

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Friday, January 5, 2007 at 7:15 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, Joseph Delaney and Frank J. Calandriello
Councilmembers Absent: Stanley J. Moskal
Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch and City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica.

City Clerk Pavlica introduced Ex-Chief John P. Keating of Fire Company No. Three, who acted as the Master of Ceremonies. He welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting and called on Assistant Fire Chief Stephen Semancik, who led the meeting in the flag salute.

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

Ex-Chief Keating called upon Outgoing Fire Chief Glenn Zalarick to conclude Unfinished Business for the Firematic Year 2006.

Garfield Fire Department
Fire Calls 2006
Total Calls:

Fire	26
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat	4
Rescue & EMS Incident	25
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	141
Service Call	118
Good Intent Call	70
False Alarms	153
Severe Weather & Natural Disasters	<u>1</u>
Total Incident Count:	651

Resolution No. 07-5

WHEREAS, Glenn Zalarick has served as Fire Chief of the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department for the year 2006, 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 Glenn Zalarick, 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 Glenn Zalarick 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 Glenn Zalarick 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 Glenn Zalarick.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,
Absent 1 – Councilmember Moskal

(Sgd) Frank J. Calandriello
Joseph Delaney

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At this time, Mayor Frank J. Calandriello presented outgoing Fire Chief Glenn Zalarick with a framed copy of Resolution No. 06-14 and presented and pinned the Ex-Chief Badge on outgoing Fire Chief Zalarick.

Outgoing Fire Chief Zalarick gave the following Farewell Address:

“It has been my privilege, and an honor to serve the City of Garfield as Fire Chief during the Year 2006. The experience of leading the Garfield Fire Department, along with the many new friendships and memories made during my term is something that I will always treasure and look back upon with a sense of pride. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank the many people who were instrumental in making my term a little less worrisome and free of unnecessary complications.

First I would like to thank the Mayor and Council, our City Manager, and the entire staff here at City Hall for all of your support and assistance. Much of the progression and many improvements made to the Department could not have been accomplished without all of you. I will always be grateful for all of your hard work and professionalism.

I would also like to thank my assistant Chiefs and all the officers and members of the Garfield Fire Department. You should all be commended for your unselfish dedication and continued commitment to the City of Garfield. I could not have asked for, nor could I have expected more from a finer group of individuals. Thank You. To the Officers and Members of Fire Company #2, I offer my sincerest thanks and appreciation for all of your help, hard work and dedication during the past 5 years. Your faith and confidence in me enable me to accomplish my endeavor as Chief.

Next I would like to congratulate incoming Chief Ortyl, I wish you nothing but success, safety and the best of luck in 2007. Finally, I would like to thank my wife Karen, for all of her support and understanding as I fulfilled the many duties and responsibilities of this position. You were, and are my strength and the motivating factor in my life, and I love you. To my children and parents for your love and assistance, Thank You!!

City Clerk Pavlica administered the Oath of Office to the Line Officers of Fire Company No. One followed by Fire Companies 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:

James Kovacs	Fourth Assistant Chief
Michael Latona	Third Assistant Chief
Michael Marsh	Second Assistant Chief
Stephen Semancik	First Assistant Chief
Edward Ortyl	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 Edward Ortyl, as his mother, Helen Ortyl, held the Bible. City Manager Thomas Duch then presented Chief Ortyl with the Badge of Fire Chief of the City of Garfield.

Fire Chief Ortyl made the following comments:

“Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen. I would like to thank each of you for attending this evening’s ceremony.

The last 21 years with the Garfield Fire Department have been rewarding experience for me. I look forward to working together with the City Manager, Mr. Duch and the Mayor and Council towards the overall improvements of our Fire Department.

I wish to thank my parents for their encouragement and support; as well as the rest of my family.

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I would like to remember our former Chief Bob D'Arrigo who passed in 2003-whose term I am fulfilling. I know Bob is looking down on us this evening.

Finally, I wish to thank all the members of Company No. 3 for their support in my achieving the rank of Fire Chief.

It is my pride that I will perform my duties to the best of my ability with your assistance. Thank you

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

Ex-Chief Keating thanked everybody for coming to this evening's ceremony and he invited everyone to the City Nutrition Center and Senior Citizens Building located at 480 Midland Avenue for refreshment and fellowship.

Father Edward Szpiech concluded the ceremony with a Special Benediction.

At 7:55 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Krone moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Aloia duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 4,
Absent 1 – Councilmember Moskal

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK