

Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of East Hanover held on Sunday, January 3, 2016 at 12:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 411 Ridgedale Avenue, East Hanover, New Jersey.

Opening Ceremony: Re-elected Mayor Joseph Pannullo and Councilwoman Carolyn Jandoli along with the Council and Father Owen Moran were escorted by the Newark Fire Department Pipe and Drum Band.

The Township Clerk called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Nicole Circelli, a Hanover Park High School student, sang the Star Spangled Banner.

OATHS OF OFFICE:

Father Owen Moran, Pastor of St. Rose of Lima Church, administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Mayor Joseph Pannullo and Michael Calabro, Esq. swore in re-elected Councilwoman Carolyn Jandoli.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, DeMaio, Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

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

Father Owen Moran 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.

1-2016~ Resolution: Designation of Council President

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

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

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.

2-2016~ Resolution: Township Attorney~ Matthew J. O'Donnell, Esq. of O'Donnell McCord PC

3-2016~ Resolution: Bond Counsel~ Matthew D. Jessup, Esq. of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann

- 4-2016~ Resolution: Labor Counsel~ Ramon E. Rivera, Esq. of Scarinci Hollenbeck
5-2016~ Resolution: Auditor~ Steven D. Wielkotz, RMA of Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo & Cuva
6-2016~ Resolution: Township Engineer~ Ralph J. Tango, Jr., PE of Maser Consulting PA
7-2016~ Resolution: Consulting Engineers~ AWZ Engineering and Matrix New World Engineering
8-2016~ Resolution: Township Planner~ Darlene A. Green, PP of Maser Consulting PA
9-2016~ Resolution: Appraiser~ Robert McNerney of McNerney & Associates
10-2016~Resolution: Risk Management Consultant~ IMAC Insurance Agency
11-2016~Resolution: Broker of Record for Employee Benefits~ Alamo Insurance Group
12-2016~Resolution: Municipal Prosecutor~ Michael Calabro, Esq.
13-2016~Resolution: Assistant Prosecutors~ Georgina Giordano Pallitto, Esq.
14-2016~Resolution: Public Defenders~ James Pomaco, Esq.
15-2016~Resolution: Land Use Planning Board Class III Member~ Frank DeMaio, Jr.
16-2016~Resolution: Library Board Member~ Dolores Manfra
17-2016~Resolution: Library Board Member~ Donna Glinko
18-2016~Resolution: Community Partnership Class A Director~ Michael Martorelli
19-2016~Resolution: Public Agency Compliance Officer~ Kenneth Huelbig
20-2016~Resolution: Morris County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee
Representative~ Christopher Manak
21-2016~Resolution: Morris County Department of Human Services Division on Aging
Delegate~ Shirley Truskosky
Alternate~ Barbara Gagne
22-2016~Resolution: Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
Commissioner~ Joseph Tempesta, Jr.
Alternate~ Kenneth Huelbig
23-2016~Resolution: Morris County League of Municipalities
Representatives~ Mayor Joseph Pannullo
Administrator Joseph Tempesta, Jr.
24-2016~Resolution: Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
Safety Delegate~ Richard Getsinger
Alternate~ Frank Cancellieri

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

Ayes: Councilmen Peluso, Martorelli, DeMaio, Council President Jandoli, and Mayor Pannullo

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:

The Clerk read the Mayoral appointments for the record.

Land Use Planning Board:

- Class I Member~ Mayor's Designee~ Carolyn Jandoli
- Class II Member~ Thomas Pershouse
- Class IV Regular Member~ Patrick Pepe
- Alt #2 Member~ Alan Elwood
- Alt #3 Member~ Vincent Ucci, Jr.

- Alt #4 Member~ Gary Lombardi

Library Board:

- Mayor's Designee~ Audrey Colasurdo

Morris County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee:

- Representative~ Kenneth Huebig
- Alternate~ 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.

- 25-2016~Resolution: Establish Regular Meeting Dates
- 26-2016~Resolution: Establish Meeting Structure
- 27-2016~Resolution: Designation of Official Newspapers
- 28-2016~Resolution: Designation of Depositories and Authorized Township Signatories
- 29-2016~Resolution: Designation of Tax Search Officer
- 30-2016~Resolution: Designation of Assessment Search Officer
- 31-2016~Resolution: Chief Financial Officer to Sell Bond Anticipation Notes and Bonds
- 32-2016~Resolution: Annual Due Dates for Tax and Utilities, Grace Period, and Penalty
- 33-2016~Resolution: Returned Check Fees
- 34-2016~Resolution: Cancellation of Property Tax and Water-Sewer Refunds or Delinquencies
- 35-2016~Resolution: Petty Cash Funds
- 36-2016~Resolution: Temporary Budget
- 37-2016~Resolution: Cash Management Plan

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

Ayes: Councilmen Peluso, Martorelli, DeMaio, Council President Jandoli, and Mayor Pannullo

COUNCIL REMARKS:

Councilman Peluso congratulated Mayor Pannullo and Council President Jandoli and looked forward to working with the Council this year.

Councilman Martorelli echoed congratulations to the Mayor and Council President. He thanked the Mayor for the privilege in 2015 by serving as Council President.

Councilman DeMaio likewise congratulated the Mayor and Council President on their electoral victory. He said he was proud to be part of Team Pannullo and looked forward to working with the Mayor and Council in keeping East Hanover a great place to reside.

Council President Jandoli welcomed and thanked everyone for their support in her re-election. She stated it was with great pleasure to continue to serve the residents of East Hanover as she reflected on her previous terms and all that had been accomplished. Council President Jandoli also commented on how fortunate she was to be entrusted by such a great community, which was financially stronger and a more desirable community to live in. She also mentioned that East Hanover was prepared in the event of any type of disaster and would continue to care and support one another. She acknowledged that throughout her endeavors serving as Councilwoman, she was able to meet great people and had been given the opportunity to listen and help in areas that she thought would never be possible. The Council President expressed that she was committed to stabilizing taxes and willing to take advantage of cost-cutting opportunities without eliminating services. She further vowed to support our local businesses since they were an integral part of our community. Lastly, Council President Jandoli promised to fight anyone that would try to take away the peace and tranquility of East Hanover and would continue to employ the best municipal workers in the state.

The Council extended a Happy New Year to the the residents of East Hanover.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS:

Mayor Pannullo first wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. He thanked the voters for their support and also said that he was most proud of East Hanover's 41% voter turnout while the State averaged less than a 20% turnout. Also, the Mayor congratulated Council President Carolyn Jandoli on her swearing-in and said that they both would continue to do a great job as they looked forward to working with the Council this year.

Mayor Pannullo continued, "We have worked hard and will continue to do so as we confront certain issues in 2016, and we will deal with them head on and with bold determination. These issues are:

- The Pilgrim Pipeline is an oil pipeline that is attempting to run through our town and other towns in northern NJ, which we believe is dangerous and would definitely affect our quality of life.
- We are also monitoring the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) cases in the courts. When court decisions are determined, they could significantly impact our community with literally hundreds of housing units forced upon us. This would add classrooms to our schools or potentially having to build another school, add significant traffic in town, and become a drain on our police and fire resources.
- We are also seriously considering and planning to make investments in our fields throughout town for our children, either through developing Lurker Park or acquiring potential property that may be for sale in the near future.

We have accomplished a lot together. We were able to successfully fight PSE&G, which resulted in the relocation of a switching station to another town instead of being located in East Hanover that would have affected several neighborhoods. We have done a lot of infrastructure work, including paving of nearly 70 streets in town. We have planned accordingly to be mindful of minimal and sometimes no tax increases over the years, while planning and forging better relations with our neighboring towns

resulting in shared services. We continue to try and keep our property taxes as low as possible while managing our community and working as efficiently as possible.

We always remember our senior citizens and will continue to provide the services they need, especially with transportation as well as upgrading the facilities at the Senior Citizen Center. Our seniors are a vital part of our East Hanover family.

Congratulations to our volunteer citizens appointed today. Thank you for all that you do for our community participating on our Boards. I want to especially thank our volunteer Fire Department and First Aid Squad for serving our community every day.

Also, I want to thank our employee work force; Police, Public Works, Clerk, Finance, Tax, Water and Sewer, Construction, Recreation, and Library including our inspectors and part-time employees who all do a great job serving our residents and businesses.

These continue to be difficult economic times, but I want to say East Hanover has been very fortunate because of all of its residents, 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. As you have heard me say many times, 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.”

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by the Councilman DeMaio, seconded by Councilman Peluso to adjourn meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula A. Massaro, RMC
Township Clerk