

Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of East Hanover held on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 411 Ridgedale Avenue, East Hanover, New Jersey.

OATH OF OFFICE: Swearing in of Re-elected Councilman Joe Peluso

Edward Rochford, Morris County Sheriff, administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Councilman Joe Peluso.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, Martorelli, DeMaio, and Mayor Pannullo

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

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and 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.

1-2014~ Resolution: Designate Frank DeMaio, Jr. as Council President

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

Ayes: Councilmembers Peluso, Jandoli, Martorelli, DeMaio, 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.

2-2014~ Resolution: Township Attorney~ Matthew J. O'Donnell, Esq. of O'Donnell McCord

3-2014~ Resolution: Bond Counsel~ Matthew D. Jessup, Esq. of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann

4-2014~ Resolution: Labor Counsel~ Ramon E. Rivera, Esq. of Scarinci Hollenbeck

5-2014~ Resolution: Auditor~ Steven D. Wielkotz, RMA of Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo & Cuva

6-2014~ Resolution: Township Engineer~ Ralph J. Tango, Jr., PE of Maser Consulting PA

7-2014~ Resolution: Consulting & Water-Sewer Engineers~ AWZ Engineering and Matrix New World Engineering

- 8-2014~ Resolution: Township Planner~ Darlene A. Green, PP of Maser Consulting PA
 9-2014~ Resolution: Appraiser~ Robert McNerney of McNerney & Associates
 10-2014~Resolution: Risk Management Consultant~ IMAC Insurance Agency
 11-2014~Resolution: Broker of Record for Employee Benefits~ Alamo Insurance Group
 12-2014~Resolution: Municipal Prosecutor~ Michael Calabro, Esq.
 13-2014~Resolution: Assistant Prosecutor~ Erin Cirelli, Esq.
 14-2014~Resolution: Public Defenders~ James Pomaco, Esq. and Joshua Reinitz, Esq.
 15-2014~Resolution: Land Use Planning Board Class III Member~ Frank DeMaio, Jr.
 16-2014~Resolution: EH Community Partnership Class A Director~ Michael Martorelli
 17-2014~Resolution: Public Agency Compliance Officer~ Kenneth Huelbig
 18-2014~Resolution: Morris County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee
 Representative~ Christopher Manak
 19-2014~Resolution: Morris County Department of Human Services Division on Aging
 Delegate~ Patricia Patnode
 Alternate~ Barbara Gagne
 20-2014~Resolution: Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
 Commissioner~ Joseph Tempesta, Jr.
 Alternate~ Kenneth Huelbig
 21-2014~Resolution: Morris County League of Municipalities
 Representatives~ Mayor Joseph Pannullo
 Administrator Joseph Tempesta, Jr.
 22-2014~Resolution: Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
 Safety Delegate~ Richard Getsinger
 Alternate~ Frank Cancellieri
 23-2014~Resolution: Library Board Member (unexpired term of Ceil DiMarzio)~
 Dolores Manfra
 24-2014~Resolution: Library Board Member~ Jacqueline Elwood

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

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

Nays: Councilman Peluso

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:

Land Use Planning Board:

- Class II Member~ Thomas Pershouse
- Class IV Regular Member~ George McDonald
- Class IV Regular Member~ Richard Koscielak
- Alt #2 Member~ Richard Fernicola
- Alt #4 Member~ Anthony D'Anna

Library Board:

- Mayor's Designee~ Audrey Colasurdo

Environmental Commission:

- Regular Members (3)~ George McDonald
Dino Cirelli
John McCann

Board of Recreation Program Overseers (3):

- Ronald Davis
- Steven Raibick
- Geri Singer

Morris County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee:

- Representative~ Kenneth Huelbig
- Alternate~ Carolyn Jandoli

Office of Emergency Management:

- Emergency Management Coordinator~ John G. Centanni

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.

25-2014~Resolution: Establish Regular Meeting Dates

26-2014~Resolution: Establish Meeting Structure

27-2014~Resolution: Designation of Official Newspapers

28-2014~Resolution: Designation of Depositories and Authorized Township Signatories

29-2014~Resolution: Designation of Tax Search Officer

30-2014~Resolution: Designation of Assessment Search Officer

31-2014~Resolution: Chief Financial Officer to Sell Bond Anticipation Notes and Bonds

32-2014~Resolution: Annual Due Dates for Tax and Utilities, Grace Period, and Penalty

33-2014~Resolution: Returned Check Fees

34-2014~Resolution: Cancellation of Property Tax and Water-Sewer Refunds or Delinquencies

35-2014~Resolution: Petty Cash Funds

36-2014~Resolution: Appoint Municipal Housing Liaison

37-2014~Resolution: Temporary Budget

38-2014~Resolution: Cash Management Plan

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

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

COUNCIL REMARKS:

Councilman Peluso thanked the residents for their support in his re-election.

Councilwoman Jandoli congratulated Councilman Peluso and on his re-election.

Councilman Martorelli likewise congratulated Councilman Peluso.

Council President DeMaio stated that he was privileged and honored to serve as Council President and thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. He acknowledged Councilwoman Jandoli for serving as Council President for five years and said that he would work hard to continue her exemplary service. Lastly, Council President DeMaio congratulated Councilman Peluso on being sworn in for a second term.

The Council wished everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS:

The Mayor first thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He said the year 2014 promised to be another challenge for our community and our nation. The Mayor congratulated Joe Peluso on his re-election and looked forward to working with him. He thanked Sheriff Rochford for taking the time to swear in Joe and also congratulated him on his re-election. The Mayor further extended congratulations to Frank DeMaio on being selected by the Council to serve as Council President for 2014.

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 and to continue 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 want to thank all 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, as well as our CERT members, who all provide valuable assistance to our citizens.

In addition, congratulations to all the professionals that were appointed, and we look forward to their continued advice as we work through our agenda in 2014. We also thank all our municipal employees for the great job they do everyday throughout the year.

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 are all part of the East Hanover family.

The Township had a very busy year in 2013 and was able to make many infrastructure improvements to our roads. We also rebuilt many catch basins, painted the Cook House, renovated our public meeting room in Town Hall, and installed new street signs in keeping with our goal to continue to beautify the community. We also made many improvements throughout Lurker Park including the re-lamping of our field lights, installing a new equipment shed, widening and paving our walkways around the park, and resurfacing our tennis courts.

We purchased a new fire truck thanks to FEMA and Homeland Security Assistance Firefighters Grant. The grant in the amount of \$712,000 was made possible with the help of Senator Bob Menendez and the late Senator Frank Lautenberg with a big assist from the City of Newark's Fire Chief and East Hanover's own, Chief John Centanni. The truck will be delivered in the next week and the East Hanover Volunteer Fire Department looks forward to using the new apparatus, but hopefully, not too often.

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

The last six years of our 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 your suggestions.

I also want to thank my wife Terry for all her support and understanding throughout the year. On behalf of the entire East Hanover Governing Body, we wish all our residents and businesses a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous New Year and thank you for being part of such a great community.”

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilman Martorelli, seconded by Councilman Peluso to adjourn meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula A. Massaro
Township Clerk