

**NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION MEETING**

**JANUARY 2, 2012- 12:06 PM**

**MINUTES**

The North Brunswick Township Council held its Reorganization Meeting on Monday, January 2, 2012 at 12:06 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. Invocation was done by Imam Abdul H. Basit.

Municipal Clerk, Lisa Russo led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Russo certified the election.

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

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Davis.

Councilman Davis wished everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. He could not believe he is starting his fourth term in office and was glad that people voted on issues and not just party lines. The well-being of residents is the foremost important issue. Councilman Davis thanked his wife, Linda for putting up with meetings and crazy nights. She is a great woman and thanked his sons, Brett and Adam. He is now the proud grandfather of Dylan Grace. Councilman Davis thanked Democratic Organizer, Rich Zangara and his wife, Colleen, Vice President, Ro Tucker and especially Gary Hirsch. He is proud of the employees, directors, police department, fire officials, volunteers and the first aid & rescue squad. He asked residents when they receive letters for donations in the mail to give what they can because these departments are in need of donations. Firefighters and the first aid & rescue squad members are all volunteers. Seniors and the youth fall in between decisions. It is not a perfect time; but North Brunswick is the best township in the state.

Judge Earl R. Wright administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Corbin.

Councilman Corbin thanked everyone for showing up and stated that everyone knows his feelings that he always has the best interest of North Brunswick in his decisions.

Council President Socio thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity of being Council President this past year. He thanked his wife for putting up all the hours he worked and that next year he will focus on the best interest of the township.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve Resolution # 1 -1. 12 – Professional Service Contract / Township Attorney; DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP. So moved Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Nicola.

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

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

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 27, 2011: 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 27, 2011.

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

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

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Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Council President Shanti Narra.

Council President Narra stated she was born in India and has lived in North Brunswick since 1973. She loves North Brunswick. Friends and neighbors were out all day during Hurricane Irene.

Councilman Socio acknowledged the presence of local dignitaries: Charles Carley from South Brunswick, Board of Education members, Connie Corbin and Gail DiPane, 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, Former Councilman, Rhonda Lyles, Barbara Frische, Democratic Chairperson for East Brunswick, Shawn Taylor, Wastewater Consultant from Morris Plains, Frank Mangravite, O.E.M. Director, Mark Cafferty, 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 Sandor, Director of Public Safety, Ken McCormick, Police Chief, Joseph Battaglia, Business Administrator, Robert Lombard, Assistant Business Administrator, Justine Progebin, First Lady, Carol Womack, Municipal Clerk, Lisa Russo and Deputy Clerk, Milvi Weiner.

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. Andrews for approval of the *Consent Agenda* items "a - h" and “j –oo”.

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

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

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

Resolutions on Consent Agenda:

Professional Services:

a.	Public Defender	<u>Michael PolICASTRO, Esq.</u>	2-1.12
b.	Labor Attorney	<u>Louis N. Rainone of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick &amp; Cole, LLP</u>	3-1.12
c.	Engineer	<u>CME Associates</u>	4-1.12
d.	Bond Counsel	<u>McCarter &amp; English, LLP</u>	5-1.12
e.	Legal Services / Tax Appeals	<u>Harry Haushalter, Esq.</u>	6-1.12
f.	Appraisal Services, Tax Assessments EUS	<u>DeMartin Schwartz, Inc.</u>	7-1.12
g.	Municipal Prosecutor	<u>David P. Lonski of Shamy, Shippers &amp; Lonski, PC</u>	8-1.12
h.	Financial Advisor EUSACACIA	<u>Financial Group Inc.</u>	9-1.12
i.	Conflict Public Defender	<u>Linda M. Sinuk, Esq.</u>	10-1.12
j.	Auditor	<u>Hodulik &amp; Morrison, PA</u>	11-1.12
k.	Water / Wastewater Consultant EUS	<u>Frank Mangravite, PH.D.</u>	12-1.12
l.	Wastewater Collection System Oversight	<u>Birdsall Service Group</u>	13-1.12
m.	Risk Management Consulting Services	<u>GR Murray Ins. / O’Gorman and Young, Inc.</u>	14-1.12
n.	Environmental Engineer Services	<u>Handex Consulting &amp; Remediation-Northeast, LLC: CME Associates; and JM Sorge</u>	15-1.12

Directors / Other appointments:

o.	Business Administrator	<u>Robert Lombard</u>	16-1.12
p.	Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services	<u>Lou Ann Benson</u>	17-1.12
q.	Director, Department of Public Works	<u>Glenn Sandor</u>	18-1.12
r.	Director, Department of Community Development	<u>Michael Hritz</u>	19-1.12
t.	Director, Public Safety	<u>Kenneth McCormick</u>	20-1.12
t.	Chief Judge Municipal Court	<u>Earl R. Wright</u>	21-1.12
u.	Emergency Management Coordinator	<u>Mark Cafferty</u>	22-1.12
v.	Twp. Fire Chief / 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chiefs / Chief: Bureau of Fire Prevention		23-1.12
w.	Council representative – Council on Affordable Housing	<u>Shanti Narra</u>	24-1.12
x.	Council representative – Planning Board	<u>Ralph Andrews</u>	25-1.12
y.	Zoning Board of Adjustment (council appt.)		26-1.12

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- z. Middlesex County Housing Community Development Committee Bill Nelson 27-1.12
- aa. Tax Search Officer Fran Cipot 28-1.12
- bb. Public Agency Compliance Officer Justine Progebin 29-1.12
- cc. Protected Tenancy Act Agency Michael Proietti 30-1.12

Authorize:

- dd. Fixing interest rate on delinquent taxes 31-1.12
- ee. Collection of interest for delinquent payment of utility charges 32-1.12
- ff. Fee for returned checks 33-1.12
- gg. Tax Assessor to file tax appeals on behalf of Twp. 34-1.12
- hh. Cancel property Tax Refund or Delinquency less than \$10.00 35-1.12
- ii. Special Rules of Order 36-1.12
- jj. Mayor / Council to hold *Executive Session* 37-1.12
- kk. Establishing a cash management plan and naming official cash depositories 38-1.12
- ll. Purchases from State Contract Vendors 39-1.12

Designate:

- mm. Date, Place and Time for Township Council Meetings 40-1.12
- nn. Official Newspaper 41-1.12
- oo. Sunshine Notice Annual Meetings 42-1.12

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Judge Earl R. Wright

Mayor Womack administered the Oaths of Office to the following:

Directors: Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services, Lou Ann Benson, Director of Community Development, Michael Hritz, Director of Public Works, Glenn Sandor, Director of Public Safety, Ken McCormick, Business Administrator, Robert Lombard and O.E.M. Director, Mark Cafferty.

Fire Department Officers:

*Fire Chief – Donald Salzman, Sr.*  
*First Assistant Chief – Kevin Meehan*  
*Second Assistant Chief – Steven Lins*  
*Chief: Bureau of Fire Prevention – Thomas Lettieri*

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

Mayor Womack’s 9<sup>th</sup> State of the Township Address (see attachment)

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing. No Discussion.

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

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

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

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

Benediction was done by Imam Abdul H. Basit

Mayor Womack invited everyone on behalf of the Democratic Party and Rich Zangara to the Adams AC immediately following this event for a luncheon.

Adjournment – 1:10 P .M.

Municipal Clerk  
 Lisa Russo

**13. Administration of Oath:**

**Fire Department Officers:**

*Fire Chief – Donald Salzmann, Sr.*

*First Assistant Chief – Kevin Meehan*

*Second Assistant Chief – Steven Lins*

*Chief: Bureau of Fire Prevention – Thomas Lettieri*

**14. Public Hearing (15 minute session)**

**15. Mayor Womack's 9<sup>th</sup> State of the Township Address**

**16. Adjourn**

**17. Benediction**

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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**





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

**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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