 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: That I will
15 support the Constitution of the United States.

16 MR. WALL: And the Constitution of the
17 State of New Jersey.

18 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: And the
19 Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

20 MR. WALL: And that I will bear true
21 faith and allegiance to the same.

22 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: And that I will
23 bear true faith and allegiance to the same.

24 MR. WALL: And to the
25 governments established in the United States.

1 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: And to the
2 governments established in the United States.

3 MR. WALL: And in this state.

4 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: And in this state.

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6 of the people.

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18 MR. WALL: And justly perform.

19 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: And justly
20 perform.

21 MR. WALL: All the duties of Council
22 President.

23 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: All the duties of
24 Council President.

25 MR. WALL: According to the

1 best of my ability.

2 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: According to the best
3 of my ability.

4 MR. WALL: So help me God.

5 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: So help me God.

6 MR. WALL: Congratulations, Council
7 President.

8 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Thank you.

9 MR. WALL: I'd like to invite up for the
10 oaths of office of Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief,
11 and Deputy Chief.

12 Fire Chief Robert Mahlbacher, Assistant
13 Chief Robert Melofchik, Senior, and Deputy Chief
14 Mark Zidiak, please come forward. Thank you.

15 Repeat after me. I, all your names.

16 (Group sworn in at this time.)

17 MR. WALL: Do solemnly swear
18 that I will support the Constitution of the United
19 States, and the Constitution of the it staff New
20 Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and
21 allegiance to the same, and to the governments
22 established in the United States, and in this state
23 under the authority of the people.

24 I do further solemnly swear that I will
25 faithfully, impartially, and justly perform all the

1 duties of Fire Chief, Assistant Chief and Deputy
2 Chief according to the best of my ability, so help
3 me God.

4 Congratulations.

5 Thank you.

6 I'd like to now kindly invite up front
7 as the Linda Jakiel, President; Stephanie Melton,
8 Vice-President; George McDermott, Captain;
9 Christopher Imbrenda, Treasurer; Gladys Irizarry,
10 Secretary; and Andrew Tomaszewski, Trustee, for the
11 oath of office for the North Arlington Volunteer
12 Emergency Squad. Thank you.

13 If you'd please repeat after me. I,
14 state your name.

15 (Group sworn in at this time.)

16 MR. WALL: Do solemnly swear
17 that I will support the Constitution of the United
18 States, and the Constitution of the State of New
19 Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and
20 allegiance to the same, and to the governments
21 established in the United States, and in this state
22 under the authority of the people.

23 I do further solemnly swear that I will
24 faithfully, impartially, and justly perform all the
25 duties of President, Vice-President, Captain,

1 Treasurer, Secretary and Trustee according to the
2 best of my ability. So help me God.

3 Congratulations.

4 Mayor and Council with your permission,
5 the consent agenda.

6 MAYOR MASSA: Motion introduced,
7 consent agenda.

8 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: I'll make that
9 motion, Mr. Mayor.

10 MAYOR MASSA: Motion by Councilman
11 Hughes. Second?

12 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: I'll second.

13 MAYOR MASSA: Councilman Kearney.

14 Any discussion on the consent agenda?

15 Councilman Tanelli.

16 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Mayor, I'd like to
17 have R-13-11 and R-14-11 pulled and R-27-11 pulled.

18 MAYOR MASSA: Council requests R-13,
19 R-14-11 and R-27-11 be pulled for individual vote.

20 I would request that Resolutions
21 R-17-11 through 21-11 also be pulled from the
22 consent agenda at this time.

23 Balance of the Resolutions on said
24 agenda I would take at that vote on at this time.

25 Further discussion? Call the roll.

1 MR. WALL: Councilman Bianchi?

2 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.

3 MR. WALL: Councilman Hughes?

4 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes.

5 MR. WALL: Councilman Johnson?

6 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.

7 MR. WALL: Councilman Kearney?

8 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.

9 MR. WALL: Councilman Tanelli?

10 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.

11 MR. WALL: Councilman

12 Yampaglia?

13 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.

14 MR. WALL: Resolution R-13-11

15 and R-14-11 at the request of Councilman Tanelli for

16 discussion.

17 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Vote.

18 MR. WALL: All right. Mayor, if we have

19 a -- we have motion and second on Resolution 13 and

20 14, please.

21 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: I'm making that

22 motion.

23 MAYOR MASSA: Motion by Councilman

24 Hughes.

25 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Second.

1 MAYOR MASSA: Second by Councilman
2 Kearney. Discussion?

3 With respect to this particular
4 Resolution, I have requested that any Resolutions
5 involving contractual services or professional
6 services be tabled or deferred prior to the
7 Borough's enactment of a Pay-to-Play ordinance as
8 required by the Memorandum of Understanding which
9 was signed by me on September 11th.

10 This is not an action that I would take
11 to withhold any appointment. It's an action that I
12 deem appropriate to defer any appointment until the
13 municipality is in full compliance with the MOU that
14 I signed in September with the Department of
15 Community Affairs. That MOU obtained for the Borough
16 \$400,000 in transitional aid and I am not comfortable
17 in making any professional appointments or any
18 appointments that were subject to political
19 contributions until that appropriate ordinance is
20 passed by the community, by the Borough
21 Administration, and reviewed by the appropriate
22 authorities in Trenton, because I have an obligation
23 to ensure that the Borough is in complete compliance
24 with all of the requirements of that Memorandum of
25 Understanding.

1 It's not my intention to be an
2 obstructionist, but I feel it is in the best interest
3 of local government to defer these actions. Now,
4 what this does is this: It keeps all of the these
5 professionals in place and maintains the continuity
6 of municipal government. So this action, by
7 deferring these appointments, would have no effect on
8 the operation of local government. It would keep all
9 of those contractors and professionals in place
10 pending the approval by the Council of the MOU
11 Pay-to-Play ordinance as required by the State. It's
12 my expectation that the Council would have this
13 ordinance in place at the time that the Council meets
14 for its next regular Council meeting.

15 So that is my explanation and my
16 rationale and my judgment with respect to withholding
17 action on this particular ordinance -- Resolution,
18 rather.

19 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Mr. Mayor, I'd like
20 to respond to that.

21 MAYOR MASSA: Councilman.

22 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: You make it sound
23 like there is no Pay-to-Play ordinance in effect,
24 but there actually is, according to N.J.S.A.
25 19:44A-20.4. We are right now operating under what

1 is known as the fair and open process, which is a
2 Pay-to-Play ordinance. All of these professional
3 appointments are going to be made with the
4 understanding that they would be subject to any new
5 ordinance that changes the current Pay-to-Play law.
6 So any appointment that is made tonight, anybody who
7 is appointed tonight would be subject to any future
8 law that is passed by this Council, so they are
9 currently operating under one Pay-to-Play law.

10 We are not adopting one as if we've never
11 had one. We're adopting a Pay-to-Play law that is a
12 little bit different than the one that we currently
13 have. So to take this position, I think that's just
14 going to delay things and it will also cause these
15 people to operate outside of their contract, which
16 can in -- probably adversely affect the cost expense
17 to the Borough of North Arlington, because now that
18 they are not bound by the reduced rates that they
19 gave us in last year's bid, they could actually
20 charge us higher rates since they're outside of that
21 contract until they are appointed under a new
22 contract. So I would recommend that all of the
23 appointments be made.

24 MAYOR MASSA: All due respect, Mr.
25 President, the MOU that I signed requires us to adopt

1 the Jersey City model. And I am responsible
2 for adopting that ordinance. I am responsible for
3 ensuring that the Borough's in compliance.

4 If the Council wishes to override me on
5 this issue, they have that opportunity to do so
6 within 30 days. However, it's my intention and my
7 understanding and my position that the Council
8 would, in fact, adopt this property ordinance.

9 It was the Council that went out to the
10 State of New Jersey to apply for transitional aid,
11 and they obtained that \$400,000. In obtaining that
12 \$400,000 by virtue of my signature, by virtue of my
13 signature on that MOU, it's my understanding, my
14 position, that we are bound to comply with that
15 ordinance, place that ordinance.

16 The language of the MOU says the Borough
17 shall adopt an ordinance which substantially contains
18 the language of the Jersey City ordinance. That is
19 my rationale, that is my understanding, and, again,
20 I'm not looking to obstruct municipal business, as I
21 said previously. All municipal business will remain
22 in place, all professionals will remain in place
23 until that ordinance is adopted and reviewed by DCA.
24 We have no documentation, at least I have nothing
25 from me, from DCA that says we can rely on any other

1 ordinances that are in place either statutorily or
2 in place in the Borough.

3 So if the Borough does not wish to
4 comply with my request, that, of course, falls
5 within their discretion.

6 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Well, we have a
7 motion on the floor.

8 MAYOR MASSA: Further discussion.
9 Thank you, Councilman. Call the roll.

10 MR. WALL: Councilman Bianchi?

11 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.

12 MR. WALL: Councilman Hughes?

13 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes.

14 MR. WALL: Councilman Johnson?

15 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.

16 MR. WALL: Councilman Kearney?

17 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.

18 MR. WALL: Councilman Tanelli?

19 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: No.

20 MR. WALL: Councilman

21 Yampaglia?

22 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: No.

23 Next, Mayor and Council Resolution 17,
24 Resolution 18, Resolution 19, and Resolution 20, and
25 Resolution 21. I can read them verbatim for you or

1 if you'd like to take them as a whole.

2 MAYOR MASSA: Discussion? In the
3 interest of expediency, I would take them as a
4 whole. If any of the Councilmen has any comments on
5 any specific Resolution, that's within their
6 discretion to make. I'll recognize -- I'll recognize
7 them to be heard on any of these. If you want to
8 introduce a Resolution at this time for those
9 particular Resolutions, I'll entertain that
10 Resolution.

11 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: I make a motion to
12 adopt.

13 MAYOR MASSA: Motion by Councilman
14 Hughes. Anyone want to second?

15 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Second.

16 MAYOR MASSA: Second by Councilman
17 Kearney. Any further discussion?

18 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Just one on 27.

19 MR. WALL: That's the third discussion.

20 On T-27 --

21 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Administrator Wall,
22 what -- exactly which Resolution are we on?

23 MR. WALL: This would be motion by
24 Council President Hughes, second by Councilman
25 Kearney to pass Resolutions 17 through 21. This is

1 professional service contract for computer repair
2 consultant, professional service contract for risk
3 management professional, professional service
4 contract for consulting engineer, professional
5 service extract for bond counsel and professional
6 service contract for Borough Planner.

7 MAYOR MASSA: We've introduced it,
8 correct?

9 MR. WALL: Correct. It's been introduced
10 by Council President Hughes, seconded by Councilman
11 Kearney.

12 If there's no further discussion.

13 MAYOR MASSA: Any discussion? Call the
14 roll.

15 MR. WALL: Councilman Bianchi?

16 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.

17 MR. WALL: Councilman Hughes?

18 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes.

19 MR. WALL: Councilman Johnson?

20 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.

21 MR. WALL: Councilman Kearney?

22 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.

23 MR. WALL: Councilman Tanelli?

24 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: No.

25 MR. WALL: Councilman

1 Yampaglia?

2 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: No.

3 MR. WALL: Thank you.

4 Next item is Resolution 27-11. This a
5 Resolution regarding Amendment and Adoption of
6 By-Laws.

7 MAYOR MASSA: Motion introduced.

8 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: I'll make a motion.

9 MAYOR MASSA: Motion by Council
10 President Hughes. Second? Councilman Johnson
11 second.

12 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: I'm not in the
13 position to vote on that due to the fact that our
14 agenda packet, we didn't receive them until about a
15 quarter to six this evening, so I'm going to be
16 abstaining to not having an opportunity to review
17 the by-laws.

18 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you, Councilman.

19 Any further discussion? Call the roll.

20 MR. WALL: Councilman Bianchi?

21 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.

22 MR. WALL: Councilman Hughes?

23 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes.

24 MR. WALL: Councilman Johnson?

25 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.

1 MR. WALL: Councilman Kearney?

2 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.

3 MR. WALL: Councilman Tanelli?

4 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Abstain.

5 MR. WALL: Councilman

6 Yampaglia?

7 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Abstaining at this

8 time. I'm conferring with counsel.

9 MR. WALL: So noted. Thank you very

10 much.

11 Next on the Resolutions not on consent,

12 Mayoral nominations, should there be one this

13 evening, Resolution 28-11 is Resolution to award

14 professional service contract for the provision of

15 Borough attorney. Resolution 29-11 is Resolution to

16 regarding appointment of a Public Defender.

17 Resolution 30-11 is resolution regarding appointment

18 of Municipal Prosecutor. Resolution 31-11 is a

19 Resolution regarding professional service contract

20 for Borough Auditor. Resolution 32-11 is Resolution

21 regarding any Zoning Board appointments, should

22 there be any. Resolution 33-11 is a Resolution

23 regarding Planning Board appointments. And

24 Resolution 34-11 is a Resolution regarding Library

25 Board appointments. And last, Resolution 35-11 is a

1 Resolution regarding Recreation Board appointments,
2 should there be any.

3 MAYOR MASSA: Okay. At this time with
4 respect to Resolutions R:28-11 through R:31-11, for
5 the same reasons as I articulated previously with
6 the requirements of the Municipal administration,
7 the Borough Council to comply with the provisions of
8 the MOU with the Department of Community Affairs, I
9 will not make any nominations for any of these
10 positions at this time.

11 Again, all of the professionals serving
12 in these specific positions will remain in place at
13 such time as an ordinance is introduced and passed
14 with respect to the MOU that I signed with the State
15 of New Jersey, and once that ordinance is reviewed
16 and approved by the State of New Jersey, I will then
17 have no problem in making the appropriate
18 nominations for these specific offices.

19 If I fail to make those nominations,
20 the Borough Council then has the authority within 30
21 days to fill these positions.

22 So there is no inconvenience, there is
23 no break in continuity with the operations of
24 municipal government by not making these
25 appointments at this time.

1 With respect to resolutions R:32-11
2 through R:35-11, these are various Board
3 appointments. I am in the process of reviewing a
4 number of candidates for these various positions.
5 These are very important positions of trust and
6 municipal government. I have had conference with
7 the Council President for the past week on several
8 of these appointments. I'm going to be in the
9 process of vetting and interviewing a number of
10 other appointments. It's my expectation that these
11 positions will all be filled at the next regular
12 meeting of Borough Council.

13 MR. WALL: Thank you.

14 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Mr. Mayor.

15 MAYOR MASSA: Councilman.

16 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: I would urge you to
17 reconsider the Board appointments because many of
18 the Boards do not have a carry-over procedure
19 similar to the professional positions in the
20 Borough, and since many of these boards have to meet
21 between now and our Council meeting, they're going
22 to be short a personnel. Since these people, that
23 this term has expired at the end of December, aren't
24 carried over, per se, unless they are actually
25 reappointed.

1 So I would urge you to reconsider
2 those appointments tonight and actually make them,
3 but if not, I would maybe ask Administrator Wall to
4 notify all of the various boards that are listed
5 here, the Zoning, the Planning, the Library Board,
6 and the Recreation Board, not to reconstitute for
7 2011 until the boards are fully flushed out with
8 personnel and have a full staff of people sitting on
9 these boards to take proper action for that 2011.

10 MAYOR MASSA: If the Council President
11 so wishes to contact AOL or get a written opinion
12 from the Borough attorney, written opinion, that can
13 be reviewed by my independent counsel. I would have
14 no problem in handling this issue; however, it's my
15 understanding that these people remain, and that
16 these persons remain in place until they are
17 properly succeeded. That's been my understanding.
18 However, I will defer to the Borough attorney to
19 produce a written opinion to that effect.

20 MR. RANDAZZO: Well, I can say right
21 now that statutory boards are those boards created
22 by statute which are -- which in this case includes
23 the Zoning Board, Planning Board, Library Board, do
24 not hold over when they are not reappointed. They
25 are considered officers of the municipality, and

1 they are -- will not become what is called officers
2 upon not being reappointed. That is the law of the
3 state at this time.

4 MAYOR MASSA: Again, I would request
5 that the Borough attorney provide a written opinion
6 with respect to this issue and cite all appropriate
7 case law citations and have that prepared by the end
8 of the week.

9 MR. RANDAZZO: My pleasure.

10 MAYOR MASSA: At this time with this
11 portion complete, I would ask Council President will
12 move expeditiously to fill these positions at a
13 special meeting of the Mayor and Council.

14 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Very good, sir.

15 MR. WALL: 2011 Standing Committee
16 Mayoral Appointments.

17 We have a list of standing committees,
18 and also Council liaison assignments. These are
19 elected officials who you can turn to in various
20 departments of government, and this list is
21 obviously a public list, so we have copies available
22 in administrative offices for your use or your
23 neighbors.

24 The Mayor makes the following
25 appointments to the following standing committees:

1 Administrative and Executive Councilman Kearney,
2 serving as Chair, and Councilman Johnson; Department
3 of Public Works, Buildings and Grounds, Councilman
4 Johnson, serving as Chair, and Councilman Kearney;
5 Public Safety, Councilman Tanelli, serving as Chair
6 and Councilman Yampaglia; Finance, Councilman
7 Bianchi, serving as Chairman, and Councilman Hughes;
8 Health, Transportation, and Welfare, Councilman
9 Yampaglia, serving as Chairman, and Councilman
10 Tanelli; Recreation, Councilman Hughes, serving as
11 Chairman, and Councilman Bianchi.

12 For 2011 Council Liaison Assignments;
13 to the Board of Education, Councilman Bianchi and
14 Councilman Tanelli; to the Zoning Board of
15 Adjustment, Councilman Johnson; to the Planning
16 Board, Councilman Bianchi; to the Volunteer
17 Emergency Squad, Council President Hughes; Senior
18 Citizens Liaison, Councilman Bianchi and Councilman
19 Johnson; to the Passaic River Coalition, Council
20 President Hughes and Councilman Kearney; to the
21 Veterans Affairs, Councilman Bianchi and Councilman
22 Kearney; Grant Committee, Councilman Hughes and
23 Councilman Kearney; for the Business District,
24 Councilman Tanelli; for the Redevelopment Liaison,
25 Councilman Tanelli, with Council President Hughes;

1 and the library, Councilman Tanelli and Councilman
2 Yampaglia.

3 I'd like at this time to invite
4 forward our Council President Hughes for his
5 remarks. Thank you very much.

6 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Thank you,
7 Mr. Wall.

8 Fellow residents, honored guests,
9 friends, and family and members of the Mayor and
10 Councilmen.

11 I'd like to first of all thank my
12 long-suffering wife who has been a tremendous
13 support over the three years that I served on the
14 Borough Council. Her love, her wisdom, and plain
15 old common sense have been my greatest strength.

16 I'd like to also thank the supporters
17 who saw fit to return Joe Bianchi and myself for
18 another term in the North Arlington Council.
19 Without their support, of the many voters,
20 especially the Republican party, we would not be
21 here tonight.

22 I would like to thank Kathy Donovan for
23 taking time out of her busy schedule as County
24 Executive to come down here and swear us in tonight,
25 and I also like to congratulate her on her recent

1 win as County Executive, and also congratulate
2 Congressman Rothman on his re-election to Congress.
3 Congressman Rothman has been a great friend to North
4 Arlington over the years and has been very
5 supportive of us whenever he has been able to do
6 that.

7 Three years ago Joe and myself took
8 office in North Arlington under a very difficult
9 position, with the loss of \$2.8 million of post fee
10 revenues and another \$750,000 of additional costs to
11 get rid of our garbage. We know only 20 percent of
12 our revenue was gone. That along with spiraling
13 business costs, insurance, and utility costs painted
14 a very bleak picture for our community. Our water
15 system had been sold for a fraction of its value to
16 fix a budgetary shortfall. Our annual budget was
17 filled with numerous commitments to bail out --
18 bailouts just to get through the year, which
19 resulted in what we call structural deficits.

20 Well, in the last year through a lot of
21 hard work by the entire Council, we have created a
22 structurally sound budget. That has pared much of
23 the weight and should provide a solid foundation for
24 the future. Just last month these actions were
25 rewarded with an improved A plus rating from our

1 Standard and Poor's, which will help us in lowering
2 our future borrowing costs.

3 We have worked closely with the New
4 Jersey Meadowlands Commission to find a viable
5 operator for the bailout, which will save the
6 \$750,000 of garbage disposal costs, and along with
7 increasing flows of host fee revenues should help
8 for many budgets, many of our future budgets.

9 The persons who made that plan is
10 another noose around the neck on your community.
11 With the agreements this year of a viable
12 Redevelopment Plan for Porete Avenue and BCUA areas,
13 we should see several million dollars of new
14 commercial warehouse and light industrial
15 development take place in this area. In November
16 the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission took ownership
17 of these properties from the bankrupt Encap Corp.
18 and well -- and will be putting them up for sale in
19 the near future. A redevelopment plan was vital for
20 these actions to take place, and any developer must
21 comply with the Borough's plans for this area.

22 In December, having -- after having dealt
23 with numerous complaints over years from our
24 residents on the way they have been treated by
25 Passaic Valley Water Commission and the seemingly

1 endless climb in water rates, the Council majority
2 voted to file a lawsuit in the hopes of overturning
3 the sale of our water system, or at the very least
4 complete the sales contract that was put in place for
5 the -- that should be put in place for the protection
6 of our residents. Since Passaic Valley Water is not
7 regulated by the Board of Public Utilities, the
8 completion of this contract at the least is
9 imperative.

10 We enter into 2011 with many challenges
11 and opportunities before us. There is much work
12 ahead, so I'm very disappointed in our Mayor's
13 decision not allow the Borough the hiring of some of
14 our professionals. their work has been vital in what
15 has been accomplished this year, and his actions will
16 only delay the work that needs to be done in the
17 coming year.

18 That being said, we will still move
19 forward and continue to work together to make North
20 Arlington the great place to live. I want to thank
21 each and every one of you for coming out tonight and
22 trust that you have a very blessed new year. Thank
23 you.

24 MR. WALL: Thank you very much, Council
25 President Hughes. We'd like to now ask for

1 Councilman Bianchi to please come forward for his
2 remarks.

3 Thank you very much, Councilman.

4 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Good evening,
5 everyone, Monsignor, and to the people of North
6 Arlington, I want to thank you all for coming out
7 tonight. There's not a big crowd here tonight. A
8 lot of people left already. I guess it's cold and
9 everyone wants to get home, but I usually don't
10 write my speeches down, I kind of just wing it
11 because I know you people too well and to write
12 something down sometimes kind of like takes away
13 from my spontaneity. Because many of you know, I
14 write everything down, but I feel like I know you so
15 well; I'm on the street with you, and I could talk
16 with you.

17 I want to thank you, first of all, for
18 coming out tonight, which I already did, but I want
19 to also thank Rich Hughes and Gary Berns and the
20 Republican party for helping me win this election in
21 November. I want to thank all the people who voted
22 for me, and I will be there for everyone, whether
23 it's Republican, Democrat, didn't vote, Independent,
24 people who don't vote, I'm there for you. I'm there
25 seven days a week. I'm on Ridge Road. Any

1 problems, you come and see me, and I'll try to do my
2 best to help you. If I can, I can, but I will
3 definitely try.

4 To my wife, Kathy, as Richie said, you
5 know, she was there for me. Every time I left to go
6 to a meeting, Calm down, be classy, you know.
7 she'd also tell me to behave, turn the other cheek,
8 and don't lose your temper, every night when I left.
9 So I got to thank you, Kathy, because half the time,
10 you know, I was going a little off the wall.

11 And to Kathy Donovan, who, I think, left,
12 I want to thank her also for coming down and swearing
13 Richard Hughes and myself in. Kathy's going to be a
14 very loyal friend to North Arlington. I hope she
15 would have stayed, but she probably was busy. I
16 think she's going to help us a little bit more than
17 the ex-administrator Dennis McNerney. So I'm pretty
18 sure that we are going to get some help from her.

19 I want to congratulate Mayor Massa for
20 winning his election, and I will support you as best
21 I possibly can. We won't see eye to eye on
22 everything, but for North Arlington, I know your
23 heart is like my heart, and we will try to do the
24 best that we possibly can.

25 Okay. Now, I was made Councilman to

1 Recreation. I was last year Councilman to the
2 Police Department, and Fire Department, and I always
3 wanted to be a Councilman to the Recreation
4 Committee because I'll tell you why. Recreation in
5 this town is starting to hurt. We have so many kids
6 today that we don't have no place for them to play.
7 Just alone this year we signed 160 young girls, the
8 age 10, 11, and 12 to play softball. We have one
9 softball field for them, which we share with North
10 Arlington High School and varsity team. So now
11 you're talking about 180 young girls playing on one
12 field, and the kids can't practice. We don't have
13 the property and the room to build another field.

14 We have a beautiful soccer field on
15 Skyline field, which is the Joe Zadroga Field, which
16 is also very pretty, but sometimes that overflows,
17 and I'll get into what I'm going to talk about in a
18 minute. The problem, we have a beautiful park, the
19 County park, which was built maybe 50, 60 years ago.
20 50, 60 years ago when that County park was built, it
21 was like kind of a state-of-the-art park, but in the
22 50 or 60 years that -- that's why I wish Kathy would
23 have stayed, because last year McNerney was the
24 Bergen County Exec, he said that he would help us and
25 send some men down to work on the field, bring down

1 top soil and dirt and lights and foul poles and men
2 to get the fields ready for these kids, and get them
3 lines so that these girls don't only have to play
4 on one field. 50 years ago we only had to worry
5 about young boys playing Little League baseball,
6 Little League football; We didn't have to worry so
7 much about the girls, but today the girls outnumber
8 the boys, and now between the boys and the girls, we
9 have noplac for them to play.

10 So this is where Kathy Donovan comes in
11 big time. We need help. We need our County park
12 brought up to the standard where we can use these
13 field for our kids. The bathroom facilities down at
14 the County park are deplorable. I wouldn't send my
15 kid into those bathrooms. Half the time the one on
16 the north end of the soccer field of the County park
17 is locked. You can't even get into it on a Sunday.

18 There's one guy who works the whole park.
19 I don't know how many acres the park is. He cuts the
20 grass; he does what he can do, and that's Richie.
21 What we need is we need more employees at least from
22 the spring to the fall so that our parks can be
23 brought up to standard and that when the kids go down
24 to play, the fields are ready for them. They're
25 lined; they're graded, and there's grass in the field

1 instead of just weeds and holes in the outfield. So
2 we need workers, even part-time workers, workers that
3 will work, you know, as I said, from the spring
4 through the fall, because in the wintertime the park
5 is basically closed.

6 If we could get that from the County,
7 we're not asking for millions of dollars like they
8 spent on Overpeck Park. Overpeck Park, they spent
9 over a hundred million dollars on Overpeck Park,
10 their bathrooms; they built three bathrooms at
11 Overpeck Park cost a million dollars per bathroom to
12 build, and we don't have the facilities down at our
13 County park for our kids. This has to change.

14 North Arlington seems to be shortchanged
15 over the years in Bergen County. It seems as though
16 North Arlington has been forgotten. We ask for
17 things; we get, yes, yes, yes; we get no, no, we get
18 nothing. So now maybe with Kathy and with our Mayor
19 and Council, and our Mayor and Council knows Kathy
20 very well because she's basically a Lyndhurst
21 resident and a Rutherford resident, graduated Queen
22 of Peace High School, so maybe with her help we can
23 get these fields brought up to standard so our kids
24 can play.

25 And the last thing I'm going to talk

1 about with the recreation is our North Arlington
2 High School football field.

3 I played football on that field in 1956
4 and it was old then. It was falling apart then.
5 Mud on the field, the way it is today. The river
6 would come up and flood the field. The stands this
7 year were so poor that the insurance companies
8 wouldn't even insure the stands, so we had to take
9 them down. And people would stop me on the street,
10 What's going on in North Arlington? You got know
11 no stands.

12 That's because the insurance company
13 wouldn't even let people sit on them because they
14 thought they were going to cave in. So the Board of
15 Education had to take the stands down and we had to
16 buy portable stands, which were the best we could
17 do, but it was really atrocious that the visiting
18 team and the home team had to sit on the same stands
19 along with the cheerleaders. It was a mess.

20 But we did what we could do, and we
21 almost had a championship football team to go along
22 with it. We missed by one point on that Wallington
23 game, 21-20. we would have been in the state finals.
24 The football field alone, the boys' locker room is
25 just totally shot. And also we still kept the old

1 locker room for supplies. We're now in the process
2 of working with the Board of Education, the Mayor and
3 Council, the Board of Education to see if we can get
4 some grants from the State of New Jersey to rebuild
5 that field.

6 There's an NFL grant, am I right, Doctor?
7 There's a soccer grant, U.S. soccer grants, and two
8 other grants, and a grant from our own County, and
9 one other grant that I wasn't too sure of, but if we
10 can get some of these grants and maybe a bond we can
11 start fixing that field and put like Becton and these
12 other towns up and down Wallington, these beautiful
13 fields that they have. Becton is just spectacular,
14 and I can't see Becton and Rutherford having more
15 money than us because Rutherford is in the same
16 amount of problems we're in. So we have to get
17 together and start shaping up our town.

18 And when I talk like this people say, oh,
19 they won't want to spend; the taxes are going to go
20 through the roof, but let me explain something to you
21 about tax dollars. Tax dollars are important
22 because, of course, it's going to come out of our
23 pocket, but you have to understand something, when we
24 go to sell our homes in this town, some day when we
25 all get older, we move to South Carolina, Florida,

1 we're going to put our houses up to for sale and when
2 the young people come in the town, with a little
3 child, a three, four-year-old kid and they want to
4 settle in North Arlington, the first thing they look
5 at is schools and recreation. The two most important
6 things.

7 They say what kind of schools do we have,
8 and we do have a great school system. Roosevelt
9 School won the Blue Ribbon award this year, an award
10 given to a school for excellence by the federal
11 government, and we were such -- our hands were tied
12 so much this year we couldn't even hang the banner
13 across Ridge Road, and it caused a furor down at
14 Roosevelt School. Now, that's Dr. Stringham, he kept
15 me from being hung up by my feet.

16 And what we have to do is when we sell
17 our homes and people come in to buy them, and they
18 see that we have a great recreation, great school
19 system, it makes the sale of your home better and you
20 get more money for your home.

21 So with that -- I don't want to brow beat
22 you too much -- recreation, I'm happy that the Mayor
23 put me in charge that of recreation. I think I could
24 do a good job at recreation. Thank you very much,
25 Mayor, for putting me in charge of recreation, and

1 with that, all I can say is happy new year. I hope
2 everybody has a healthy new year. And Monsignor,
3 thank you very much for coming out tonight. And
4 thank you very much.

5 MR. WALL: Councilman Bianchi pointed out
6 there's a lot of work fighting for North Arlington.

7 The Mayor and Council would like to
8 acknowledge the presence of two fighters on behalf
9 of now North Arlington certainly in year 2011,
10 Senator Paul Sarlo who is here this evening and
11 Assemblyman Gary S. Schaer. Thank you very much.
12 Thank you very much. Thank you for being here this
13 evening for helping to get the in grant future to
14 offset the tax for the folks here. I'd like to
15 thank our department heads and the administration,
16 and all our staff.

17 I'd like now to introduce to you Mayor
18 Peter Massa to say his words to the folks in North
19 Arlington. Mayor Massa.

20 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you, Terence.

21 Reverend, Clergy, thank you for coming
22 out tonight for the invocation. I'd like to
23 acknowledge my good friend, State Senator Paul
24 Sarlo, Assemblyman Gary Schaer, the 36th District,
25 our true friends in the people of District 36. I

1 don't know how well they swim with the governor
2 right now, but they are good friends of the people
3 of this district, and that's what counts.

4 I want to thank new-elected County
5 Executive Kathy Donovan for joining us tonight and
6 administering the oaths of Council for the Council
7 President, and Councilmen Bianchi and Councilman
8 Hughes, and also I would like to acknowledge the
9 presence of some former municipal officials, former
10 Judge Yampaglia, former Councilman Gary Berns.

11 Ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of the
12 Borough of North Arlington I wish you all a very
13 happy healthy and prosperous new year.

14 Once again, the process of democracy
15 has been completed, and the voters have spoken, and
16 like last year, we have bipartisan local government,
17 a representation that reflects the diversity of
18 community. It's the fifth time that I've been
19 afforded the opportunity to stand before you and
20 give you my assessment of North Arlington, and where
21 I believe we need to go in order to reach the common
22 goals of good government that is affordable and
23 transparent while keeping a keen eye on the future.

24 The challenges of my first term in this
25 office as they related to Encap, eminent domain, and

1 low-income housing were met head on, and they
2 were defeated. With that said, much of our emphasis
3 now needs to be focused on the topic of
4 redevelopment, as spoken about just previously by
5 the Council President.

6 As elected officials we directly
7 control the process with no buffers and layers of
8 bureaucracy. I am hopeful that that will continue
9 to be the case, for that's the challenge that lies
10 ahead.

11 As Mayor, I believe that redevelopment
12 is much more than just the Meadowlands and Porete
13 Avenue. Redevelopment needs to include Ridge Road,
14 Schuyler Avenue and River Road. It needs to include
15 a plan for the banks of the Passaic River as well as
16 our main corridors. It needs to include a
17 transportation component in the Meadowlands, and a
18 commitment from state officials to make it happen.
19 It needs to reach out to the business community in a
20 serious way with a realistic and workable plan, and
21 it needs to consider viable alternatives that will
22 increase our ratable base while not burdening our
23 schools, with more children and the essential
24 services that we have to provide a municipality.

25 I believe that "big box" retail

1 components can be a viable concept and local
2 residents and taxpayers may embrace it.

3 A Wal-Mart or a Costco, Target or other
4 large retailer that can provide commerce and jobs is
5 what I would like to see and what residents like to
6 see. A bike path along the Passaic River that
7 connects to the County park is my vision for a clean
8 and green riverfront. A commitment from Bergen
9 County officials to insist on the rehabilitation of
10 ball fields and diamonds and the installation of
11 lights at these fields is a priority for me as I
12 look ahead to my second term as Mayor.

13 Former County Executive Dennis McNerney
14 had made a commitment to us this past year that he
15 would work on that, and it's my expectation that the
16 newly-elected Executive will follow up with that
17 commitment. I look forward to working with County
18 Executive Kathy Donovan in reaching a consensus on
19 how best to move forward.

20 And, as always, property taxes need to be
21 always addressed and always kept in mind. Last year
22 this Council increased taxes 11 percent, and I am
23 concerned about the future of taxes, given the hard
24 caps now being imposed by state government.

25 The time has come for a serious budget

1 process that carefully examines our options. We
2 cannot have a budget process that is tainted and we
3 cannot have one that is questionable. It must be
4 open and a real dialogue. For bipartisan government
5 to work, we need to live up to our agreements and
6 our obligations. And that starts with the MOU
7 that I signed back in September to secure \$400,000
8 in state aid, with the able assistance of our 36th
9 District legislative team.

10 Now that we do abide by that mandate of
11 that agreement, and immediately pass a Pay-to-Play
12 ordinance as requested by the state, and which is
13 clearly the obligation of this Council majority to
14 recognize that responsibility.

15 The time has come to put politics
16 aside, and writing this legislation sooner than
17 later will prove to the community who is for real
18 progress and who is simply offering lip service. I
19 expect this majority to fulfill its obligations, and
20 in these tough times, local control is important and
21 vital to our own economic self-interest.

22 So as we look towards the future, I
23 urge this Council to be cautious, frugal, and
24 conservative with tax dollars. Partisan
25 investigations and lawsuits only spoil the

1 development of good government and open dialect, and
2 I really have to say that I respect the commitment
3 that was made by Council President Hughes and
4 Councilman Bianchi just from tonight when they were
5 sworn in; they were engaging me in a conversation
6 about a Public Works project involving possibly a
7 new park in the community.

8 So now the election is over.
9 Republicans and Democrats have both celebrated
10 victories. The people want us to get along. They
11 demand effective, cost-effective government, and
12 they want results.

13 As I always have, I am willing to
14 govern in that fashion, but I need a sign from the
15 Council, from the Council majority that they're
16 willing to work with me for the betterment of North
17 Arlington. I am confident that is exactly what will
18 take place. Stabilizing taxes, controlling
19 spending, true redevelopment, and building our
20 future, for that is my agenda for my second term as
21 Mayor of this community.

22 Let's all make a pledge to put honest
23 public policy ahead of the usual partisanship
24 rhetoric. That's my pledge and that's my promise,
25 for this must be our purpose.

1 I urge the governing bodies as well the
2 community at large to make a commitment to this very
3 challenge.

4 So on behalf of the Borough
5 administration, and my family, please allow me to
6 extend my best wishes to all of you for the happiest
7 and healthiest of new years, and that 2011 be
8 remembered as the year that North Arlington moved
9 forward because it was simply the right thing to do.

10 I want to thank my family for their
11 support and hard work. My sons, Richard and Steven,
12 my daughter-in-law, Marie, and sister, Dot, but most
13 of all, if it weren't for the girl of my dreams, Val
14 Massa, I wouldn't be standing here tonight.

15 Several years ago when a previous
16 administration signed an agreement with Encap, which
17 she believed and the majority of the community
18 believed was not in the best interests of this
19 community, she didn't ask me to run for Mayor, she
20 demanded it. And as I say, very strong language.

21 So, again, thank you so much for the
22 opportunity once again to serve as your Mayor.

23 May God bless you all, and your
24 families, and all of our fine community that we all
25 call home. Goodnight.

1 MR. WALL: Mayor and Council, at this
2 time can we have a motion to open the meeting to the
3 public?

4 MAYOR MASSA: At this time I'll
5 entertain a motion. We'll open the meeting to the
6 appearing citizens. Anybody who wishes to be heard,
7 come forward, state your name and address for the
8 record, and please confine your comments to
9 municipal business.

10 No one wishing to be heard at this time,
11 I'll entertain a motion to close the hearing.

12 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I make a motion.

13 MAYOR MASSA: Councilman Bianchi.

14 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Second.

15 MAYOR MASSA: Seconded by Councilman
16 Tanelli. Call the roll.

17 MR. WALL: Councilman Bianchi?

18 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.

19 MR. WALL: Councilman Hughes?

20 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes.

21 MR. WALL: Councilman Johnson?

22 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.

23 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Councilman
24 Kearney?

25 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.

1 MR. WALL: Councilman Tanelli?

2 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.

3 MR. WALL: Councilman

4 Yampaglia?

5 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.

6 MR. WALL: Ladies and gentlemen, and now

7 I'd like to introduce to you, again, for our

8 benediction most respectfully Monsignor William J.

9 Fadrowski, Queen of Peace Church.

10 MONSIGNOR FADROWSKI: Let us bow our

11 heads and pray for God's blessing.

12 Blessed are you, Lord, our God, maker

13 of heaven and earth. We pray for your glory.

14 Blessed are you. You have brought us

15 together this day to work for this Borough for the

16 good of the entire community and all our citizens.

17 Blessed are you who guide all people

18 with your wisdom. Blessed are you Lord, our God,

19 who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

20 MR. WALL: Mayor, if there's a motion to

21 adjourn with no business at this time.

22 MAYOR MASSA: Motion to adjourn.

23 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I'll make a

24 motion.

25 MAYOR MASSA: Motion by Councilman

1 Bianchi. Second? Councilman Tanelli.

2 Call the roll.

3 MR. WALL: Councilman Bianchi?

4 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.

5 MR. WALL: Councilman Hughes?

6 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes.

7 MR. WALL: Councilman Johnson?

8 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.

9 MR. WALL: Councilman Kearney?

10 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.

11 MR. WALL: Councilman Tanelli?

12 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.

13 MR. WALL: Councilman

14 Yampaglia?

15 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.

16 MR. WALL: On behalf of the Mayor and

17 Council, we wish you a safe and happy and healthy new

18 year.

19 Thank you very much for coming this

20 evening.

21 (Whereupon the proceedings were

22 concluded at 8:45 p.m.)

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I, THERESA L. TIERNAN, A Notary Public and Certified Shorthand Reporter of the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings as taken stenographically by and before me at the time, place and on the date herein before set forth.

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