

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

November 12, 2024

The Special Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building (101 Hamburg Tpke) on the above date. Mayor, John D'Amato, called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

Council President led the **Salute to the Flag**.

Official Roll Call: (taken by the Borough Clerk)

In Attendance: Mayor John D'Amato
Councilman Dominic Catalano
Councilman John Graziano
Councilwoman Dawn Hudson
Councilwoman Evelyn Schubert
Councilman Ray Yazdi

Municipal Clerk, Breeanna Smith
Business Administrator, Michael Sondermeyer
Borough Attorney, Dawn Sullivan

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE STATEMENT

Mayor D'Amato stated: *This Special Meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notice of this meeting was advertised in the Herald News on November 6, 2024. Notices were also transmitted to The Record & Star Ledger on November 1, 2024. In addition, copies of notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, displayed on the Borough webpage and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk on the aforementioned date. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted. Proper notice having been given, the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to include this statement in the minutes of the meeting. Minutes of this meeting should also reflect the purpose for which the meeting was called.*

Per State Fire Code, I am required to acknowledge that there are two emergency exits in this Council Chambers. The main entrance which you entered through and a secondary exit to the left of where I am seated. If there is an emergency, walk orderly to the exits, exit through the door, down the stairs and out the building. If there are any questions, please raise your hand now.

EARLY PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion was made by HUDSON to open the meeting for public comment; seconded by YAZDI and carried on voice vote all voting AYE. Since there was no one else who wished to speak, HUDSON made a motion to close public comment, second by YAZDI & carried on voice vote all members voting AYE, none were opposed.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

**A. COUNCILPERSON VACANCY & APPOINTMENT FOR 3 YEAR
UNEXPIRED TERM EXPIRING 12/31/2025**

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11 the Democratic Committee has submitted three names to the Municipal Clerk

The Municipal Clerk read aloud the names submitted by the Democratic committee to fill the vacant council seat of former Councilman Richard Dellaripa who resigned effective October 18, 2024:

1. David Bronkhurst of 25 Matthews Terrace
2. Jeniffer Hagin of 104B Glenwild Avenue
3. Mark Crum of 7 Catherine Street

Motion for nomination of Councilperson

Mayor D’Amato asked for motion to appoint David Bronkhurst to fill the vacant council seat; motion to appoint David Bronkhurst was made by Ray Yazdi, seconded by Dawn Hudson & carried per the following roll call vote: Catalano (YES), Graziano (YES), Hudson (YES), Schubert (YES), Yazdi (YES)

Oath of Office was given by the Mayor D’Amato to David Bronkhurst who was joined with his wife. Councilman Bronkhurst gave thanks, made brief remarks & joined the council on the dais.

LATE PUBLIC COMMENT

HUDSON made a motion to open the meeting for late public comment; seconded by YAZDI and carried on voice vote, all in favor voting AYE.

Charles Caraballo – 75 Vreeland Ave, Bloomingdale
Made the following inquiries:

- Welcomed Mr. Bronkhurst to the council, and thanked Mr. Dellaripa for his service to the Borough

Since there was no one else who wished to speak, HUDSON made a motion to close the public comment portion of the meeting, second by YAZDI; all members voting AYE.

GOVERNING BODY SCHEDULE:

- A. November 19, 2024 - Regular Meeting
- B. December 17, 2024 - Regular Meeting

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to be conducted, CATALANO moved to adjourn at 7:09PM; seconded by YAZDI and carried on voice vote with all Council Members voting AYE.

**Breeanna Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk**