

Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of East Hanover held on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 411 Ridgedale Avenue, East Hanover, New Jersey.

OATH OF OFFICE:

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

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

Also Present: Joseph Tempesta, Jr., Administrator
Matthew O'Donnell, Township Attorney
Kenneth Huelbig, CFO
Paula A. Massaro, Township Clerk

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and Father Owen Moran, Pastor of St. Rose of Lima Church gave the Invocation.

The Mayor 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.

1-2015~ Resolution: Designate Council President

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

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

2-2015~ Resolution: Appoint Vincent A. Pirone, Esq. as Municipal Judge

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

Ayes: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, DeMaio, 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.

- 3-2015~ Resolution: Reappointment of Chief Finance Officer~ Kenneth Huelbig
- 4-2015~ Resolution: Appointment of Tax Collector~ Kenneth Huelbig
- 5-2015~ Resolution: Township Attorney~ Matthew J. O'Donnell, Esq. of O'Donnell McCord
- 6-2015~ Resolution: Bond Counsel~ Matthew D. Jessup, Esq. of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann
- 7-2015~ Resolution: Labor Counsel~ Ramon E. Rivera, Esq. of Scarinci Hollenbeck
- 8-2015~ Resolution: Auditor~ Steven D. Wielkotz, RMA of Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo & Cuva
- 9-2015~ Resolution: Township Engineer~ Ralph J. Tango, Jr., PE of Maser Consulting PA
- 10-2015~Resolution: Consulting Engineers~ AWZ Engineering and Matrix New World Engineering
- 11-2015~Resolution: Township Planner~ Darlene A. Green, PP of Maser Consulting PA
- 12-2015~Resolution: Appraiser~ Robert McNerney of McNerney & Associates
- 13-2015~Resolution: Risk Management Consultant~ IMAC Insurance Agency
- 14-2015~Resolution: Broker of Record for Employee Benefits~ Alamo Insurance Group
- 15-2015~Resolution: Municipal Prosecutor~ Michael Calabro, Esq.
- 16-2015~Resolution: Assistant Prosecutor~ Erin Cirelli, Esq.
- 17-2015~Resolution: Public Defenders~ James Pomaco, Esq. and Joshua Reinitz, Esq.
- 18-2015~Resolution: Land Use Planning Board Class III Member~ Frank DeMaio, Jr.
- 19-2015~Resolution: Library Board Member~ Lucia Forgione
- 20-2015~Resolution: EH Community Partnership Class A Director~ Michael Martorelli
- 21-2015~Resolution: EH Community Partnership Class B Director~ Arthur Dorey
- 22-2015~Resolution: EH Community Partnership Class B Director~ Vincent Bove
- 23-2015~Resolution: EH Community Partnership Class B Director~ James Politi
- 24-2015~Resolution: Public Agency Compliance Officer~ Kenneth Huelbig
- 25-2015~Resolution: Morris County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee Representative~ Christopher Manak
- 26-2015~Resolution: Morris County Department of Human Services Division on Aging Delegate~ Shirley Truskosky
Alternate~ Barbara Gagne
- 27-2015~Resolution: Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner~ Joseph Tempesta, Jr.
Alternate~ Kenneth Huelbig
- 28-2015~Resolution: Morris County League of Municipalities Representatives~ Mayor Joseph Pannullo
Administrator Joseph Tempesta, Jr.
- 29-2015~Resolution: Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Safety Delegate~ Richard Getsinger
Alternate~ Frank Cancellieri

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

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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:

The Clerk read the mayoral appointments for the record.

Use Planning Board:

- Class II Member~ Thomas Pershouse
- Class IV Regular Member~ William Salemme
- Alt #1 Member~ Richard Fernicola
- Alt #2 Member~ Anthony D’Anna
- Alt #3 Member~ Alan Elwood
- Alt #4 Member~ Vincent Ucci, Jr.

Library Board:

- Mayor’s Designee~ Audrey Colasurdo

Environmental Commission:

- Christopher Manak (Chairperson)
- Loriann Calderone
- Gary Lombardi
- Thomas Scorsone

Board of Recreation Program Overseers:

- Margaret Figliuolo
- Michele Grande
- Michael Lomio

Morris County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee:

- Representative~ Kenneth Huelbig
- 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.

30-2015~Resolution: Establish Regular Meeting Dates

31-2015~Resolution: Establish Meeting Structure

32-2015~Resolution: Designation of Official Newspapers

- 33-2015~Resolution: Designation of Depositories and Authorized Township Signatories
- 34-2015~Resolution: Designation of Tax Search Officer
- 35-2015~Resolution: Designation of Assessment Search Officer
- 36-2015~Resolution: Chief Financial Officer to Sell Bond Anticipation Notes and Bonds
- 37-2015~Resolution: Annual Due Dates for Tax and Utilities, Grace Period, and Penalty
- 38-2015~Resolution: Returned Check Fees
- 39-2015~Resolution: Cancellation of Property Tax and Water-Sewer Refunds or Delinquencies
- 40-2015~Resolution: Petty Cash Funds
- 41-2015~Resolution: Temporary Budget
- 42-2015~Resolution: Cash Management Plan

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

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

COUNCIL REMARKS:

Councilman Peluso congratulated Councilmen DeMaio and Martorelli as well as all newly appointed professionals and board members.

Councilwoman Jandoli likewise congratulated Councilmen DeMaio and Martorelli and looked forward to having them serve for three more years. She continued to thank the residents for allowing her the opportunity to serve the Township. Councilwoman Jandoli declared that the Council has worked hard to keep taxes low and maintain all Township amenities. She stated that the Township was very fortunate to have dedicated volunteers as well as one of the best police forces in the state. Lastly, Councilwoman Jandoli pledged to work hard in making East Hanover number one as the most desirable place to live in New Jersey.

Councilman DeMaio welcomed and thanked family, friends, and residents in sharing this special evening with him. He expressed that he was honored to serve as Councilman for a second term and promised to continue to work hard for the Township. Councilman DeMaio thanked the appointed professionals and Township Administrator for their continued support and extended thanks to Councilwoman Jandoli for her wisdom and advice. Also, he congratulated Council President Martorelli and especially thanked Mayor Pannullo for his guidance and leadership. In closing, Councilman DeMaio shared an inspirational quote that has continued to guide him, “the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few.”

Council President Martorelli thanked the Mayor and Council for their continued support. He was thankful to Councilman DeMaio for nominating him for Council President and expressed that he would commit to work as diligently in his second term. Council President Martorelli also acknowledged that the Council has always worked earnestly and was proud of their accomplishments.

MAYOR’S ADDRESS:

The Mayor, on behalf of the Pannullo family and the Township Council, wished everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year. He said that the year 2015 would continue to be another challenging year for our community and our nation. He congratulated Councilmen Frank DeMaio and Michael Martorelli on their re-election and also, Michael on being selected as Council President.

Mayor Pannullo continued, "It is truly an honor and privilege to serve as your Mayor, and I promise to continue to work hard for the people of East Hanover by continuing with the policies and philosophies we have in place, while maintaining our services at the least possible cost with minimal or no tax increases. I am also proud that NJ Magazine has recognized our efforts as well as naming our community as one of the top twenty towns to live in the state. To further illustrate our progress, when I took office in 2008, NJ Magazine ranked East Hanover 211 out of 565 municipalities in New Jersey; we were ranked 64 in 2010 and 19 in 2013. We will not stop working until we get to number one.

I want to thank all of our volunteers that serve on our various boards; without their help, East Hanover could not function as a government. We thank them for their willingness to volunteer and congratulate those who were appointed this evening. We especially thank our volunteer Firemen, First Aid Squad members, as well as our Community Emergency Response Team members, who provide valuable assistance to our citizens.

I want to also thank municipal employees for the great job they do every day. I want to make special mention to our Police Department. I want them to know they can count on my leadership to be behind them. I will always support and give the Police Department the necessary tools to do their jobs responsibly for our protection and their safety as well.

The Township had a very busy year in 2014, and we saw many infrastructure improvements to our roads, bridges, investments in equipment and technology, which included the following: Paving of nine streets, purchasing vehicles for our first responders of Police, Fire, and OEM, paving and landscaping at our Senior building, new roofs and gutters at our First Aid Squad and Recreation buildings, new steps at the First Aid Squad, a new LED message sign in front of Town Hall, new overhead garage doors at the Fire Department, new security cameras at Public Works, new defibrillators at all of our fields, a new video conference system for emergencies, a new backhoe and street sweeper, new hydrant flags for all fire hydrants, new internet access for remote monitoring water and sewer flow, starting the Melanie Lane Bridge project, which will be completed this spring, and the NJDOT Route 10 Bridge project was completed recently.

Our budget process this year will not be easy, but due to our strong financial condition, we will deliver a responsible budget that minimizes any municipal tax increase. We will continue to plan for the future while making the necessary investments in infrastructure repairs, including developing a master plan for Lurker Park, and always delivering the services our residents expect and deserve, especially our senior citizens.

Together we will continue to make East Hanover a great place to live, work, and raise a family. I have always said that although we may not be related to each other by blood, we are related by community, and we are all part of the East Hanover family.

The last seven years of my administration have been challenging, but very rewarding. I have heard from many of you, and I thank you for your input. I pledge to continue to listen to you and your suggestions.

As your Mayor, I take the responsibility of being Mayor very seriously. We have demonstrated strong leadership throughout our administration, always planning ahead and being prepared. This administration was there for you through all of the storms along with our volunteers. Over the past seven years, I hope that I have earned your respect; I represent the Township with pride and have worked very hard trying to improve your quality of life.

After careful thought and consideration, I am announcing today and asking humbly for your support to run for Mayor for another four years. I am also happy to announce that I will be running with Councilwoman Jandoli, who has decided to run for another three years. We both know there is still much work to be done, and we thank all of you for your support throughout the years. We must continue to take our community in a positive direction. We are a community that cares; a community with low taxes and great services. I hope you will give us the opportunity to continue to serve you.

I want to thank my wife Teresa for all her support and understanding throughout the year. On behalf of the Township Council, we thank you for being part of such a great community.”

The Mayor announced that after adjournment of the meeting, he would be pleased to swear in the appointees that were present.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula A. Massaro, RMC
Township Clerk