

Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus
County of Bergen
Mayor and Council Special Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2021 7:00 p.m.

The Special Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus was held via Zoom on October 28, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Randall who asked the Municipal Clerk to read the open a public meeting statement:

The Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus is now in session in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of the “Open Public Meetings Act”, adequate notice of this meeting has been posted in the front lobby entrance to the Borough Hall and Council Chambers, a copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have transmitted to the Record and the Ridgewood News.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor.....	Thomas W. Randall
Council President.....	Douglas Troast
Councilman.....	Steven Shell - absent
Councilman.....	Edward Iannelli
Councilman.....	Kevin Crossley- absent
Councilman.....	Dane Policastro
Councilwoman.....	Kathleen Moran

Also, in attendance Timothy Wiss , Borough Attorney; William Jones, Borough Administrator; and Joan Herve, Borough Clerk, Police Chief , Mike LaCroix

Borough Attorney, Timothy Wiss explained the Governing Body is here tonight to hear an appeal that was filed by Sergeant Balastrieri. Sergeant Balastrieri invoked the appeal process as part of a promotional ordinance. The Sergeant participate fully in the promotional process under that ordinance. One of the appeals was forwarded to Chief LaCroix who denied his appeal. However, he provided Sergeant Balastrieri with the opportunity to present his case to the Governing Body as he wanted to give the Sergeant all the opportunities to present his case. (which is not required as per the ordinance). Notice of this meeting was provided to Sergeant Balastrieri along with a rice notice. Sergeant Balastrieri did respond via letter to the administrator that he has to speak to his attorney and he did want to the opportunity to participate in the Public Meeting.

The Governing Body waiting 15 minutes for Sergeant to participate; however, he did not appear on the zoom meeting, therefore, the Borough Attorney advised the Governing Body to begin the appeal process

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Moran, seconded by Councilman Policastro denying Sergeant Balastrieri appeal regarding the promotional process for the position of Police Captain for the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus Police Department based on the evidence provided before them tonight. Motion Carried by roll call vote – all present voting “Aye”.

A written response will be provided to Sergeant Balastrieri of the outcome of his appeal.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Iannelli, seconded by Councilwoman Moran, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Motion Carried by voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Herve, RMC/CMR
Borough Clerk