

Approved, August 9, 2022

Municipal Building  
Park Ridge, NJ  
July 15, 2022 - 2:00 P.M.

A Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge was called to order at the above time, place and date.

Police Chief Joseph Madden led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Present:** Councilmember Fenwick, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Cozzi, Councilmember Capilli, Council President Metzdorf and Mayor Misciagna

**Absent:** Councilmember Epstein

**Also Present:** Magdalena Giandomenico, Borough Clerk  
Julie Falkenstern, Borough Administrator

**Mayor Misciagna Reads Compliance Statement**, as required by Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

**PUBLIC PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Mayor Misciagna asks if anyone present wishes to be heard on any matter.  
*Upon recognition by the Mayor, the person shall proceed to the floor and give his/her name and address in an audible tone of voice for the records. Unless further time is granted by the Council, he/she shall limit his/her statement to five (5) minutes. Statements shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any member thereof. No person, other than the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, without recognition by the Mayor.*

Mayor Misciagna asks for a motion to accept Resolution No. 022-229- Resolution Approving the Hire of Charles Davies and Jason Vradenburg as Probationary Police Officers with the Borough of Park Ridge Police Department

A motion was made by Council President Metzdorf and seconded by Councilman Fenwick to confirm.

**AYES:** Councilmember Fenwick, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Cozzi, Councilmember Capilli, Council President Metzdorf

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Epstein

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**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE  
RESOLUTION NO. 022-229**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRE OF CHARLES DAVIES AND JASON VRADENBURG AS PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICERS WITH THE BOROUGH OF PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need to have two (2) additional police officers to serve with the Borough of Park Ridge Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge wish to appoint Charles Davies and Jason Vradenburg as Probationary Police Officers in the Borough of Park Ridge; and

**WHEREAS**, such appointment shall include and be contingent upon Mr. Davies and Mr. Vrandenburg’s enrollment, attendance and completion of the prescribed course of the New Jersey Police Academy; and

**WHEREAS**, such appointment shall commence on or about July 15, 2022, such date of hire shall be the first day of attendance of the New Jersey Police Academy; and

**WHEREAS**, such appointment shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey, the laws of the County of Bergen, the policies of the Borough of Park Ridge and is subject to the salary step guide and terms contained within the collective bargaining agreement in effect between the Borough and the Police Benevolent Association which shall include the Memorandum of Understanding and corresponding step guide agreed to in July of 2022; and.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute, and the Borough Clerk to attest, to any and all documents necessary to appoint Charles Davies and Jason Vradenburg as Probationary Police Officers pursuant to the terms of this resolution and according to the laws/policies/requirements of the Borough of Park Ridge, the applicable collective bargaining agreement, the July 2022 Memorandum of Understanding between the PBA and The Borough, the laws of the County of Bergen and the laws of the State of New Jersey; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of the within resolution and the governing collective bargaining agreement be available for public inspection during regular business hours and pursuant to the laws of the State of New Jersey, County of Bergen and Borough of Park Ridge

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Mayor Misciagna invited Charles Davies and Jason Vradenburg to the podium to be sworn in along with Police commissioner Metzdorf.

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**Mayor Misciagna:** We support the Police Department. We have the best Police Department in Bergen County and the State. I say it all the time. We wish you the best in the academy, stay safe and welcome aboard!

**Chief Madden:** I would like to thank our Mayor, Keith Misciagna, and our Police Commissioner, Robert Metzdorf, and the entire council for their continued support. You know it is not easy hiring new officers, but in this day and age when there is so much happening around the world, it is great to have their support. Congratulations to Jason and Charles, I know you went through a very tough vetting process and it's not going to get any easier. But you guys will be joining the finest department in the State, like the Mayor said, and I think in the region. You are very fortunate, it is a blessing and a calling. Work hard and make us proud and congratulations. Welcome to the team!

**Council President Metzdorf:** These two young men before you I remember coaching. They showed hard work and listened to their coaches, and I expect the same will happen with their new coach, Chief Madden and all his command staff. I am very grateful you guys are here, your interviews were incredible. You stepped up and stood out and I congratulate them and their families. Welcome aboard and be safe!

## **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Councilman Ferguson and seconded by Councilman Fenwick to adjourn the Special Mayor and Council meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:20P.M.