

# Borough of Union Beach Re-Organizational Meeting MINUTES

January 5, 2024  
6:30 pm

650 Poole Avenue  
Municipal Building

## MINUTES

### Adjourned Meeting of December 21, 2023:

Mayor Charles Cocuzza calls the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and announces that this is the adjourned meeting from the Council Meeting of December 21, 2023.

### Announcements:

Mayor Cocuzza announces the Emergency Fire Exits at the Municipal Building.

### Roll Call of the 2023 Borough Council:

Present: Councilman Wicki, Councilman Riccardi, Councilwoman Roche, Councilwoman Woodruff, Councilman Andreuzzi, Councilman Lewandowski.

### Also Present:

Mayor Charles W. Cocuzza  
John T. Lane, Jr, Borough Attorney  
Robert M. Howard, Jr., Administrator  
Dennis Dayback, Engineer  
Anne Marie Friscia, Municipal Clerk  
Carol Seney, Deputy Municipal Clerk

### BUSINESS ADDED TO THE AGENDA OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2023

Mayor Cocuzza call for a Motion to add the following business to the adjourned meeting of December 21, 2023.

- Oath of Office to be Administered to Police Officer Kevin Finucan
- Recognition Awards and Commendations to various individuals and Departments for the year 2023.

Motion moved by Councilman Andreuzzi, seconded by Councilwoman Woodruff and approved by unanimous voice vote.

1. **William Henry Letts Officer of the Year Award Presentation by Chief Michael Woodrow to Police Officer Ryan Fogarty of the Special Operations Branch of the Detective Bureau.** The Officer being presented this award tonight is above and beyond what the Union Beach Police Department exemplifies. He has the knowledge, skills and abilities. He has been involved in numerous operations.
2. **Mayor Cocuzza calls Officer Finucan forward to Oath of Office Administered to Police Officer Kevin Finucan by Councilman Albert Lewandowski.**
3. **Recreation Presentation Announcement of 2023 Holiday Decoration Awards –By: Mrs. Mary Shank**  
1st Place: 403 Park Avenue - Rasmussen/Devito Family  
2nd Place: 539 Clark Avenue - Brugal/Gower Family  
  
2-way tie for 3rd:  
220 Broadway - Gentile Family  
1208 Union Avenue - Tuberion Family
4. **Mayor Cocuzza also presents an appreciation award to Mrs. Alice Ostervich for her ten years of dedicated volunteer service to the Recreation Committee. She has dedicated so much of her time and we thank her for all of her efforts. The Borough counts on its volunteers for all the wonderful activities we are able to present for our residents. Mrs. Ostervich has been a very important part of this process for over a decade and we wanted to acknowledge her efforts.**

5. **Presentation of Appreciation Award / Retirement to Mrs. Carol Seney, Deputy Borough Clerk** by Mayor Cocuzza for a decade of dedicated service to the Borough Clerk's Office. Mrs. Seney will be retiring on February 15<sup>th</sup> after a decade of service to the Borough. She has done an impeccable job. She has dealt with the Mayor and Council every day and has held the office together helping all the clerical staff especially the Borough Clerk. It is sometimes a stressful office to work in and she has been the Clerk's assistant and in every way the Clerk's right arm. We are grateful for her service to our residents, departments and fellow employees and all the support she provides in assisting in all the day to day duties of the Borough Clerk's Office. We wish you health and happiness and thank you.

6. **2023 Citizen of the Year Presentation -by Mayor Cocuzza to Mrs. Blanche Sweeney**

Mayor Cocuzza states that every year the Borough recognizes a citizen for the Citizen of the Year Award. This citizen is someone who exemplifies what Union Beach is all about. Union Beach has always had the reputation of being a blue-collar town with everyone working hard, raising their families and doing the right thing. Today's generation has inherited those ideals from previous generations. It is something that all of us value here and even as the town changes – and we do see changes in the town, it is something that Union Beach takes great pride in. It is something that all of us enjoy seeing throughout the town. When it came to this year's citizen of the year award, he and the Council wanted to acknowledge someone who had somehow slipped through the cracks during previous years – we don't know how, but we wanted to acknowledge this person because we believe her dedication to Union Beach – you see her everywhere, the annual Memorial Day Parade, 911 Remembrance Day, Veterans day services she has continued to support Union Beach and has raised a beautiful family who has continued to volunteer and give back to Union Beach we love to see here on a daily basis and we value her very much in Union Beach. He reads the following from her family:

This person came to Union Beach in 1956 with her husband, John and two young children. They moved from Fairview, NJ to the quiet little seashore town. They were returning home from the shore when they saw the sign for a new development being built. They put in an inquiry, and decided to put down a \$5 deposit to secure their home on Harrison Avenue.

The railroad was behind the house, and John would board the train at the rail station by Memorial School to get to work in Hoboken. They enjoyed swimming in the bay and walking the boardwalk. This person soon volunteered her time to Holy Family Church where she joined the Holy Rosary Society and subsequently held the title of President. She also became a Girl Scout Leader and supported her sons in the Boy Scouts. She belonged to the Cottage Park PTA - now Memorial School PTA. As her family grew, she also befriended all the families in the neighborhood. The families all were friends; all enjoyed the small-town life; attending school supporting the town. She supported all of her six children in their endeavors and was always attending the many school events including the many sporting events - everyone played a different sport. She taught her children the importance of volunteerism and community involvement. Her children went on to be members of Union Beach EMS, UB Fire Department, American Legion Post 321, UB Memorial Library Association, UB Board of Health and UB Planning Board.

She is very fond of the history of Union Beach, with the Memorial Day Parade being her favorite town tradition. She is always willing to share her history of the area, and continually supports the many town events.

She would drive to the bay every day to "check if there is water in the bay." - and still does to this day, however, "Mayor apologizes that her view is gone." She enjoys reading the newspaper and eating lunch while sitting at the "bulkhead". She met many people at the beachfront and was always willing to share the history of the area to visitors. She has made many new friends during her daily trip. Not only has she been an eyewitness to the history of the United States, she has been an eyewitness to the highs and lows of her beloved Union Beach.

Mayor Cocuzza states, "they say if you don't know your history and remember it - then you have no idea where you are going. We are very proud to honor her history today."

Mayor Cocuzza presents the 2023 Citizen Award to Mrs. Blanche Sweeney.  
Mrs. Sweeney thanks all for this award and states that Union Beach means very much to her.  
Mayor Cocuzza states that Alexandra Sweeney could not be here today as she is ill but sends her love and best wishes.

**7. Approval of the Minutes of the December 21, 2023**

Motion by Councilman Wicki, second by Councilwoman Woodruff and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**POINT OF ORDER: ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR COCUZZA:**

Mayor Cocuzza announces that there being no further business to be conducted for the year 2023, he calls for a motion to adjourn, sine die, concluding the business of the Governing Body for the year 2023.

Moved by Councilman Wicki, seconded by Councilwoman Woodruff and approved by unanimous voice vote at 6:50 pm

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**REORGANIZATION MEETING**  
**JANUARY 5, 2024**

Called to Order by Mayor Charles W. Cocuzza at 6:50 p.m.

**Salute to the Flag. Fire Department Honor Guard** – Salute to the Flag by Former Councilman Frank Wells.

**Announcement:**

Clerk announces that adequate notice has been given to the Public and Press on the date, time and place of this meeting in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, "Open Public Meetings Act."

**Invocation by Fr. Francis Cheruparampil:**

**Announcement of Honored Guests by Mayor Cocuzza:** Assemblyman Gerry Scharffenberger, Hazlet Mayor Michael Sachs, Keansburg Mayor Jimmy Cocuzza, Union Beach Board of Education President Angela Cocuzza, Danielle Riccardi, Heidi Lewis.

Mayor Cocuzza calls for **Certificates of Election** from the Monmouth County Clerk's Office for Re-elected Mayor Charles W. Cocuzza, Councilman Louis Andreuzzi, Councilwoman Cherlanne Roche, and also Councilman Louis Riccardi who was duly elected to fill the unexpired term of Councilman Anthony Cavallo.

Clerk presents certificate from Monmouth County Board of Elections.

**Oath of Office:** Re-elected Mayor Charles W. Cocuzza  
Re - Elected Councilman Louis Andreuzzi and  
Re - Elected Councilwoman Cherlanne Roche and  
Elected Councilman Louis Riccardi

Oath of Office administered to Mayor Charles W. Cocuzza by Councilman Lewandowski

Oath of Office administered to Councilman Louis Andreuzzi by **Assemblyman Gerry Scharffenberger**

Oath of Office administered to Councilwoman Cherlanne Roche by **Mayor Charles W. Cocuzza**

Oath of Office administered to Councilman Louis Riccardi by **Assemblyman Gerry Scharffenberger**

**Appropriate remarks by Re - Elected Mayor Charles W. Cocuzza**

Mayor Cocuzza starts with 3 years ago when he was elected Mayor, due to the passing of Mayor Paul Smith, was not how he expected his term as Mayor to begin. He talks about the projects that were in progress while Mayor Smith was alive which were renovation of Borough Hall and the Army Corps of Engineers Project. The Governing Body continued to work tirelessly to finish these projects in lieu of Mayor Smith. Mayor Cocuzza provides updates on the Army Corp Project about how Phase 1 has been started and close to being completed with Phase 2 right behind. Mayor Cocuzza also speaks about all the projects this Governing Body has completed in the past 3 years and all the other projects to come. The Governing Body is planning to make updates to our town and “spruce” the parks, roads, and landmarks around the town. Mayor Cocuzza thanks the Monmouth County Board of Commissioners, Engineering office, for their continued support on the numerous road projects. He apologizes to the residents for their patience during the summer while all of these projects were underway and having to go through all the detours. Mayor Cocuzza gives a special thank you to Borough Administrator, Robert M. Howard, Jr., Dennis Dayback, John T. Lane, Jr., CFOs for their tireless efforts for Union Beach and continuing to advise us in the way they do. He also thanks all the first responders for the jobs they do on a regular basis to keep our town safe. Mayor Cocuzza thanks his father, mother, grandmother for giving them the strength and guidance to hold this position and the Governing Body for keeping the mentality from Mayor Smith, “Do what is right.” Mayor Cocuzza finishes with thanking his daughters, Caitlyn and Madison, wife Angela for the sacrifice they deal with while he holds this position and for being gracious. Having them as his backbone has been one the main reasons why he can continue to do this job as well as he does. Lastly, Mayor Cocuzza finishes with thanking Sheriff Shaun Golden for making our transition to County dispatch go smoothly.

**Appropriate remarks by Re - Elected Councilman Louis Andreuzzi**

Councilman Andreuzzi addresses the council, distinguished guests, first responders, and the residents from the best little town. Special welcome to Assemblyman Gerry Scharffenberger, Mayor Michael Sachs and Councilman Jimmy Cocuzza. Councilman Andreuzzi’s granddaughter, Brielle, and grandson, Cole. Councilman Andreuzzi congratulates Councilman Riccardi and Councilwoman Roche. He speaks about the honor and privilege it is to be elected by our community to serve another term with this Governing Body, making these 41 years serving Union Beach. Councilman Andreuzzi expresses how his focus will remain on financial conservatism, road improvement and commitment to our youth. Special thanks were given to our Police, Fire, EMS and those fine men & women for being with our town when the residents need them the most. Another thanks to the administration staff and the Department of Public Works. Councilman Andreuzzi speaks about how he reflected while writing his speech tonight and thought about all the diversity this town has dealt with since he moved into Union Beach in 1979. He also reflects on all of his friends, colleagues, mentors that have been lost throughout the years. Councilman Andreuzzi emphasizes that 40 years is a long time and he could not have gotten through it without Peggy, LJ, Megan, Amanda, Tony enabling him to continue to serve our community. He thanks everyone again for the opportunity.

**Appropriate remarks by Re - Elected Councilwoman Cherlanne Roche**

Councilman Roche begins with wishing everyone a Happy New Year and thanking the residents for coming out. She is very grateful to be elected again as it is an honor to put your faith in me and the rest of our Council. Councilman Roche thanks everyone again and cannot wait to see our residents our around our town so they can work together

**Appropriate remarks by Elected Councilman Louis Riccardi**

Councilman Riccardi begins with thanking the Mayor and Council for putting their trust within him. He thanks his wife and children, Louie and Carmela, his mother and the rest of my friends and family who have supported him along the way. Final thanks to all of the residents of Union Beach for providing him with this great opportunity to serve our great town. He recognizes how much of an honor and privilege it is to be holding his position. Councilman Riccardi looks forward to 2024 and beyond.

**Roll Call of the 2024 Borough Council:**

Present: Councilman Wicki, Councilman Riccardi, Councilwoman Roche, Councilwoman Woodruff, Councilman Andreuzzi, Councilman Lewandowski.

**SPECIAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

**1. Fire Chief's Award**

To: Outgoing Fire Chief for the year 2023: Christopher Tuberion

**2. Announcement and Oath of Office to New Fire Department Chief of the Borough of Union Beach for the year 2024 :**

FIRE CHIEF: Ronald Burkhardt, Jr. by Councilwoman Eileen Woodruff

**3. Announcement and Oath of Office to New Fire Department Chiefs of the Borough of Union Beach for the year 2024 :**

FIRST DEPUTY (ASSISTANT) CHIEF: Carmine Annunziata by Councilman Albin J. Wicki

**PRESENTATION OF HEROIC LIFE SAVING AWARDS BY MAYOR COCUZZA**

**4. Service award to EMS Chief of Union Beach First Aid Squad For the year 2023**

To: Outgoing EMS Chief Tami Nelson

**5. Presentation Oath of Office to EMS Chief for the Union Beach First Aid Squad, Inc. for the Year 2024** Chief Edward Schroeder

**6. Presentation Oath of Office to Officers of the Union Beach First Aid Squad, Inc. for the Year 2024**

Captain Tami Nelson  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Carly Lewandowski  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Anthony Forte

**Resolution -2024-1:**

***Fixing the Time and Place for Regular Agenda and Council Meetings of the Governing Body for the Year 2024.***

Be it Resolved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Union Beach, that the Agenda Meetings for the year of the Borough Council shall be held on the second Thursday of each month and the Regular Council Meetings for the year shall be held on the third Thursday of each month commencing at 7:30 p.m. to be held in the Council Meeting Room, in the Municipal Building, except when a meeting falls on a Holiday or during the State League of Municipalities Convention, then same will be rescheduled at a more appropriate date:

**Council Meetings – Agenda/Workshop**

Thursday: January 11<sup>TH</sup>  
 February 8<sup>TH</sup>  
 March 14<sup>TH</sup>  
 April 11<sup>TH</sup>  
 May 9<sup>TH</sup>  
 June 13<sup>TH</sup>  
 July 11<sup>TH</sup>  
 August 15<sup>TH</sup>  
 September 12<sup>TH</sup>  
 October 10<sup>TH</sup>  
 November 14<sup>TH</sup>  
 December 12<sup>TH</sup>

**Council Meetings - Regular**

Thursday: January 18<sup>th</sup>  
 February 15<sup>TH</sup>  
 March 21<sup>ST</sup>  
 April 18<sup>TH</sup>  
 May 16<sup>TH</sup>  
 June 20<sup>TH</sup>  
 July 18<sup>TH</sup>  
 August 22<sup>ND</sup>  
 September 19<sup>TH</sup>  
 October 17<sup>TH</sup>  
 Monday: November 25<sup>TH</sup>\*  
 December 19<sup>TH</sup>

*(Action may be taken at the above Meetings)*

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki			X			
Mr. Riccardi			X			
Mrs. Roche			X			
Mrs. Woodruff		X	X			
Mr. Andreuzzi	X		X			
Mr. Lewandowski			X			

**Resolution -2024-2 :**      ***Fixing the Order of Business for Year 2024:***

Be it resolved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Union Beach, that the Order of Business to be followed at the Agenda and Regular Meetings of the Mayor and Council shall be as follows:

- 1] Announcement by Mayor – Emergency exits in Building
- 2] Salute to Flag.
- 3] Announcement (Under P.O. 1975, Chapter 231, “Open Public Meetings Act.”
- 4] Calling the Roll
- 5] Approval of Minutes
- 6] Presentation of Communications, Petitions, Etc.
- 7] Hearings on Ordinances, First & Second Readings, and Final Passage; and other Public Hearings.
- 8] Reports of Committees and Dept. Heads
- 9] Meeting Open for Public Discussion
- 10] Unfinished Business

- 11] New Business and Introduction of Ordinances
- 12] Resolutions
- 13] Approval of Vouchers/Purchase Orders and Payment of Bills.  
\*Note Payment of Bills shall be at the end of each Month.
- 14] Adjournment

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki	x		x			
Mr. Riccardi			x			
Mrs. Roche			x			
Mrs. Woodruff		x	x			
Mr. Andreuzzi			x			
Mr. Lewandowski			x			

**Resolution -2024-3: Approval of By-Laws of the Borough of Union Beach for the year 2024.**

Be it resolved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Union Beach that the By-Laws of the Borough of Union Beach dated January 5, 2024 be adopted by the Borough Council for governing the conduct of the Municipal affairs during the year of 2024.

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki	x		x			
Mr. Riccardi			x			
Mrs. Roche			x			
Mrs. Woodruff		x	x			
Mr. Andreuzzi			x			
Mr. Lewandowski			x			

**Resolution -2024-4: Approval of Official Depositories of the Borough of Union Beach for the year 2024**

Be it resolved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Union Beach that the

1. Provident Bank, Hwy 36 & Poole Ave., Hazlet
2. PNC Bank, Holmdel
3. Wells Fargo Bank, Keyport
4. Valley National Bank, 416 Main St., Keyport
5. T.D. Bank, 16 Bethany Road, Hazlet
6. BCB Community Bank, Holmdel

Be and the same are hereby designated as the depository banks for the funds of the Borough of Union Beach for the year. Be it further resolved that the said banks are hereby authorized to honor checks drawn upon said banks signed by the Mayor, Borough Clerk, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer or in the absence of the Mayor signed by the President of the Council, or in the absence of the Borough Clerk or the Chief Financial Officer, signed by Tax Collector.

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki			x			
Mr. Riccardi			x			
Mrs. Roche			x			
Mrs. Woodruff		x	x			
Mr. Andreuzzi			x			
Mr. Lewandowski	x		x			



**Resolution -2024-5:**

**Approval of Official Newspapers of the Borough of Union Beach for the year 2023:**

Be it resolved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Union Beach that the

1. The Asbury Park Press, Neptune, NJ
2. The Star Ledger, NJ

Be and the same are hereby designated as the Official Newspapers of the Borough of Union Beach for the publication of all official notices and Ordinances and other legal publications required by law for the year .

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki			x			
Mr. Riccardi			x			
Mrs. Roche			x			
Mrs. Woodruff			x			
Mr. Andreuzzi		x	x			
Mr. Lewandowski	x		x			

**Resolutions -2024-6:**

Mayor Cocuzza Nominates and with the advice and consent of the Council, appoints:

John T. Lane, Jr., Esq.  
P.O. Box 1377  
Wall, NJ 07719

As Municipal Borough Attorney the term of one year expiring December 31, 2024.

Whereas, the Borough Council of the Borough of Union Beach has a need to retain the Professional Services of an **Attorney at Law** of the State of New Jersey to serve as **Municipal Borough Attorney** for the year and:

Whereas, the Award of such services is also pursuant to a Fair and Open Process as defined in N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.5; and

Whereas, **John T. Lane, Jr., Esq.** is a Professional Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey and qualified to serve in said position.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the appointment of **John T. Lane, Jr., Esq.** as **Municipal Borough Attorney** of the Borough of Union Beach, as made by the Mayor, to serve for the term of one year expiring on December 31, 2024 be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki			x			
Mr. Riccardi			x			
Mrs. Roche			x			
Mrs. Woodruff		x	x			
Mr. Andreuzzi	x		x			
Mr. Lewandowski			x			

**Resolutions 2024-7:**

Mayor Cocuzza Nominates and with the advice and consent of the Council, appoints:

Peter Carton, Esq.  
Gibbons, P.C.  
One Gateway Center – 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Newark, NJ 07102-5310

As Municipal Bond Counsel for the term of one year expiring December 31, 2024.

Whereas, the Borough Council of the Borough of Union Beach has a need to retain the Professional Services of an **Attorney at Law** of the State of New Jersey to serve as **Municipal Bond Counsel** for the year 2024 and:

Whereas, the Award of such services is also pursuant to a Fair and Open Process as defined in N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.5; and

Whereas, **Peter Carton, Esq.** is a Professional Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey and qualified to serve in said position.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the appointment of **Peter Carton, Esq.** as **Municipal Bond Counsel** of the Borough of Union Beach, as made by the Mayor, to serve for the term of one year expiring on December 31, 2024 be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki			x			
Mr. Riccardi			x			
Mrs. Roche		x	x			
Mrs. Woodruff			x			
Mr. Andreuzzi			x			
Mr. Lewandowski	x		x			

**Resolutions 2024-8:**

Mayor Cocuzza Nominates and with the advice and consent of the Council, appoints:

Patrick J. McNamara, Esq.  
Scarinci and Hollenbeck  
1100 Valley Brook Avenue  
P.O. Box 790  
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071-0790

As Special Counsel for the term of one year expiring December 31, 2024.

Whereas, the Borough Council of the Borough of Union Beach has a need to retain the Professional Services of an **Attorney at Law** of the State of New Jersey to serve as **Special Counsel** for the year 2024 and:

Whereas, the Award of such services is also pursuant to a Fair and Open Process as defined in N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.5; and

Whereas, **Patrick J. McNamara, Esq.** is a Professional Attorney at Law of the State of New Jersey and qualified to serve in said position.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the appointment of **Patrick J. McNamara, Esq.** as **Special Counsel** of the Borough of Union Beach, as made by the Mayor, to serve for the term of one year expiring on December 31, 2024 be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki			X			
Mr. Riccardi			X			
Mrs. Roche		X	X			
Mrs. Woodruff			X			
Mr. Andreuzzi	X		X			
Mr. Lewandowski			X			

**Resolutions 2024-9:**

Mayor Cocuzza Nominates and with the advice and consent of the Council, appoints:

Robert A. Hulsart, CPA/RMA  
 Robert A. Hulsart & Co.  
 2807 Hurley Pond Road  
 Wall, NJ

As Borough Auditor for the term of one year expiring December 31, 2024.

Whereas, the Borough Council of the Borough of Union Beach has a need to retain the Professional Services of **Public Accountant and registered Municipal Accountant** of the State of New Jersey to serve as **Borough Auditor** for the year 2024 and:

Whereas, the Award of such services is also pursuant to a Fair and Open Process as defined in N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.5; and

Whereas, **Robert A. Hulsart** is a Professional **Certified Public Accountant and Registered Municipal Accountant** of the State of New Jersey and qualified to serve in said position.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the appointment of **Robert A. Hulsart** as **Borough Auditor** of the Borough of Union Beach, as made by the Mayor, to serve for the term of one year expiring on December 31, 2024 be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki			X			
Mr. Riccardi			X			
Mrs. Roche			X			
Mrs. Woodruff		X	X			
Mr. Andreuzzi			X			
Mr. Lewandowski	X		X			

**Resolutions 2024-10:**

Mayor Cocuzza Nominates and with the advice and consent of the Council, appoints:

Samuel Klein and Co.  
 Joseph Faccione/Andy Zabiega  
 550 Broad Street  
 Newark, NJ 07102

As Financial Advisors for the term of one year expiring December 31, 2024.

Whereas, the Borough Council of the Borough of Union Beach has a need to retain the Professional Services of a **Public Accountant and Registered Municipal Accountant** of the State of New Jersey to serve as **Financial Advisors** for the year 2024 and:

Whereas, the Award of such services is also pursuant to a Fair and Open Process as defined in N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.5; and

Whereas, **Joseph Faccone / Andy Zabiega** are a Professional **Public Accountant and Registered Municipal Accountant** of the State of New Jersey and qualified to serve in said position.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the appointment of **Joseph Faccone / Andy Zabiega** as **Financial Advisors** of the Borough of Union Beach, as made by the Mayor, to serve for the term of one year expiring on December 31, 2024 be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki			X			
Mr. Riccardi			X			
Mrs. Roche			X			
Mrs. Woodruff		X	X			
Mr. Andreuzzi			X			
Mr. Lewandowski	X		X			

**Resolutions 2024-11:**

Mayor Cocuzza Nominates and with the advice and consent of the Council, appoints:

Steven Swartz, MD  
 999 Palmer Avenue – Suite 6&7  
 Holmdel, NJ 07733

Dr. Brendan Mulholland  
 Hazlet Family Care  
 3253 Rt. 35  
 Hazlet, NJ 07730

As the Borough Physicians for the term of one year expiring December 31, 2024.

Be it Resolved, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Union Beach, that the Appointments of the above Physicians as Borough Physicians of the Borough of Union Beach, as made by the Mayor, for the term of one year expiring on December 31, 2024, be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed.

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki			X			
Mr. Riccardi			X			
Mrs. Roche			X			
Mrs. Woodruff		X	X			
Mr. Andreuzzi	X		X			
Mr. Lewandowski			X			

**Resolutions 2024-12:**

Mayor Cocuzza Nominates and with the advice and consent of the Council, appoints:

Robert M. Howard, Jr.

As Affirmative Action Compliance Officer for the term of one year expiring December 31, 2024.

Be it Resolved, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Union Beach, that the Appointment of Mr. Robert M. Howard, Jr. as Affirmative Action Compliance Officer of the Borough of Union Beach, as made by the Mayor, for the term of one year expiring on December 31, 2024, be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed.

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki			X			
Mr. Riccardi			X			
Mrs. Roche		X	X			
Mrs. Woodruff			X			
Mr. Andreuzzi			X			
Mr. Lewandowski	X		X			

**Resolutions 2024-13:**

Mayor Cocuzza Nominates and with the advice and consent of the Council, appoints:

John T. Lane, Jr., Esq.  
P.O. Box 1377  
Wall, NJ 07719

As **Municipal Court Prosecutor** for the term of one year expiring December 31, 2024.

Be it Resolved, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Union Beach, that the Appointment of John T. Lane, Jr., Esq. as **Municipal Court Prosecutor** of the Borough of Union Beach, as made by the Mayor, for the term of one year expiring on December 31, 2024, be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed.

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki			X			
Mr. Riccardi			X			
Mrs. Roche			X			
Mrs. Woodruff			X			
Mr. Andreuzzi		X	X			
Mr. Lewandowski	X		X			

**Resolutions 2024-14:**

Mayor Cocuzza Nominates, and with the advice and consent of the Council, appoints:

Sean Kean, Esq.  
1967 Highway 34  
Building C – Suite 202  
Wall, NJ 07719

As **Alternate Municipal Court Prosecutor** for the term of one year expiring December 31, 2024.

Be it Resolved, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Union Beach, that the Appointment of Sean Kean as **Alternate Municipal Court Prosecutor** of the Borough of Union Beach, as made by the Mayor, for the term of one year expiring on December 31, 2024, be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed.

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki			X			

Mr. Riccardi			X			
Mrs. Roche		X	X			
Mrs. Woodruff			X			
Mr. Andreuzzi	X		X			
Mr. Lewandowski			X			

**Resolutions 2024-15:**

Mayor Cocuzza Nominates, and with the advice and consent of the Council, appoints:

Stanley F. Werse, Esq.  
 1041 Highway 36, suite 303  
 Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716

As **Municipal Court Defender** for the term of one year expiring December 31, 2024.

Be it Resolved, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Union Beach, that the Appointment of Mr. Stanley F. Werse, Esq. as **Municipal Court Defender** of the Borough of Union Beach, as made by the Mayor, for the term of one year expiring on December 31, 2024, be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed.

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki			X			
Mr. Riccardi			X			
Mrs. Roche		X	X			
Mrs. Woodruff			X			
Mr. Andreuzzi			X			
Mr. Lewandowski	X		X			

**Resolutions 2024-16:**

Mayor Cocuzza Nominates and with the advice and consent of the Council, appoints:

1. **Desiree Durkin** as Official Tax Searcher
2. **Anne Marie Friscia** as Official Searcher of Improvements
3. **Laurette Wade** as Official to issue Certificates as to Approval of Sub-Division of Land.

As **Official Tax Searcher, Official Searcher for Improvements and Official to issue certificates as to approval of sub-division of land** for the term of one year expiring December 31, 2024.

Be it Resolved, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Union Beach, that the Appointment of **Ms. Desiree Durkin as Official Tax Searcher, Ms. Anne Marie Friscia as Official Searcher for Improvements and Ms. Laurette Wade as Official to issue certificates as to approval of sub-division of Land** of the Borough of Union Beach, as made by the Mayor, for the term of one year expiring on December 31, 2024 be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed.

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki			X			
Mr. Riccardi			X			
Mrs. Roche	X		X			
Mrs. Woodruff			X			
Mr. Andreuzzi		X	X			
Mr. Lewandowski			X			

**Resolutions 2024-17:**

NOTE: \*CLASS II AND CLASS IV MEMBERS - Appointed by the Mayor without the advice and consent of the Council.

Mayor Cocuzza announces that he is appointing the following named persons as members of the Union Beach Planning Board:

Mayor's Designee  
Cherlanne Roche

Mayor Cocuzza's Official Tenure

Elizabeth Sweeney  
(Official of Borough)

Class II Member

(One Year Term Expiring on 12/31/24)

NOTE: \*\*CLASS III Appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council.

\*\* Louis Andreuzzi Class III Member  
(Member of Borough Council)

(One Year Term Expiring on 12/31/24)

Bruna Devino

Class IV Member

(Four Year Term Expiring on 12/31/27)

Alternate Members: Two Appointed by the Mayor with Confirmation of Council – Two Year Term

Alternate No. 1  
Michael Murray

(Two Year Term Expiring on 12/31/25)

Alternate No. 2  
John Dwyer

(Two Year Term Expiring on 12/31/25)

\*Be it Resolved, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Union Beach that the above Class III and Alternate No. 1 and Alternate No. 2 Member Appointments, as made by the Mayor, be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki			X			
Mr. Riccardi			X			
Mrs. Roche			X			
Mrs. Woodruff			X			
Mr. Andreuzzi		X	X			
Mr. Lewandowski	X		X			

**Resolutions 2024-18: Mayor's Advisory Committee to Planning Board:**

NOTE: Mayor's Appointments, without confirmation of the Borough Council:

Mayor Cocuzza announces that he is appointing the following named persons as members of the Mayor's Advisory Committee to the Planning Board:

Cherlanne Roche

(One Year Term Expiring on 12/31/24)

Laurette Wade (Sect'y to Planning Board)

(One Year Term Expiring on 12/31/24)

John Dwyer

(One Year Term Expiring on 12/31/24)

Angela Cocuzza

(One Year Term Expiring on 12/31/24)

Jeff Mitchell

(One Year Term Expiring on 12/31/24)

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki			x			
Mr. Riccardi			x			
Mrs. Roche			x			
Mrs. Woodruff		x	x			
Mr. Andreuzzi			x			
Mr. Lewandowski	x		x			

**Resolutions 2024-19: Appointments to the Advisory Board of Health:**

Mayor Cocuzza announces that he nominated, and with the advice and consent of the Council, appoints the following persons as members of the Union Beach Advisory Board of Health for a three-year term expiring on December 31, 2026:

- Peter Petrocelli (Three Year Term expiring 12/31/26)
- Gertrude Brunelli (Three Year Term expiring 12/31/26)
- Mary Chepulis (Three Year Term expiring 12/31/26)
- Bruna Devino (Three Year Term expiring 12/31/26)

- Alternate 1 Laura Hallam (Three Year Term expiring 12/31/26)
- Alternate 2 Joseph Savi (Three Year Term expiring 12/31/24)
- (to fill unexpired term)

Be it Resolved, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Union Beach, that the Appointments of the above named persons as members of the Board of Health, of the Borough of Union Beach, as made by the Mayor, for the terms set forth above, be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed.

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki			x			
Mr. Riccardi			x			
Mrs. Roche			x			
Mrs. Woodruff		x	x			
Mr. Andreuzzi			x			
Mr. Lewandowski	x		x			

**Resolutions 2024-20: Union Beach Recreation Commission:**

NOTE: Mayor’s Appointments, without confirmation of the Borough Council:

Mayor Cocuzza announces that he is appointing the following named persons as members of the Recreation Commission for a five year term expiring on December 31, 2027:

- Katie Lewandowski January 5, 2024 12/31/28
- Alt No. 1 12/31/25
- Alt No. 2 12/31/24

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki			x			
Mr. Riccardi			x			
Mrs. Roche		x	x			
Mrs. Woodruff	x		x			
Mr. Andreuzzi			x			
Mr. Lewandowski			x			



**Resolutions 2024-21: Advisory Committee To the Community Development Block Grant Program**

Mayor Cocuzza announces that he nominates, and with the advice and consent of the Council, appoints the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee of the Monmouth County Development Block Grant Program for a one year term expiring on December 31, 2024:

Robert M. Howard, Jr.	Borough’s Representative	(One Year Term)
Eileen Woodruff	Borough’s Alternate Representative	(One Year Term)
Edward G. Broberg (Borough Engineer)	Borough’s Consultant to the Program	(One Year Term)

Be it Resolved, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Union Beach, that the Appointments of the above-named persons as members of the Advisory Committee to the Community Development Block Grant Program of the Borough of Union Beach, as made by the Mayor, for the terms set forth above, be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed.

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki			X			
Mr. Riccardi			X			
Mrs. Roche			X			
Mrs. Woodruff						X
Mr. Andreuzzi	X		X			
Mr. Lewandowski		X	X			

**Resolutions 2024-22: Union Beach Community Alliance**

Mayor Cocuzza announces that he nominates, and with the advice and consent of the Council, appoints the following persons as members of the Union Beach Community Alliance for the following terms expiring on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year indicated:

Kelly Kenny	January 5, 2024	December 31, 2026
Julie Coker	January 5, 2024	December 31, 2026
_____	January 5, 2024	December 31, 2026

Be it Resolved, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Union Beach, that the Appointments of the above-named persons as members of the Union Beach Community Alliance, as made by the Mayor, for the terms set forth above, be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed.

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki			x			
Mr. Riccardi			x			
Mrs. Roche			x			
Mrs. Woodruff			x			
Mr. Andreuzzi		x	x			
Mr. Lewandowski	x		x			

**Resolutions 2024-23: Union Beach Office of Emergency Management for the Year 2024**

NOTE: This is a Mayor’s Appointment, requiring No Confirmation of the Borough Council.

Mayor Cocuzza, announced that he was appointing the following named person as “Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator” in the Borough of Union Beach, for a term of **three years** expiring on December 31, 2026.

John Dwyer Deputy Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator (Three Year Term expiring 12/31/26)  
 107 Central Ave.,  
 Union Beach, NJ 07735

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki			X			
Mr. Riccardi			X			
Mrs. Roche			X			
Mrs. Woodruff		X	X			
Mr. Andreuzzi			X			
Mr. Lewandowski	X		X			

**Resolutions 2024-24: Mayor’s Council Committee Appointments for 2024:**

**FINANCE, PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION, SPECIAL GRANTS & SHARED SVS.**

1. Albin J. Wicki – Chairperson
2. Lou Andreuzzi
3. Albert Lewandowski

**BOARD OF EDUCATION, AMERICAN LEGION & PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

1. Cherlanne Roche - Chairperson
2. Louis Riccardi
3. Albin Wicki

**PUBLIC SAFETY - POLICE COURT, OEM, FIRE DEPT, EMS**

1. Albert Lewandowski-Chairperson
2. Eileen Woodruff
3. Cherlanne Roche

**SENIORS, LIBRARY, COMMUNITY ALLIANCE & HEALTH**

1. Louis Riccardi - Chairperson
2. Albin J. Wicki
3. Eileen Woodruff

**CONSTRUCTION, CODE ENFORCEMENT ENVIRONMENTAL & PLANNING BOARD**

1. Louis Andreuzzi-Chairperson
2. Albert Lewandowski
3. Louis Riccardi

**PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, RECREATION & UBSA**

1. Eileen Woodruff - Chairperson
2. Cherlanne Roche
3. Louis Andreuzzi

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki	X		X			
Mr. Riccardi			X			
Mrs. Roche		X	X			
Mrs. Woodruff			X			
Mr. Andreuzzi			X			
Mr. Lewandowski			X			

**Resolutions 2024-25:      *Council President Appointment***

NOTE: To be Selected by a Member of the Borough Council.

**Councilman Louis Andreuzzi Offers the name of:**  
**Albin J. Wicki**  
**Seconded by:** Councilwoman Cherlanne Roche  
**As President of the Council for the year 2024**

Whereas, it is necessary that a member of the Borough Council be elected President of said Borough Council for the year 2024, to fulfill the duties of the Mayor during his absence.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Borough Council that  
**Albin J. Wicki**

A member of said Borough Council, be elected President of the Borough Council for the year 2024.

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki			X			
Mr. Riccardi			X			
Mrs. Roche		X	X			
Mrs. Woodruff			X			
Mr. Andreuzzi	X		X			
Mr. Lewandowski			X			

**Resolution 2024-26:      *School Traffic Guard Appointments:***

Mayor Cocuzza announces that he nominates, and with the advice and consent of the Council appoints the following named persons as "School Traffic Guards" (Part-Time) to serve at the pleasure of the Borough Council for a term not to exceed one year, effective as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-154.1.

Jacqueline Pucillo  
 603 Ocean Avenue  
 Union Beach, NJ 07735

Samuel Lauro  
 705 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Union Beach, NJ 07735

Nicholas Thorpe  
 536 Morningside Avenue  
 Union Beach, NJ 07735

Mary Shank  
 1003 Florence Avenue  
 Union Beach, NJ 07735

Sheri Tuberton  
 817 Fifth Street  
 Union Beach, NJ

Bonnie Jean Hubner-Mallen  
 906A Eighth Street  
 Union Beach, NJ 07735

Anthony Forte  
 604 Poole Avenue  
 Union Beach, NJ

Laura Jean Weberlist  
 526 Park Avenue  
 Union Beach, NJ 07735

Allen Wilson  
 722 Beachview Avenue  
 Union Beach, NJ

Michael Rapcavage  
 502 Seagate Avenue  
 Union Beach, NJ

Be it Resolved, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Union Beach, that:  
 The appointments of the above named persons to serve as "School Traffic Guards" (Part-Time) for terms not to exceed one year, effective as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, as made by the Mayor, be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed:

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki			X			
Mr. Riccardi			X			
Mrs. Roche			X			
Mrs. Woodruff		X	X			
Mr. Andreuzzi			X			
Mr. Lewandowski	X		X			

**Resolution 2024-27:      *Special Police Officers***

Mayor Cocuzza announces that he nominates, and with the advice and consent of the Council appoints the following named persons as "Special Police Officers" (Part-Time) to serve at the pleasure of the Borough Council for a term not to exceed one year, effective as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-154.1.

**CLASS II OFFICERS**

**Donald Higgins  
 James P. Powers  
 Charles Terefenko  
 Jeremiah Hourihan III**

**CLASS I OFFICERS**

**Caitlyn Artese  
 Joseph Rice  
 Kevin Richards III**

Be it Resolved, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Union Beach, that:

The appointments of the above named persons to serve as "Special Police Officers" (Part-Time) for terms not to exceed one year, effective as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, as made by the Mayor, be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed:

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki			X			
Mr. Riccardi			X			
Mrs. Roche			X			
Mrs. Woodruff		X	X			
Mr. Andreuzzi			X			
Mr. Lewandowski	X		X			

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-28:**

***Borough's Blood Borne Pathogen Officer***

Mayor Cocuzza announces that he nominates, and with the advice and consent of the Council appoints the following named person as ***Borough's Blood Borne Pathogen Officer (Part-Time)*** to serve at the pleasure of the Borough Council for a term not to exceed two years, effective as of January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-154.1.

**Ronald Burkartdt**

and the same are hereby approved and confirmed:

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki			X			
Mr. Riccardi			X			
Mrs. Roche		X	X			
Mrs. Woodruff	X		X			
Mr. Andreuzzi			X			
Mr. Lewandowski			X			

**Resolution No. 2024-29:**

***Borough's Representative to the National Organization of Disabilities***

Mayor Cocuzza announces that he nominates, and with the advice and consent of the Council appoints the following named person as ***Borough's Representative to the National Organization of Disabilities (Part-Time)*** to serve at the pleasure of the Borough Council for a term not to exceed two years, effective as of January 5th, 2024, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-154.1.

Mr. Timothy Perrella

and the same are hereby approved and confirmed:

	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Wicki			X			
Mr. Riccardi			X			
Mrs. Roche			X			
Mrs. Woodruff			X			
Mr. Andreuzzi		X	X			
Mr. Lewandowski	X		X			

**Appropriate Remarks by Mayor Cocuzza:** Wishes everyone a Happy New Year!

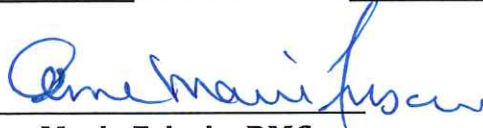
**Benediction by: Pastors Fred and Ruth Allen, Faith Chapel**

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Cocuzza calls for a Motion to Adjourn with Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year wishes to All! Refreshments will be served at the Union Gardens Fire Company on 235 Park Avenue.

MOTION OFFERED BY: **Councilman Andreuzzi** SECONDED BY: **Councilwoman Woodruff**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

  
**Anne Marie Friscia, RMC**