Minutes

REORGANIZATION MEETING, FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2025 AT 6:08 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AT THE NORTH ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Borough Clerk: this meeting is being held in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided by forwarding a Sunshine notice which included the time, date and location of this public meeting of the Mayor and Council.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

"STAR SPANGLED BANNER" SUNG BY DAVNA CERON

INVOCATION – CHAPLAIN FRANK FUCHS, NORTH ARLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

INTRODUCTION OF POLICE ESCORT- OFFICER NUNO MACEDO, NORTH ARLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR COUNCILWOMAN ALLISON SHEEDY BY MAYOR DANIEL H. PRONTI

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR COUNCILMAN BRIAN FITZHENRY BY MAYOR DANIEL H. PRONTI

ANNOUNCEMENT
The Borough Clerk announces to the Mayor that the Borough Council is now duly constituted for the year 2025.

ROLL CALL OF NEWLY CONSTITUTED COUNCIL

Councilman Fitzhenry, Councilwoman Cavadas, Councilman Karcic, Councilwoman Sheedy, Councilman Del Russo, Councilwoman Bocchino

Also present: Borough Administrator, Stephen Lo Iacono, Borough Clerk, Kathleen Moore, Borough Attorney, Randy Pearce, Mayor Daniel H. Pronti

RESOLUTION OFF CONSENT SUBJECT TO COUNCIL APPROVAL
R-1-25 RESO RE: ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Karcic
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Sheedy
ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, Cavadas, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT – MARIO KARCIC
R-2-25 RESO RE: ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Del Russo
SECONDED BY: Councilman Fitzhenry
ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, Cavadas, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

OATH OF OFFICE FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT ADMINISTERED BY MAYOR DANIEL H. PRONTI

NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT – KIRK DEL RUSSO
R-3-25 RESO RE: ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Sheedy
SECONDED BY: Councilman Fitzhenry
ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, Cavadas, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

OATH OF OFFICE FOR COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT ADMINISTERED BY MAYOR DANIEL H. PRONTI

OATHS OF OFFICE FOR FIRE CHIEF, 1st DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF AND 2ND DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF ADMINISTERED BY MAYOR DANIEL H. PRONTI

FIRE CHIEF – MARK ZIDIAK
1ST DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF – ROBERT FELLRATH
2ND DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF – MATTHEW PISCAL

CONSENT AGENDA SUBJECT TO COUNCIL APPROVAL

RESOLUTION NUMBER 4-25 THROUGH AND INCLUDING RESOLUTION 34-25 DETAILED BY TITLE BELOW, ARE LISTED ON A CONSENT AGENDA, ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS. IF A COUNCIL MEMBER DESIRES DISCUSSION ON A SPECIFIC RESOLUTION, THAT ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

R-4-25 RESO RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR BOROUGH ATTORNEY
R-5-25 RESO RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR BOROUGH AUDITOR
R-6-25 RESO RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER
R-7-25 RESO RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR BOND COUNSEL
R-8-25 RESO RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR RISK MANAGEMENT-INSURANCE CONSULTANT
R-9-25 RESO RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR I.T. CONSULTANT
R-10-25 RESO RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR GRANT CONSULTANT

R-11-25 RESO RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR APPRAISER FOR TAX APPEALS
R-12-25 RESO RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR LABOR COUNSEL
R-13-25 RESO RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR REDEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT
R-14-25 RESO RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR BOROUGH ELECTRICIAN
R-15-25 RESO RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR BOROUGH PLUMBER
R-16-25 RESO RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR TAX APPEAL COUNSEL
R-17-25 RESO RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR BOROUGH ARCHITECT
R-18-25 RESO RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL
R-19-25 RESO RE: PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL JUDGE
R-20-25 RESO RE: DESIGNATING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES
R-21-25 RESO RE: DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS
R-22-25 RESO RE: CHAPTER 231, LAWS OF 1975 KNOWN AS THE 'OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT' GIVING NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF PUBLIC BODIES WHEREIN FORMAL ACTION, DECISIONS OR DISCUSSIONS RELATING TO THE PUBLIC BUSINESS WILL TAKE PLACE
R-23-25 RESO RE: APPOINTMENT OF RECREATION DIRECTOR
R-24-25 RESO RE: APPOINTMENT OF RECREATION SECRETARY
R-25-25 RESO RE: APPOINTMENT(S) TO NORTH ARLINGTON/ LYNDHURST JOINT SEWER MEETING
R-26-25 RESO RE: APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS BETWEEN MEETINGS OF CERTAIN EXPENSES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO UTILITY EXPENSES AND INSURANCE PREMIUMS
R-27-25 RESO RE: PETTY CASH AND CHANGE FUNDS FOR 2025
R-28-25 RESO RE: APPOINTMENT(S) TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH
R-29-25 RESO RE: APPOINTMENT(S) TO THE ZONING BOARD
R-30-25 RESO RE: APPOINTMENTS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD
R-31-25 RESO RE: APPOINTMENT OF CLASS III MEMBER OF THE PLANNING BOARD
R-32-25 RESO RE: APPOINTMENT TO MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE
R-33-25 RESO RE: SUPPORT FOR MUTUAL AID PLAN AND RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE FOR 2025
R-34-25 RESO RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033 PROGRAM

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Del Russo
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Bocchino
ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry*, Cavadas, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino
*Abstains from all Fire Department matters

MAYORS APPOINTMENTS, NOT SUBJECT TO COUNCIL APPROVAL

APPOINTMENT(S) TO THE RECREATION COMMISSION:

- DANA KORNAS – EXP. 12/31/2029

APPOINTMENT(S) TO THE PLANNING BOARD:

- CLASS II MEMBER: GABRIEL FIORE JR. – EXP. 12/31/2025
- CLASS IV MEMBER: DON O'NEILL – EXP. 12/31/2028
- ALTERNATE MEMBER #1: MICHAEL CLOSE – EXP. 12/31/26

Mayor Pronti makes appointments to the following committees and assignments:

2025 STANDING COMMITTEE MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

ADMINISTRATIVE & EXECUTIVE……. COUNCILWOMAN BOCCHINO
●*Website/Technology* COUNCILMAN DEL RUSSO
●*CDBG*
●*County Affairs*

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS..……. COUNCILMAN DEL RUSSO
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COUNCILWOMAN SHEEDY
●*Public Works*
●*Shade Tree Commission*
●*Quality of Life*
●*Passaic River Coalition*

PUBLIC SAFETY……COUNCILMAN FITZHENRY
●*Police, Fire, CERT, EMS/NAVES, OEM* COUNCILMAN KARCIC

FINANCE ……... ……COUNCILWOMAN CAVADAS
●*Annual Budget* COUNCILMAN FITZHENRY
●*Grants*

HEALTH & WELFARE……COUNCILWOMAN SHEEDY
●*Health Department* COUNCILWOMAN CAVADAS
●*Board of Health*
●*Municipal Alliance*
●*Access 4 All*

RECREATION……..COUNCILMAN KARCIC
●*Recreation Commission* COUNCILWOMAN BOCCHINO
●*Youth Programs*

2025 COUNCIL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

BOARD OF EDUCATION……COUNCILMAN FITZHENRY/COUNCILMAN DEL RUSSO
REDEVELOPMENT& BUSINESSES…COUNCILMAN KARCIC/ COUNCILWOMAN BOCCHINO
LIBRARY……..COUNCILWOMAN CAVADAS/COUNCILMAN FITZHENRY
SENIORS/VETERANS AFFAIRS…...COUNCILMAN DEL RUSSO/COUNCILWOMAN SHEEDY
PLANNING/ZONING BOARDS…COUNCILWOMAN BOCCHINO/COUNCILWOMAN CAVADAS
NA/LYNDHURST JOINT SEWER….....MAYOR PRONTI/COUNCILMAN KARCIC
HMMC MEADOWLANDS……COUNCILMAN KARCIC/COUNCILMAN FITZHENR
SPECIAL EVENTS (SUMMER REC)……COUNCILWOMAN SHEEDY

REMARKS BY MAYOR DANIEL H. PRONTI: Good evening. It's great to see everyone here tonight. Welcome to our 2025 Annual Reorganization Meeting. Each year we hold this special meeting, during the first week of the year, to re-organize our government as it pertains to performance, efficiency and strategic roles. We will lay out our vision for the upcoming year and beyond. Many of the people joining us in this room are a major part of the success we have seen in North Arlington over the last decade or so. Whether you are an elected official, a paid employee, a local volunteer or just a concerned citizen, the important thing is that you took the time out of your busy lives to be here tonight. We are very lucky to have such willing and wonderful people in our community. Let's thank Davna Ceron for coming tonight and doing a fantastic job tonight. I want to thank Chaplain Fuchs and father Damian for coming tonight to add their charm to this meeting. I want to recognize the Kearny Mayor Carol Jean Doyle, we have two former councilmembers here tonight Rich Hughes and Jimmy Herrmann. It's always nice to see people coming back and people that we know. Each New Year brings forth new life, but it also brings the heartaches of moving ahead without loved ones. We lost some good ones this year. Community Members, Family Members. I am going to ask that everyone please take a moment to remember the lives of those we have lost over the past year. Thank you may god continue to bless them. The changes and improvements we see around us are a result of the Pronti Administration and it gives me great pride to know that we have collectively assembled such a hard-working, honest, dedicated team of North Arlington residents to not only listen to the day to day issues facing our community, but to act on each and every one of them. I am proud to have such a knowledgeable and guiding Borough Administrator in Steve Lolacono. Our fantastic Clerk, Katie Moore, our Attorney Randy Pearce. Last but not least our unbelievable Council, which is always busy helping others or taking on something new. I am extremely proud of our Department Heads, who are in constant contact with both Steve and myself and pass our visions down to their staff. Over the course of this meeting, you will hear the names of the professionals, the volunteers and the appointed residents who put in the time to make sure that our collective plans are successfully carried out. Also that their input is registered and our Borough becomes a better place as a result as time goes on. This is a team effort and we have assembled a very good team. Before we go ahead with tonight's program, I would like to ask Steve Lolacono to say a few words.

REMARKS BY ADMINISTRATOR STEPHEN LO IACONO: Good Evening, I look at our reorg meeting as a time and opportunity to celebrate our success and look ahead to the future, we have had lots of successes in North Arlington. We really have had a great number of years with wonderful things happening here. It would be silly of us up here not to take

credit for a lot of these things, it's a lot of hard work. North Arlington is very fortunate to have an extremely dedicated work force, we have Borough employees who make it all happen, and this would not be possible without all of their help. With all the good news there is still a lot to go and a lot to do, that's why we are here. We will keep working at it, we are going to make North Arlington a better place to live and I am sure 2025 will be a very successful year. I thank everyone that makes me part of the good things happening in North Arlington.

MAYOR CONTINUES WITH HIS REMARKS: As a result of all the hard work we have continued to do over the last dozen years, our residents, and our voters, have once again re-elected the most qualified people to continue moving North Arlington in the right direction. Allison Sheedy and Brian Fitzhenry resoundingly defeated their opponents in November. Not only did they win their election, but the numbers spoke clearly. I truly give our residents credit for doing their homework, paying attention and seeing the great things that continue in North Arlington. Each year we are faced with the same group of people trying to scare our residents into believing repeated, false stories. Their message is one of fear, not fact. There are only so many times we can all hear the same rhetoric that never comes to fruition. This is why it is so important for our residents to remain informed. We do our best to get our message out and continue to find new ways to do so. Last year we launched our first ever**,** Smartphone App, called North Arlington Connect. If you haven't downloaded it yet, we will show you how. On this app we give everyone access to so much important information regarding our Borough. From emergency alerts to the recycling schedule. It even has a link to our local ordinances and a map of our parks. We regularly update our social media pages and send press releases to the local media. Our bi-annual newsletter was created to better serve everyone, whether on social media or not. In recent years, we have seen quite a few new residents moving into the area. We are living in ever changing times and have an ever changing community, where newcomers choose to move here because they like what they see. They are attracted to the things we have to offer. Our roles, as elected officials, are not only to do our jobs, but to take the time to know our employees and to meet the new people coming to town. In doing so, we are constantly strengthening our community. This is one of the things that separates us from other places, other administrations and from those who previously held positions in town. Here in North Arlington, we pride ourselves on our work ethic and the product we market to the public. Over the years, we have seen considerable improvements to the services we offer our community. We now have a highly professional group of department heads who lead by example. We pride ourselves on hiring qualified people to serve our residents. To keep qualified workers, we realize they must be compensated fairly. There will always be those people who criticize pay raises for employees. I, on the other hand, applaud it. Cost of living and property taxes are up throughout the country, due to harsh rises in inflation, stemming from poorly managed State and Federal Budgets. Here in North Arlington, we control our municipal budget, which dictates the municipal portion of your tax bill. The average municipal tax bill, on the average home in North Arlington, in 2024 was the same as it was back in 2017. I know it is difficult for some people to understand, but the tax bill you receive contains 3 separate bills: Municipal, County, and Board of Education. We only control the municipal portion. I can run down the facts all night, but the important thing we should all know is that this Governing Body doesn't just "show up" at election time with wild ideas, complaints and a desire to feel important. We are here with our people, every step of the way. We are easily accessible

and are happy to help. In 2024, we made a great deal of progress. We have continued to strengthen our relationships with our Board of Education, Public Service, Passaic Valley Water and Holy Cross Cemetery. These are essential parts of our community and it is always advisable to maintain positive relations. As a result of our efforts, Holy Cross Cemetery has recently donated two, brand new, Harley Davidson police motorcycles to our Police Department. This not only helps with Funeral Processions, but helps with traffic enforcement and essential safety methods which will make our community that much safer. Keep an eye out for the new motorcycles patrolling the streets. This past year, we saw quite a few roads being paved, parks and athletic fields being upgraded and re-dedicated. After so many years of dreaming about our Softball girls playing night games, we were finally able to have state of the art lighting installed at Allan Park Field. On top of that, the batting cages were completely rebuilt and have everyone excited. These are the things that help considerably with player development and fundamentals. Recently, Children's Centennial Park was dedicated in the memory of former Mayor Len Kaiser. The park received new signage and is now directly connected to Allan Park, equipped with new bleachers and a family seating area. Our Community Garden saw a revitalization this past spring, with new leadership, new ideas and another opportunity to have our community interact with each other in a positive way. The revitalization of River Road continued with the addition of a new bocce court and the illumination of our gazebo to celebrate the holiday season. We also added lights to Borough Hall, to go with the festive music being piped in during the holidays. Our NA Rocks program continued with monthly art and culture being added to Rusignola Park, along River Road. In 2024 we continued our litter patrol efforts, which we encourage everyone to get excited about. We are proud of the way we look in the eyes of our residents as well as those who pass through. I have received more compliments this year, from out-of-towners, praising how well maintained and clean North Arlington is kept. This makes me proud to be your Mayor, proud of our DPW and proud of those who do not litter, pick up litter and discourage littering. Our plans for 2025 will include many exciting projects, including the continuation of smart redevelopment along Ridge Rd, River Road and Schuyler Ave. One of our biggest and most exciting projects will be the construction of Veteran and Senior Housing. This project will include a new veteran’s center, a new senior center, ample parking, a senior bus route and North Arlington resident preference for housing. We are hoping to see this project, which is not costing the taxpayers a dime, begin in the spring. A priority for 2025 will be the marketing of the old Melrays property to a qualified developer who would design first floor retail with business parking above, which will bring much needed parking relief to the area. We will also be adding much needed parking at the location of the old Comcast Property for those attending sporting events along River Road, at Rip Collins and Mellino Fields. A knockdown and cleanup will be scheduled once testing and approvals are obtained from the DEP. This will further enhance and beautify that area. In a joint effort with our Board of Education and Dr. Yurchak, we will be installing lightning detectors and warnings on our recreational fields, to keep everyone safe from extreme weather conditions. The revitalization of old, run-down buildings has been a mission of ours for quite some time. The vacant Hughes car lot on Schuyler Avenue is currently being removed along with the industrial properties adjacent to it. This will result in a continuation of single family homes being built in its place. This will not only reduce truck traffic, but it will enhance property values and create a calmer environment for the surrounding area. We have begun the process of acquiring the old Golomb service gas station on River Road, which has been an eyesore for entirely too long. That property would serve as municipal parking and additional parking for the Veterans/Senior Housing

development. Our tree planting program will continue under my Mayor's Beautification Program. We have done an outstanding job of replacing trees that have been lost, chopped or neglected for so long. We will be continuing with more of our most popular activities throughout the year, which include our summer concerts in the park, our senior citizen prom, our Memorial Day Parade, our "CNA" - Celebrate North Arlington festival, the communitywide garage sale, our summer camps, our holiday celebrations and more. Community events and activities are so important to keep our relationships strong. Before I call up our re-elected council members, I just want to reiterate my pleasure and my enthusiasm to each and every one who supports the betterment of this Borough. Let's continue with our positive attitudes, let's quell any negativity, no matter how small it is. Everything is never going to be perfect, but if we make something better each day, together we will do great things. Thank you as always for listening. Thank you for allowing me to be your Mayor. Now let's hear from Councilwoman Allison Sheedy, who at the end of this term will officially be the longest serving female elected official in the history of North Arlington.

REMARKS BY COUNCILWOMAN ALLISON SHEEDY: Good evening and thank you for attending tonight's reorganization meeting. Being elected as a councilwoman to represent the town I love is still a dream come true. I am as honored now as I was back in 2016 that the residents have put their faith in me to do what is best for our town. Tonight I would like to thank and highlight the true superstars of our town, our employees and our volunteers. I'll start with the employees of the Borough of North Arlington. Our employees are undoubtedly some of the most professional people that I have had the privilege to work with. You are the day to day face of the borough. Service to the public isn't easy in today's world, we live in Amazon prime time where people expect instantaneous service and answers. You all meet and exceed these expectations. There is never a time that we hear "this is not my job" or "I'm off the clock". While the world has become accepting of these phrases, they are not acceptable to us and we appreciate the level of service that is provided to all of the residents of North Arlington by our employees. Truly you are all the backbone of the running of this borough. To all of the volunteers in this town, many of you who are here with us tonight, as most of you know that this Mayor and Council is not a group of people who randomly decided that they want a title and ran for office. We were you before being elected. We all volunteered in this town for at least a decade, some of us for 4 decades. While not a requirement for office the volunteer work prepares you for the life of an elected official. You appreciate more the work that the hundreds of volunteers in this town do to contribute to the successful running of our town. Our emergency services –the North Arlington Fire Department, North Arlington Volunteer Emergency Squad and CERT, our appointed boards, volunteer committees, the recreation commission and the hundreds of coaches in our program. Thank you to each and every one of you for your commitment of time and service to North Arlington. Being re-elected for a fourth term is exciting because I have the opportunity to continue on the journey with the mayor and the rest of the council. There are projects, plans and ideas that we discuss at every meeting but they are not complete in a year, sometimes, not in two years and sometimes it's a dream or an idea that we love that might not happen for five or more years. I suspect during my next term we will see some of these projects come to fruition and I am grateful to be able to see them through. In closing I would like to thank everyone who worked to get me back here, elections are necessary but so brutal at times. There is a lot of time and money spent to win elections, to those who donated or volunteered to make all of this happen, thank you from the bottom of my heart. To my friends and family, thank you for taking the high road on this election, for supporting

me always and for sharing me with the residents of North Arlington, I love you all. Thank you again for re-electing me and I will do my best to ensure you that you made the right decision. I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe New Year.

REMARKS BY COUNCILMAN BRIAN FITZHENRY: Thank you Mayor and fellow council members, thank you Mr. Lo Iacono and Katie, I appreciate all the hard work over the past 10 years, we have accomplished great things along the way and it has been wonderful. I want to make sure to thank my family, I want to thank my wife Donna for allowing me this opportunity; without her support this would not be possible. Anyone on this council knows that. I want to thank my children for loaning me off to you folks, I truly appreciate it and my mother sitting in the front she's probably proud of me. As I was sitting up there my wife was texting me and she said keep it short. But this is all Damaris's fault, she is the secretary for the Borough and she transcribes all the words, so I will speak slowly and short. My favorite subject is the passion I have for this community. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteer appointees to Boards such as zoning and planning. As well as our 3 Chiefs from the NAFD and NAVES good luck to all. This all began for me as a Councilman when Joey became Mayor, I was appointed to fill Joe Bianchi's seat for 1 year. Allison has been my running mate for 3 terms, starting our 4th term. She always says Brian is my political husband, we spend a lot of time together and the passion she has for our community is incredible. The Mayor spoke about our fields, parking lots and buildings. It's difficult to keep promises in this business and we have been doing it for the past 10 years. I have been part of this and back in the days it was hard to get a yes for our residents, but now throughout the years it's easier to say yes to our residents in North Arlington. My grandmother always told us to never say "I can't, always say I will try". It was those words that have made the Borough a better place to live. Ten years ago we had 22 empty storefronts, now we are lucky if we have one empty for a very short time. Also the Borough credit rating was in the toilet, but strides were being made to make the budget stronger. There was little or no commercial development on Porete Ave. Our Police Department with just 24 officers and today I am happy to say we have 36 officers and hiring 3 more, our police department will be at full capacity. Today our budget sits on solid ground, with the days of deficit spending far in the rearview window. The strong budget gives us the opportunity to say yes or I will try, not I can't. I wish everyone a happy healthy prosperous 2025 I look forward to the next 3 years serving the Borough of North Arlington.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS
INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Sheedy
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Cavadas
ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, Cavadas, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

Don O'Neill- 13 William Street: It's my pleasure to be part of the planning board; I've seen a lot of development, it only benefits this Borough in many ways. The tax revenue that comes in is setting everyone's taxes. I see a lot of people complain on social media about the no parking; now, when people go to the high school games, we'll have parking on River Road. I want to say thank you to all the Councilmembers for their hard work and for all the hard work you do for this town.

Daisa Cevantes- 284 Stover Ave: I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I was lucky enough to participate in the community garden this year, thanks to our amazing Councilmembers. Mayor Pronti named me President this year. I will be sending out emails soon for our meetings and activities. This year we collected 300 pounds of produce and it was put in bins for our community. I hope to see you all this year. Thank you for all the support

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS
INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Del Russo
SECONDED BY: Councilman Karcic
ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, Cavadas, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

BENEDICTION – PASTOR DAMIEN GAROFALO, RISEN SAVIOR CHURCH

MOTION TO ADJOURN

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Fitzhenry
SECONDED BY: Councilman Del Russo
ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, Cavadas, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino