

Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of East Hanover held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 411 Ridgedale Avenue, East Hanover, New Jersey.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATHS OF OFFICE:

Mayor Panullo administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Councilmen Frank DeMaio, Jr. and Michael Martorelli.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmen DeMaio, Brokaw, Martorelli, Councilwoman Jandoli, and Mayor Pannullo

Also Present: Joseph Tempesta, Jr., Administrator
Matthew O'Donnell, Township Attorney
Paula A. Massaro, Township Clerk
Felicia A. McDonald, Deputy Township Clerk

Father Matthew Kranc of St. Rose of Lima Church gave the Invocation.

Mayor Pannullo read the Public Announcement in which he stated that the meeting had been advertised, the press notified, and the notice posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and then acknowledged dignitaries, Township officials, and professionals in attendance.

1-2018~ Resolution: Designation of Council President

Motion by Councilman DeMaio, seconded by Councilwoman Jandoli to designate Michael Martorelli to serve as Council President.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Brokaw, Jandoli, Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

2-2018~ Resolution: Appoint Vincent A. Pirone, Esq. as Municipal Judge

Motion by Council President Martorelli, seconded by Councilman DeMaio to appoint Vincent A. Pirone, Esq. as Municipal Judge.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Brokaw, Jandoli, Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

Superior Court Judge Philip J. Maenza administered the Oath of Office to Judge Pirone.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS WITH ADVICE & CONSENT OF COUNCIL:

All appointment resolutions have been referred to members of the Township Council for reading and study, are considered to be routine, and will be enacted by one motion of the Township Council with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, the resolution may be removed and be subject to a separate roll call.

- 3-2018~ Resolution: Township Attorney~Matthew J. O'Donnell, Esq. of O'Donnell McCord PC
- 4-2018~ Resolution: Bond Counsel~ Matthew D. Jessup, Esq. of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann
- 5-2018~ Resolution: Labor Counsel~ Genova Burns LLC
- 6-2018~ Resolution: Labor Counsel~ Ramon E. Rivera, Esq. of Scarinci Hollenbeck
- 7-2018~ Resolution: Auditor~ Steven D. Wielkotz, RMA of Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo & Cuva
- 8-2018~ Resolution: Township Engineer~ Ralph J. Tango, Jr., PE of Maser Consulting PA
- 9-2018~ Resolution: Consulting Engineer~ Boswell Engineering
- 10-2018~ Resolution: Township Planner~ Darlene A. Green, PP of Maser Consulting PA
- 11-2018~ Resolution: Appraiser~ Robert McNerney of McNerney & Associates
- 12-2018~ Resolution: Risk Management Consultant~ IMAC Insurance Agency
- 13-2018~ Resolution: Municipal Prosecutor~ Michael Calabro, Esq.
- 14-2018~ Resolution: Assistant Prosecutor~ Georgina Giordano Pallitto, Esq.
- 15-2018~ Resolution: Public Defender~ James Pomaco, Esq.
- 16-2018~ Resolution: Land Use Planning Board Class III Member~ Frank DeMaio, Jr.
- 17-2018~ Resolution: Library Board Member~ Diane Scerbo
- 18-2018~ Resolution: EH Community Partnership Class A Director~ Michael Martorelli
- 19-2018~ Resolution: EH Community Partnership Class B Director~ Vincent Bove
- 20-2018~ Resolution: EH Community Partnership Class B Director~ John Deep
- 21-2018~ Resolution: EH Community Partnership Class B Director~ Arthur Dorey
- 22-2018~ Resolution: EH Community Partnership Class B Director~ James Politi
- 23-2018~ Resolution: Public Agency Compliance Officer~ Kenneth Huelbig
- 24-2018~ Resolution: Morris County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee
Representative~ Christopher Manak
- 25-2018~ Resolution: Morris County Department of Human Services Division on Aging
Delegate~ Barbara Gagne
Alternate~ Joan Jensen
- 26-2018~ Resolution: Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
Commissioner~ Joseph Tempesta, Jr.
Alternate~ Kenneth Huelbig
- 27-2018~ Resolution: Morris County League of Municipalities Representatives~
Mayor Joseph Pannullo and Administrator Joseph Tempesta, Jr.
- 28-2018~ Resolution: Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
Safety Delegate~ Richard Getsinger
Alternate~ Frank Cancellieri

Motion by Councilwoman Jandoli, seconded by Councilman DeMaio to adopt the foregoing resolutions.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Brokaw, Jandoli, Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:

The Clerk read the Mayoral Appointments for the record.

Land Use Planning Board:

- 29-2018~ Resolution: Class I Member~ Mayor's Designee~ Carolyn Jandoli
- 30-2018~ Resolution: Class II Member~ Thomas Pershouse
Class IV Regular Members~ Richard Koscielak and George McDonald
Alt #3 Member~ Gary Lombardi
Alt #4 Member~ Steve Sylvestro
- 31-2018~ Resolution: Mayor's Designee to Library Board~ Audrey Colasurdo
- 32-2018~ Resolution: Environmental Commission Members~
 - Christopher Manak
 - Gary Lombardi
 - Alexandra Savino
 - Thomas Scorsone
- 33-2018~ Resolution: Morris County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee
Representative~ Kenneth Huelbig
Alternate~ Carolyn Jandoli
- 34-2018~ Resolution: Senior Citizens Management Board Liaison~ Carolyn Jandoli

CONSENT AGENDA: Organizational and Procedural Resolutions:

Matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been referred to members of the Township Council for reading and study, are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Township Council with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, the resolution may be removed and be subject to a separate roll call.

- 35-2018~ Resolution: Establish Regular Meeting Dates
- 36-2018~ Resolution: Establish Meeting Structure
- 37-2018~ Resolution: Designation of Official Newspapers
- 38-2018~ Resolution: Designation of Depositories and Authorized Township Signatories
- 39-2018~ Resolution: Designation of Tax Search Officer
- 40-2018~ Resolution: Designation of Assessment Search Officer
- 41-2018~ Resolution: Chief Finance Officer to Sell Bond Anticipation Notes
- 42-2018~ Resolution: Annual Due Dates for Tax and Utilities, Grace Period, and Penalty
- 43-2018~ Resolution: Returned Check Fees
- 44-2018~ Resolution: Cancellation of Property Tax and Water-Sewer Refunds or Delinquencies
- 45-2018~ Resolution: Petty Cash Funds
- 46-2018~ Resolution: Cash Management Plan
- 47-2018~ Resolution: Temporary Budget
- 48-2018~ Resolution: Cancellation of Water-Sewer Utility Appropriation Balances

Motion by Councilman Brokaw, seconded by Council President Martorelli to adopt the foregoing resolutions.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Brokaw, Jandoli, Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

COUNCIL REMARKS:

Councilman DeMaio thanked everyone for attending the meeting and especially for their constant support of Team Pannullo, and also, he expressed thanks to Father Kranc for providing the Invocation. He promised to continue to work with the Mayor and Council to continue to make East Hanover the great place it is to live and work. Councilman DeMaio acknowledged his parents and wife Joyce for her understanding and continual support. Lastly, he wished everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous 2018.

Council President Martorelli first stated that he was honored to serve as Council President for 2018 and recognized Councilman DeMaio for his diligent work as Council President last year. He was grateful to the residents for their support to serve as Councilman for his third term. Council President Martorelli promised to deliver professional services that the residents have grown accustomed to while keeping taxes stable. Lastly, he thanked his parents and wife Tracy and daughters for their continued support.

Councilman Brokaw commended the Department of Public Works and Water Department for their efforts in repairing two recent water main breaks. He congratulated Councilmen DeMaio and Martorelli on their re-election and was pleased that they both share a common desire to continue to move East Hanover towards excellence. Lastly, Councilman Brokaw complimented all Township departments and employees and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Jandoli thanked the residents for the privilege and honor in allowing her the opportunity to serve the Township and said that the Mayor and Council have worked hard in achieving to make East Hanover a great community to live and work. She stated that the Council would continue to balance our fiscal responsibilities of maintaining low taxes and move our community forward with new investments. Councilwoman Jandoli congratulated Councilmen DeMaio and Martorelli and extended best of luck to them in the upcoming year. She praised the Police Department for their exceptional services as well as the volunteers of the Fire Department and First Aid Squad. Councilwoman Jandoli acknowledged the growth of the Office of Emergency Management making it the best in the state. Lastly, she thanked the Township employees for their hard work and commitment.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS:

Mayor Pannullo first wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. He congratulated Councilman DeMaio and Council President Martorelli on their re-election and said that they would continue to work hard on behalf of the citizens of East Hanover. Also, the Mayor congratulated Michael Martorelli on being selected Council President for the year and said that he would work closely with him in setting the agenda for the community.

Mayor Pannullo continued, “2018 is starting my 11th year as your Mayor, and I am truly honored and humbled by the responsibility you have given me that I take very seriously. The next several years will be very important to the Township of East Hanover; we are facing challenges that could change or alter the very makeup of our community. I am specifically talking about our COAH obligations and the possible redevelopment of the Mondelez property. We all hear rumors most of which are untrue. Rather than listen to those rumors, you all have my cell phone, and I ask you to call me anytime at (973) 418-5859.

Here is what we know regarding Mondelez. We have been told that an application to redevelop a portion of the Mondelez property is close to being filed, although we have not seen any formal application yet. I remind all of you that they do have the legal right to file an application for development. That does not mean whatever is submitted will be approved. There is a process and that process will have to take its course. It is our understanding there is a contract purchaser for that portion of the Mondelez property, and there will be an application requesting several residential developments. Until they file a formal application, we have no specific details.

I caution the public not to make a rush to judgment. While the potential development for this site or any other site exists at the same time, we are in court regarding the COAH obligations for East Hanover, which is a very important part in shaping the future of our community. The Township will do its fair share of providing affordable housing since it is the law. However, we are in court because we feel the state has given us an unfair number of 750 affordable units, of which we feel that number should be substantially less. Make no mistake; these decisions can affect our quality of life in East Hanover. Make no further mistake; I will fight with every ounce of energy I have to do the best for East Hanover. In fact, I believe the community can have no better advocate than Joe Pannullo fighting for our community and these very important decisions.

Although my job as Mayor is actually a part-time position, I can tell you that I am definitely working full-time as your Mayor. I am very fortunate to have the time to devote to our community, and quite frankly, these issues facing us require a full-time commitment.

We will continue to monitor these issues as we prepare our budget over the next several months. We will also plan prudently as we continue the necessary infrastructure work for East Hanover including maintaining our roads, fields, parks, and buildings while providing all of the tools necessary for our Township departments to offer the services you have come to expect. It is always a delicate balancing act to supply the essential equipment at the least possible cost and minimal tax impact to our residents and businesses.

This past year was a busy one; we accomplished a lot together. In addition to paving several streets including Timber Hill, Tiffany, and Justin Drive; we reconstructed Phase 1 of Troy Road and Ronald Drive. We successfully installed a new soccer field and demolished two old dilapidated buildings at Camp Hope. We are in the process of finishing a new community building in its place. Work was done at the First Aid Squad building and Police Headquarters, paving at the Recreation Center parking lot as well as the DPW parking lot, upgrades at the Recreation Center building, renovated many bathrooms at all our public buildings, and completed construction of a new Office of Emergency Management command center. We continued to make technology and security upgrades to our buildings and roads.

We always remember our Senior Citizens, and we have continued to provide the services they need with regards to transportation to doctors' offices, upgrading the facilities at the Senior Center, and providing help whenever necessary. Our Senior Citizens are America's greatest generation, and we always care for them. Also, we continue to make improvements to the building including Wi-Fi access and soon they will have a new lift/elevator installed.

We must also keep in mind that our most precious assets, our children, are a very important part of our community family. We support our schools, teachers, and students. Together, with our seniors and families, our community as a whole working together makes us a great community.

Congratulations to all our volunteer citizens appointed today; thank you for all that you do for our community. I want to especially thank our volunteer Fire Department and First Aid Squad for serving our community. I also want to thank all Township Departments; Police, Fire, OEM, CERT, Public Works, Clerk, Tax, Water/Sewer, Construction, Recreation, Library, and our inspectors and part-time employees that do a great job every day.

These continue to be challenging times, but I want to emphasize that East Hanover has been very fortunate because of all its citizens, volunteers, and employees working together to make East Hanover a great community. Our future is bright, and we continue to be an affordable and stable community to live, work, and raise a family.

On behalf of my wife Terry and the entire Pannullo family, we wish you and your families a Happy and Healthy New Year, and as you have heard me say before; we may not be related by blood, but we are related by community and that makes us family.

I thank all of you for the honor and privilege to serve as your Mayor, and thank you for making East Hanover a caring community."

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Council President Martorelli, seconded by Councilman Brokaw to adjourn meeting.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Brokaw, Jandoli, Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula A. Massaro, RMC
Township Clerk

Minutes Adopted: February 5, 2018

