

SPECIAL MEETING  
BOROUGH COUNCIL  
BOROUGH OF RUMSON  
September 28, 2015

A special meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson was held in the Charles S. Callman Courtroom of Borough Hall on September 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Ekdahl, Councilwoman Atwell, Councilmen Broderick (arrived 7:15 p.m.), Conklin, Day, Hemphill and Rubin.

Absent: None.

Thomas S. Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, was present.

Martin M. Barger, Borough Attorney, was present.

David Marks of T & M Associates was not present.

Reverend Jeffrey Roy, Associate Rector of St. George's by-the-River Episcopal Church, was present.

**DISPENSE WITH THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

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On motion by Councilman Rubin, seconded by Councilman Day, the Borough Council dispensed with the regular Order of Business in order for a ceremonial meeting to take place to appoint a Police Patrolman, award a plaque and certificates to members of the First Aid Squad and Police Department. All in favor.

*Invocation*

Reverend Jeffrey Roy, Associate Rector of St. George's by-the-River Episcopal Church, gave the Invocation.

Mayor John E. Ekdahl welcomed everyone to the ceremony to appoint Grace P. Maggiulli as a Police Patrolman, award a plaque to the First Aid Squad and certificates to members and Police Officers for saving a life and a certificate to Lauren Kammerer for an emergency baby delivery.

Rumson  
Police Department

Mayor Ekdahl read the following regarding Grace P. Maggiulli of the Rumson Police Department:

The Borough of Rumson is very fortunate to have Grace Maggiulli be appointed as the first female Patrolman of the Rumson Police Department. Grace was appointed as a part-time Police Dispatcher on August 4, 2014 and a full-time Dispatcher/Class II Special Officer on January 1, 2015. Grace successfully completed the Police Academy Class II Special Officer Course on May 13, 2015.

Grace has lived in Middletown for 20 years, attended the Academy of Law and Public Safety Program and graduated from Middletown North High School in 2013, graduated from Brookdale Community College with an Associate in Science and is a certified EMT.

In the short period with Rumson, she has shown herself to be capable and intelligent and proved to be an important member of the Rumson Police Department. Grace is destined for a long and successful career as a Rumson Police Officer.

Grace's mother Margaret Rafferty and stepfather George Criscione have been very supportive in Grace's journey and proud of her accomplishments, as well they should be.

*Oath of Office*

Mayor John E. Ekdahl administered the Oath of Office as Police Patrolman to Grace while her mother, Margaret Rafferty, held the Bible.

Mayor Ekdahl congratulated Patrolman Maggiulli and invited Police Chief Scott A. Paterson to come forward.

*Presentation of Badge*

Police Chief Paterson thanked all the Police Officers in his Department, the Mayor and Borough Council and Administrator Tom Rogers for working so well together to accomplish a lot. Chief Paterson presented the Police Patrolman badge to Grace and her mother pinned it to her uniform. Chief Paterson congratulated Patrolman Maggiulli and told her to “stay safe.”

Mayor Ekdahl stated that he and the members of the Council were thrilled to see all the members of the Police Department this evening in their show of support.

Rumson  
First Aid Squad

Lifesaving Award

Mayor Ekdahl read the following regarding the life of a Rumson resident that was saved on June 28, 2015:

On June 28, 2015 an emergency call was received advising of a cardiac arrest of a resident who had missed a dialysis appointment and went into respiratory failure and cardiac arrest. The Rumson First Aid Squad and members of the Police Department responded to the call. With their vast skills and years of experience they were able to successfully revive the resident for a total recovery.

*Presentation of Plaque and Certificates*

Captain Nichols thanked the Mayor and Council and stated that she wanted to also thank the Police Department for their support and invaluable assistance on all of their emergency calls.

Captain Nichols reported the details of the event and called the following First Aid Squad members and Police Officers involved to come forward to receive a certificate and congratulated them:

*First Aid Squad Recipients*

Frank Davis	Captain Mary Nichols	Robert Nichols
Dennis Nitka	Evette Polczynski	Kyle Sullivan
Jeremy Susser	Michael Volker	

*Police Department Recipients*

Senior Patrolman James E. Fenn, III  
Patrolman Grace P. Maggiulli  
Senior Patrolman Richard M. Torres

Emergency Delivery of a Baby

Mayor Ekdahl stated that the emergency delivery of a baby by First Aid Squad 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Lauren Kammerer on August 22, 2015 had actually made national news and that he first heard of it on the radio the following morning. The Mayor read the following:

Lauren Kammerer has been a member of the Rumson First Aid Squad since June of 2013, serves as a Trustee and is currently a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. Lauren now lives in Little Silver, but lived in Rumson for approximately 25 years, graduated from Rumson-Fair Haven Regional in 1998 and is working toward her degree from Brookdale Community College, where she received her EMT certification in January 2014.

On August 22, 2015, Lauren heard a honking horn while she was at Sands Beach Club and responded to the cry for help from a man on Ocean Avenue in Sea Bright. His wife was in labor in their car and, with Lauren’s skill and calm, the baby was successfully delivered. Baby and mother are both doing well and thankful that Lauren was there to bring the new life into the world.

*Presentation of Certificate and Pin*

Captain Nichols gave the details of the emergency birth and added that delivering a baby was something every First Aider dreams about, but during the process you don't really breathe until the baby does. Captain Nichols presented 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Lauren Kammerer with a Certificate of Emergency Child Birth Award and a pink stork pin and congratulated her on the delivery.

At this time, Mayor Ekdahl presented First Aid Squad Captain Mary Nichols with a plaque for the Squad that recognized and detailed the lifesaving event and the emergency delivery of the baby. The Mayor thanked Captain Nichols and the Squad members for all their hard work.

Captain Nichols thanked Mayor Ekdahl.

*Closing Remarks*

Mayor Ekdahl congratulated the recipients and thanked the First Aid Squad, Police Officers, including two from the Borough of Little Silver, and all in attendance for joining the Borough Council for the ceremony. He thanked Reverend Jeffrey Roy and invited him to come forward for the Benediction.

*Benediction*

Reverend Jeffrey Roy thanked all the members of the Police Department and First Aid Squad for their service and for protecting the Borough of Rumson. He asked that all join him in reading the following prayers for Law Enforcement and EMS:

*Law Enforcement Prayer*

*Almighty God, watch over all those who have given  
their lives to Law Enforcement.*

*Grant them your strength and courage as they carry  
out their duties.*

*Protect these brave men and women, and grant  
them your guidance.*

*Author Unknown*

*EMS Prayer*

*As I perform my duty Lord,*

*Whatever be the call, help to guide and keep me safe  
From dangers big and small.*

*I want to serve and do my best no matter what the scene.*

*I pledge to keep my skills refined, my judgment quick and keen.*

*This calling to give myself most do not understand,*

*A word of thanks I might not hear,*

*But knowing is enough,*

*That I have helped just even one,*

*To go on to live and love.*

*Author Unknown*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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On motion by Councilman Rubin, seconded by Councilman Hemphill, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas S. Rogers, R.M.C.  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator