

SPECIAL MEETING
January 3, 2025

A **SPECIAL MEETING** of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt was held in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall, 500 Madison Street, Carlstadt, New Jersey on Friday, January 3, 2025 at 7:05 P.M.

Mayor Robert Zimmermann asked Claire Foy, Borough Clerk to call the roll: Mayor Robert Zimmermann, Council members David Stoltz, Joseph Emerson, William Roseman, and Diane DeBiase were present. Councilman James Lenoy and Councilwoman Suzanne Fonseca were absent.

Mayor Zimmermann led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Zimmermann – In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Meetings Act, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt is giving notice of the following meeting which was published in The Record and the Herald News on December 20, 2024 as follows:

Friday, January 3, 2025
7:00 P.M. – Borough Hall Council Chambers
Purpose: Carlstadt Fire Department Installation of Officers

8:00 P.M. – Borough Caucus Room
Purpose: Caucus/Finance Meeting

Mayor Zimmermann welcomed everyone and said it is so good to see everybody here this evening for this ceremony. He further said he would like to take this opportunity to thank the men and women of our Fire Department. I know we all take for granted the amount of time and effort and the hundreds of hours of training that all of you put forth to help us. Also, all of the time and dinners that are missed with your families. I really appreciate all you do to keep us safe. I would also like to thank all of the families also for all you do. You do a great job and we appreciate it all so much.

Mayor Zimmermann called up the 2024 Past Chief Robert Ruff, Jr. for the presentation of the Past Chief's badge. He read his report for the month of December 2024. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their commitment and support throughout the year as well as other people and groups who helped him through last year.

The Installation of the Fire Officers of the Borough of Carlstadt for 2025 is as follows:

CHIEF JAMES SCHMIDT – His brother, Gregory presented him with his badge and his mother, Irene held the Bible.

ASSISTANT CHIEF JAY MURPHY – His wife, Linda presented him with his badge and his son, Nick held the Bible.

DEPUTY CHIEF WALTER STANKIEWICZ III – His wife, Ashley presented him with his badge

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and his sons, Walter and Kyler held the Bible.

BATTALION CHIEF BARTLOMIE PACHUCKI – His wife, Halina presented him with his badge and his son, Daniel held the Bible.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OFFICERS, ROBERT BROWN - His wife, Amy presented him with his badge and his daughter, Ashley and son, James held the Bible.

Mayor Zimmermann called up the Captains for 2025:

Steven Lahullier, Anthony Silletto III, Joseph Taylor, David Llewellyn and Joseph Biggy, Jr.

Mayor Zimmermann called up the 1st Lieutenants for 2025:

Stephen Capuano, John Sanzari III, Brian Cervasio, Jason Roughgarden and Mark Dunn Jr.

Mayor Zimmermann called up the 2nd Lieutenants for 2025:

Dennis Kronyak, Jr., Henry Riveros, Gabriel Rodriguez, Andrew Peet and Corey Hoefling.

Mayor Zimmermann called upon Chief Schmidt for the presentation of gifts. Chief Schmidt presented the white helmet to Battalion Chief Pachucki.

Chief Schmidt addressed everyone saying it is his honor and privilege to be standing here today as the Chief of the Carlstadt Fire Department. To all the new officers... congratulations. To you and all the members of the Carlstadt Fire Department I am looking forward to being your Chief this year and working with each one of you whether on ground or training or anything else that comes up during the year. I am here to support you and will always be available to listen to you and have your back. I would like to thank Mayor Zimmermann and the entire Council for all the support they provide to the Fire Department. We wouldn't have the best apparatus or equipment to help protect the residents and businesses in the town without them. He also thanked his family and other fire departments. He invited everyone downstairs in the firehouse.

Mayor Zimmermann thanked Chief Ruff for everything he did this year and said we look forward to working with you Chief Schmidt in the upcoming year.

Councilman Stoltz thanked all of the members also. Mayor Zimmermann thanked everyone for coming this evening. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and a safe new year moving forward. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

APPROVED: _____
ROBERT J. ZIMMERMANN, MAYOR

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ATTEST: _____
CLAIRE FOY, BOROUGH CLERK