

Happy New Year



❧ REORGANIZATION MEETING ❧

BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE

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JANUARY 7, 2026 ~ 7:00 PM



OPEN MEETING

Council President Frank E. Matthews

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

Council President Frank E. Matthews

STATEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the Annual Schedule of regular meetings heretofore adopted and posted on the official borough website, <https://www.hawthornenj.org/651/Legal-Notices-Bids-RFPs>, transmitted to The Record and The Herald News, and to all persons who have requested the mailing of such schedule, and a copy of said schedule has remained on file in the office of the Borough Clerk from and since December 3, 2025.

INVOCATION

PASTOR HOWIE VAN DYK

INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES

Council President Frank E. Matthews

ADMINISTERING OATH OF OFFICE

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| John V. Lane, Mayor | The Honorable John F. Meola |
| Bruce Bennett, Councilman At Large | Senator Kristen Corrado |
| Dominic Mele, Councilman At Large | Senator Kristen Corrado |
| Anna Marie Sasso, Councilwoman At Large | Senator Kristen Corrado |

ROLL CALL



NOMINATION & ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT & OATH OF OFFICE

NOMINATION & ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT / OATH OF OFFICE

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REMARKS

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS

COUNCIL MEMBERS REMARKS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes for the regular meeting of December 17, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Agenda items only – 5 minute limit)

∞ ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA PRESENTED BY MAYOR LANE ∞

MAYOR LANE’S 2026 ADDRESS

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS with Advice and Consent of Council

Borough Administrator Vincent J. Caruso

Director of Revenue and Finance Laurie A. Foley

Director of the Department of Public Works William W. Haffler

Director of Legal Department Michael J. Pasquale, Esq.

Tax Collector Joann Carosotto

Borough Engineer Boswell, Inc.
Joseph Byrne

Library Board of Trustees Nicole Mariella
Michael Sebetich

Board of Health Sherrine Schuldt

Municipal Court
Prosecutor Elsbeth J. Crusius
Public Defender William J. Marotta III
Public Defender David L. Pine

Zoning Board of Adjustment Members Jodi DeMarco
Victor Cuttitta, Jr.
Alternate #1 Member Brian J. Lind

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS

Shade Tree Commission Jodi DeMarco
Lisa Shalakho
Alternate #1 Member Michael Mariani

Risk Management Consultant David Vozza, Vozza Agency

JIF Fund Commissioner Vincent Caruso

JIF Alternate Fund Commissioner Jennifer Scully

Municipal Alliance Committee Members

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Nancy Agnello | Lori Fernandez | Sherrine Schuldt |
| Brian Cosgrove | Josh Kabrel | Officer Tim Vega |
| Kyle Graham | Police Chief James Knepper | Superintendent Matthew Mignanelli |
| Thomas J. Bushnauskas | Matt Corvo | Det./Sgt. Ian Spohn |
| Capt. Joseph Carr | Capt. Robert King | Pastor Howard Van Dyk |
| Honorable John Meola | Joanne Graziano | Lt. Benjamin Veenema |

Public Agency Compliance Officer Jennifer Scully

Planning Board

Class II Member Christopher J. DiBella, Sr.

Class IV Member Robert Lucibello

Alternate # 2 Member Brian Lane

Solid Waste Advisory Council William Haffler

Alternate David Maher

Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Matthew Fenkart, Jr.

Deputy Guy Tuminello

Deputy Andrew Skae

Deputy Christopher Forsythe

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS & OATH OF OFFICE:

CA-1 Appointment of the 2026 Municipal Auditors Suplee, Clooney & Company

CA-2 Planning Board Class III Member 2026 Council Representative, Frank Matthews

RESOLUTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA: R 1-26 through R 22-26:

- R 1-26** Approval of the 2026 Temporary Budget
- R 2-26** Re-establish Petty Cash Fund 2026
- R 3-26** Designation of Official Depositories for 2026
- R 4-26** Interest on Delinquent Taxes
- R 5-26** Cancellation of Tax Overpayments or Delinquent Amounts less than \$10
- R 6-27** Designation of Legal Publications for 2026
- R 7-26** Reaffirm all previously adopted Procedural Rules, Protocols & Resolutions for 2026
- R 8-26** 2026 Professional Services Contract for Borough Engineer: Boswell Inc.
- R 9-26** 2026 Professional Services Contract for Municipal Planning Consultant: Burgis Associates Inc.
- R 10-26** 2026 Professional Services Contract for Special Labor & Employment Counsel: The Chilla Business Counsel LLC
- R 11-26** 2026 Professional Services Contract for Bond Counsel: McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC
- R 12-26** 2026 Professional Services Contract for Borough Attorney: Michael J. Pasquale, Esq.
- R 13-26** 2026 Professional Services Contract for Municipal Auditor: Suplee, Clooney & Co. LLC
- R 14-26** 2026 Professional Services Contract for Risk Management Consultants: The Voza Agency
- R 15-26** 2026 Professional Services Contract for Grant Writers: Capital Alternatives Corp
- R 16-26** 2026 Professional Services Contract for Appraisal Services: McNerney & Associates, Inc

- R 17-26 2026 Professional Services Contract for Certified Tree Expert: Alberta Tree Services
- R 18-26 2026 Public Agency Compliance Officer
- R 19-26 2026 Acting Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA)
- R 20-26 Renew Used Car Lot Licenses for 2026
- R 21-26 Renew Amusement Device Licenses for 2026
- R 22-26 Renew Massage Establishment Licenses for 2026

BILLS

PUBLIC COMMENT

BENEDICTION

PASTOR WES IFAN

ADJOURNMENT

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21st at 7 PM**



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