

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Friday, January 4, 2013 at 7:10 PM in the Council Chamber in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Mayor Joseph Delaney 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: Frank J. Calandriello, Louis G. Aloia, Tana M. Raymond, Glenn A. Mati, and Joseph Delaney

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch, City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica and City Engineer Representative Bernard Mirandi (for City Engineer Kevin J. Boswell)

City Clerk Pavlica introduced Fire Company No. Four President and Ex-Fire Chief Ernest P. Rosolen, who acted as the Master of Ceremonies. He welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting and called upon Assistant Chief Alan Tani who led the meeting in the flag salute.

Ex-Chief Rosolen 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 upon Outgoing Fire Chief Kenneth Robertson to conclude Unfinished Business for the Firematic Year 2012:

Garfield Fire Department

Fire Calls 2012

Total Calls: 668

Fire	86
Rescue & Emergency Service Incident	21
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	112
Service Call	143
Good Intent Call	78
False Alarm & False Call	207
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	4
Special Incident Type	<u>17</u>
Total Incident Count:	668

Resolution No. 13-1

WHEREAS, Kenneth Robertson, has served as Fire Chief of the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department for the year 2012, 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 Kenneth Robertson 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 Kenneth Roberson 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 Kenneth Robertson 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 Kenneth Robertson.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) All Five Councilmembers

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At this time, Mayor Delaney presented outgoing Fire Chief Kenneth Robertson with a framed copy of Resolution No. 13-01 and presented and pinned the Ex-Chief Badge on outgoing Fire Chief Robertson.

Outgoing Fire Chief Robertson gave the following Farewell Address:

“As the year 2012 comes to a close, I look back and see that I accomplished the most important goal that I set for myself as Chief, and that is to ensure that each and every member of the Garfield Fire Department return home safely to their families after each alarm.

In March I will be starting my 27th year of service to the Garfield Fire Department, during that time I have held every firematic position and some positions more than once and in multiple companies. After transferring to Rescue Engine Company #3 in January 2007, it wasn't long before I started moving back up the ranks, then to have the honor of being asked to complete John Keating Jr.'s unexpired term as Fire Chief, giving me the chance to serve the Garfield Fire Department as Chief for a second time. For that I would like to thank my brother members of Rescue Engine Co. #3 and especially thank Ex-Chief John Keating Jr. for believing in me and having the confidence that I would carry out such a task to the best of my ability.

I would also like to thank my wife Deanna, daughter Breanne and my son Liam, because without your help, support and understanding, I would not have been able to get through the year, running out at all hours of the day and night, attending what seemed like never ending meetings, you have all stood by my side and for that I thank you.

There is always the endless list of people to thank, starting with our members of the Garfield Fire Department, who have shown us year after year how great they really are, our City Manager, Mayor and City Council, City Clerk's Office, Finance and Purchasing Departments, who have always stood by the Fire Department running, including the purchase of a new ladder truck and a new chief's car this year. The Garfield Police Department for being out there side by side with us at all incidents. The Garfield Public Works for always telling us NO we can't assist you, then finding the way to get our requests handled anyway, the Fire Department Mutual Aid community made up of our surrounding towns who is always there to assist us whenever called. The Fire Prevention Bureau for doing such a great job and keeping our fire load to a minimum. And anyone else who has assisted the fire department this year, your help does not go unappreciated. Thank you.”

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

City Manager Duch administered the Oath of Office to the Line Officers of Fire Company No. Two.

City Clerk Pavlica administered the Oath of Office to the Line Officers of Fire Company No. Three.

City Manager Duch administered the Oath of Office to the Line Officers of Fire Company No. Four.

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

Edward Morano	Fourth Assistant Chief
James Kovacs Sr.	Third Assistant Chief
Michael Colon	Second Assistant Chief
Alan Tani	First Assistant Chief
John Kopacz	Fire Chief

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City Manager Duch administered the Oath of Office to the four Assistant Fire Chiefs.

Mayor Delaney administered the Oath of Office to Fire John Kopacz, as his family, held the Bible. City Manager Duch then presented Chief Kopacz with the Badge of Fire Chief of the City of Garfield.

Ex-Chief Rosolen thanked everyone for coming to this evening's ceremony and he invited everyone to Fire House No. 4, located at 97 Outwater Lane, for refreshments and fellowship.

Father Edward Szpiech concluded the ceremony with a Special Benediction.

At 7:50 PM, there being no further business, Councilmember Raymond moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Mati duly seconded the motion.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK