

NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 1, 2011- 12:00 NOON

MINUTES

The North Brunswick Township Council held its Reorganization Meeting on Saturday, January 1, 2011 at 12:13 pm at the Municipal Complex located at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Mayor Womack asked if everyone would make sure their cell phones were turned off during the meeting.

Mayor Womack welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Neil Raciti, Commander of our local American Legion and veteran led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Star Spangled Banner was sung by Miss Jaelyn Angstreich.

Councilman Socio acknowledged the presence of local dignitaries: Councilmen Joe Camarota and Charles Carley from South Brunswick, Council President, Kevin Calogera from Old Bridge, Board of Education members, Rich Liguori and Connie Corbin, Superior Judge, Edward Ryan, Municipal Judge, Charles Kollar, Public Defender, Michael Policastro, Devid Lonski, Municipal Prosecutor, Former President of the Democratic Club, Vito Puleio, Democratic Party, Present President of the Democratic Club, Rich Zangara, Present Vice President of the Democratic Club, Ro Tucker, Township Planner, Tom Vigna, Planning Board Chairman, Dan DiStefano, Chief Financial Officer, Kala Sriranganathan, Director of Parks & Recreation & Community Services, Lou Ann Benson, Director of Public Works, Glenn Sander, Police Chief, Joseph Battaglia, Business Administrator, Robert Lombard, Assistant Business Administrator, Justine Progebin, First Lady, Carol Womack, Former First Lady, Agnes Nicola, Municipal Clerk, Lisa Russo and Deputy Clerk, Milvi Weiner.

Ms. Russo certified the election.

Honorable Edward Ryan administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Nicola.

Councilwoman Nicola first thanked the workers of the Department of Public Works, the police department, firefighters and EMS workers for doing a fine job during the blizzard of 2010. It was a challenge to keep us safe. It was six years ago that she first took her first oath of office. This past November the highest percentage of votes were recorded since the beginning of her political career. She is following in the footsteps of her late father, former Mayor Charles Nicola; who took office as mayor 37 years ago. Councilwoman Nicola thanked her mother, sister, cousins, the Mayor, Council, Department Directors and all employees. She thanked the Municipal Clerk, Lisa Russo and Deputy Clerk, Milvi Weiner for their work in preparing this re-organization and weekly council agendas throughout the year. Councilwoman Nicola is doing what she loves most which is serving the residents of North Brunswick.

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Andrews.

Councilman Andrews started off by asking everyone to stand up and shake hands and wish everyone a "Happy New Year." He thanked everyone who voted for them and stated you do not get elected by yourself. He considered Cathy and himself as a great team. Councilman Andrews thanked his friends and family for their love and support and introduced his future son-in-law, Anthony - wedding to be in this summer. He thanked Rich Zangara, Chairman of the Democratic Party, Ro Tucker, Vice Chairperson of the Democratic Party, Gary Hirsch, Campaign Director. Who is a great friend and leader. Councilman Andrews thanked all the committee men and women who are the real back bone of the organization. He thanked Cathy Nicola and the council mates for helping them during their campaign. Councilman Andrews thanked Council President Corbin for his work this past year and considered him as a "Father Figure". He thanked the Mayor who is well respected, a leader, great speaker and friend. Councilman Andrews thanked the directors and employees in these tough times – tough decisions – doing more with less. Families in the community – this is what it is all about.

Mayor Womack called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Present: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Corbin, Davis and Socio
Absent: none

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the Sunshine Law have been satisfied. Notices were sent to the following newspapers on December 21, 2010: The Home News & Tribune, the Star Ledger and the North Brunswick Sentinel. Also, notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex and filed in the Clerk's office on December 21, 2010.

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Mayor Womack called for a motion for election of Council President. So moved by Ms. Nicola to nominate Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Andrews.

Mayor Womack thanked Councilman Corbin for his year of service as Council President.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Corbin and Socio
Nays: none
Abstain: Mr. Socio**

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Council President Carlo Socio.

Council President Socio thanked Bob Corbin for a great year of service as Council President and in reference to Councilman Andrews comment of Councilman Corbin as a “Father Figure”, he stated that he is the longest serving councilperson. He was sworn in eleven years ago at the age of 29. Council President Socio stated that it is a great honor serving the people of North Brunswick. It will be a challenging year, but he is looking forward to an exciting year. Council President Socio thanked the Mayor, his council colleagues and his wife and two daughters.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve Resolution # 1 -1. 11 – Professional Service Contract / Township Attorney; DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP. So moved Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Nicola.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Corbin, Davis and Socio
Nays: none**

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Township Attorney, Ronald Gordon, Esq.

Mayor Womack asked if any Council member wanted any item removed from the Consent Agenda. Motion made by Ms. Nicola to remove item “i” from the agenda, second by Mr. Socio for approval of the *Consent Agenda* items "a - h” and “j –pp”.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Corbin and Socio
Nays: none**

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve item “i” on the Consent Agenda, so moved by Ms. Narra, second by Mr. Andrews.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Corbin and Socio
Nays: none
Abstain: Ms. Nicola**

Mr. Lombard stated that there is a correction to item “nn” on the Consent Agenda, Township Liaison – appointed 1/1/11 – 12/31/11.

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Resolutions on Consent Agenda:

Professional Services:

a.	Public Defender	<u>Michael PolICASTRO, Esq.</u>	2-1.11
b.	Labor Attorney	<u>Leslie G. London with McManimon & Scotland, LLC</u>	3-1.11
c.	Engineer	<u>CME Associates</u>	4-1.11
d.	Bond Counsel	<u>McCarter & English, LLP</u>	5-1.11
e.	Legal Services / Tax Appeals	<u>Harry Haushalter, Esq.</u>	6-1.11
f.	Appraisal Services, Tax Assessments EUS	<u>DeMartin Schwartz, Inc.</u>	7-1.11
g.	Municipal Prosecutor	<u>David P. Lonski, Esq.</u>	8-1.11
h.	Financial Advisor EUSACACIA	<u>Financial Group Inc.</u>	9-1.11
i.	Conflict Public Defender	<u>Linda M. Sinuk, Esq.</u>	10-1.11
j.	Auditor	<u>Hodulik & Morrison, PA</u>	11-1.11
k.	Water / Wastewater Consultant EUS	<u>Public Works Management</u>	12-1.11
l.	Wastewater Collection System Oversight	<u>Birdsall Services Group</u>	13-1.11
m.	Risk Management Consulting Services	<u>O’Gorman & Young / GR Murray Ins.</u>	14-1.11
n.	Environmental Engineer Services	<u>CME Associates / Excel / Kleinfelder</u>	15-1.11
o.	Transitional Labor Counsel	<u>J. Andrew Kinsey, Esq. with Florio, Perucci</u>	16-1.11

Directors / Other appointments:

p.	Twp. Fire Chief / 1 st and 2 nd Asst. Chiefs / Chief: Bureau of Fire Prevention		17-1.11
q.	Council representative – Council on Affordable Housing	<u>Shanti Narra</u>	18-1.11
r.	Council representative – Planning Board	<u>Ralph Andrews</u>	19-1.11
s.	Zoning Board of Adjustment (council appt.)		20-1.11
t.	Middlesex County Housing Community Development Committee	<u>Bill Nelson</u>	21-1.11
u.	Tax Search Officer	<u>Fran Cipot</u>	22-1.11
v.	Public Agency Compliance Officer	<u>Justine Progebin</u>	23-1.11
w.	Protected Tenancy Act Agency	<u>Michael Proietti</u>	24-1.11

Authorize:

x.	Fixing interest rate on delinquent taxes		25-1.11
y.	Collection of interest for delinquent payment of utility charges		26-1.11
z.	Fee for returned checks		27-1.11
aa.	Tax Assessor to file tax appeals on behalf of Twp.		28-1.11
bb.	Cancel property Tax Refund or Delinquency less than \$10.00		29-1.11
cc.	Special Rules of Order		30-1.11
dd.	Mayor / Council to hold <i>Executive Session</i>		31-1.11
ee.	Establishing a cash management plan and naming official cash depositories		32-1.11
ff.	Purchases from State Contract Vendors		33-1.11

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Consent Agenda cont.

Designate:

ff.	Date, Place and Time for Township Council Meetings_____	34-1.11
gg.	Official Newspaper_____	35-1.11
hh.	Sunshine Notice Annual Meetings_____	36-1.11

Committees: Appointments:

ii.	Board of Health_____	37-1.11
jj.	Recreation Advisory_____	38-1.11
ll.	September 11_____	39-1.11
mm.	Council on Affordable Housing_____	40-1.11
nn.	Celebrate North Brunswick_____	41-1.11
oo.	Citizens Advisory Committee_____	42-1.11
pp.	Municipal Alliance_____	43-1.11

Mayor Womack administered the Oaths of Office to the following:

Fire Department Officers:

- Fire Chief – Dan Jolly, Jr.*
- First Assistant Chief – Donald Salzmann, Sr.*
- Second Assistant Chief – Kevin Meehan*
- Chief: Bureau of Fire Prevention – Thomas Lettieri*

The Oaths are filed in the Office of the Township Clerk.

Council President Socio announced that Freeholder, James Poulos is also here as a guest.

Mayor Womack opened the public hearing. No Discussion.

Motion made by Mr. Andrews, second by Ms. Nicola that the public hearing be adjourned.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Corbin and Socio
Nays: none

Mayor’s Womack’s 8th State of the Township Address (see attachment)

Council President Socio announced that Shawn Taylor, Democratic Chairperson for East Brunswick was in attendance at the meeting.

Mayor Womack invited everyone on behalf of the Democratic Party and Rich Zangara to the Adams AC immediately following this event for a luncheon. There will a brief agenda meeting to be held after this meeting.

Motion made by Ms. Nicola, second by Mr. Socio to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Corbin and Socio
Nays: none

Adjournment – 1:10 P .M.

Municipal Clerk
Lisa Russo

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Mayor Womack opened the public hearing.

No discussion.

Motion made by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Andrews that the public hearing be adjourned.

Roll Call:	Present:	Mrs. Lyles, Messrs. Andrews, Corbin, Davis, Socio and Ms. Nicola
	Absent:	none

Mayor Womack invited everyone to the Adams AC on Cozzens Lane and Hartland Commons.

Motion made by Mr. Socio, second by Mrs. Lyles to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call:	Present:	Mrs. Lyles, Messrs. Andrews, Corbin, Davis, Socio and Ms. Nicola
	Absent:	none

Adjournment – 12:40 P .M.

Benediction – Rabbi Carlebach

Municipal Clerk
Lisa Russo

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