

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Friday, January 4, 2008 at 7:10 PM in the Council Chamber in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Mayor Frank J. Calandriello presided. City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and that adequate notice was provided by mail and fax to the official City newspapers and to other interested parties and by posting the meeting notice on the bulletin boards in City Hall.

Councilmembers Present: Louis G. Aloia, James Krone, Stanley J. Moskal, Joseph Delaney and Frank J. Calandriello

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica and City Attorney Joseph J. Rotolo

City Clerk Pavlica introduced Ex-Chief Ernest P. Rosolen of Fire Company No. Four, who acted as the Master of Ceremonies. He welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting and introduced Father Edward Szpiech the Pastor of Saint Stanislaus Kostka Roman Catholic Church and the Chaplain of the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department, who offered a Special Invocation.

Ex-Chief Rosolen called on Assistant Fire Chief Michael Marsh, who led the meeting in the flag salute.

Ex-Chief Rosolen introduced the various dignitaries in the audience.

Ex-Chief Rosolen called upon Outgoing Fire Chief Edward Ortyl to conclude Unfinished Business for the Firematic Year 2007.

Garfield Fire Department

Fire Calls 2007

Total Calls:

Fire	133
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat	11
Rescue & EMS Incident	34
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	115
Service Call	186
Good Intent Call	67
False Alarms	228
Severe Weather & Natural Disasters	<u>3</u>
Total Incident Count:	777

Resolution No. 08-2

WHEREAS, Edward Ortyl has served as Fire Chief of the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department for the year 2007, and

WHEREAS, the services rendered to the citizens and taxpayers of the City of Garfield have been such as to be above and beyond the ordinary call of duty, and

WHEREAS, under the jurisdiction of Edward Ortyl, the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department maintained its high standard of service and devotion to duty with respect to protection of life and property of the citizens and taxpayers of the City of Garfield, all of this be in keeping with the highest traditions of the standards set for fire service, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garfield desires to express its appreciation to Fire Chief Edward Ortyl for his singular devotion and dedication to the fire service of the City of Garfield,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Fire Chief Edward Ortyl be and is hereby commended for the excellent service he has rendered to the citizens and taxpayers of the City of Garfield during his tenure as Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the City of Garfield and that a certified copy of this approved resolution also be included in the personnel jacket of Fire Chief Edward Ortyl.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) All Five Councilmembers

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At this time, Mayor Frank J. Calandriello presented outgoing Fire Chief Edward Ortyl with a framed copy of Resolution No. 08-2 and presented and pinned the Ex-Chief Badge on outgoing Fire Chief Ortyl.

Outgoing Fire Chief Ortyl gave the following Farewell Address:

“Good Evening. It has been my honor and privilege to serve Garfield and our community for the year 2007. The experience of leading the Garfield Fire Department has been a rewarding one, which I will remember always. I would like to recognize the City Manager, Tom Duch, our Mayor, Frank Calandriello and the Councilmembers and the entire staff at City Hall. Without their assistance, it would have been virtually impossible to fulfill certain goals. One of them being the arrival in February 2008 of a new Hazmat Truck. Also, the continuation of our SCOTT bottle replacement program. Third, funds acquired to refurbish ambulance 325, into a swiftwater rescue truck for the Garfield Fire Department. Again, I thank you for your support. I would like to thank my Assistant Chiefs and all the Officers and members of the Garfield Fire Department. I commend you for your service and dedication to the City of Garfield. To the Officers and members of Company No. Three, I extend to you my sincere thanks and appreciation for your dedication over the past 5 years. Next, I would like to congratulate incoming Chief, Steve Semancik. I wish you much success, safety and the best of luck for 2008. Finally, I wish to thank my family for their support. You have and always will be my strength. Thank you and God Bless you all.”

City Clerk Pavlica administered the Oath of Office to the Line Officers of Fire Company No. One followed by Fire Company No.s Two, Three, Four and Five.

In accordance with an election held by the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department, City Manager Thomas J. Duch appointed the following to their respective offices for a term of one (1) year:

John P. Keating	Fourth Assistant Chief
James Kovacs	Third Assistant Chief
Michael Latona	Second Assistant Chief
Michael Marsh	First Assistant Chief
Stephen Semancik	Fire Chief

City Clerk Pavlica administered the Oath of Office to the four Assistant Fire Chiefs.

Mayor Frank J. Calandriello administered the Oath of Office to Fire Chief Stephen Semancik, as his wife, Michelle, and nephew, Michael Alfonso, held the Bible. City Manager Thomas Duch then presented Chief Semancik with the Badge of Fire Chief of the City of Garfield.

Fire Chief Semancik made the following comments:

“Thank you Company Four for giving me this opportunity to serve as Chief and I will do my best. I have some goals set for this year and the main one is to get everyone home safe. I thank my wife for being supportive and understanding. My family for being here and being so supportive. I am looking forward to working with the City Manager, Mayor and Council and the City Clerk. I also am looking forward to working with my Assistant Chiefs and the Mutual Aid Chiefs and the Coordinators. I am looking forward to some exciting events that will be happening this year like Ex Chief Rosolen celebrating 50 years in the Department and the arrival of Company Five’s new Hazmat Truck. Finally I hope everyone has a happy, healthy and safe New Year. Thank you.”

Each Councilmember offered congratulatory remarks and best wishes for a successful year to Chief Semancik.

Ex-Chief Rosolen thanked everybody for coming to this evening’s ceremony and he invited everyone to the Firehouse No. Four located at 97 Outwater Lane for refreshment and fellowship.

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Father Edward Szpiech concluded the ceremony with a Special Benediction.

At 7:45 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Moskal moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

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Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK