

NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 1, 2016- 12:00 PM

MINUTES

The North Brunswick Township Council held its Reorganization Meeting on Friday, January 1, 2016 at 12:07 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 Reverend Isaac Johnson from the New Destiny Family Worship Center/

Alessandra and Gianna Socio led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

“Star Spangled Banner” was sung by Tangie Cobb.

Ms. Russo certified the election.

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

Mayor Womack stated the reasons for serving for the 4th term of service. North Brunswick Township is the best community and praised the residents of North Brunswick. He thanked his wife, Carol and family for their support. Carol gave advice with issues of the township. Her insights were on point. Mayor Womack thanked his son, Macky, daughter Carol Leigh and mother-in-law Carol for being here today. He stated that Business Administrator, Rob Lombard will be retiring and leaving at the end of April. He has started his search for a replacement. He has guided the Mayor and Council with his integrity, friendship and keeps us in check. Mr. Lombard is a “no way” BA and will tell you what you can and cannot do and does not like to play games. Mr. Gordon has been with the township for the past 12 years and is a “true” counselor and his friendship is highly valued. The Council members are a team for North Brunswick gratifying the public life. Mayor Womack thanked the staff, director for their professional commitment in running their departments. He thanked Janice Larkin, his assistant who first hears all complaints. He appreciated what she does and thanked her. Mayor Womack thanked all the volunteers for their talents and skills on advisory committees. Full appointments to committees on January 11, 2016. He praised sports & youth, the Domestic Violence Team – 24/7, C.E.R.T. – emergency response, the Board of Education – parents make what our community is. He thanked the Firemen / Rescue Squad and grateful for Donald Salzman for the work he did at the fire in July. Mayor Womack stated that the Planning / Zoning Board will be working to get the right business in town and looking to improve with businesses in town during the next four years. He is looking for a vibrant Rte. 1 centerpiece – Rte. 27 & Rte. 130 and planned corridors. Mayor Womack is looking to create “Human Relations” - diversity on committees and looking to create a committee for Veteran’s – not just honoring them. There are a lot of young men and women that need help. Quality of life – highest level. Veteran’s Park will be reopening. Working together with the Board of Education – reflects values – values of property – value of education for our children – schools highest rated. The library is his high priority and the Senior Center is not at the level seniors deserve. He is concerned with how employees are being treated and they should be getting \$15.00 per hour the minimum and looking in the long run for retention of benefits for employees and supplement medical care after retirement. Mayor Womack thanked everyone for their support.

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Narra.

Councilwoman Narra thanked her mother, sister, aunt & uncle for being here today. Her mother and sister have been living in the same house on Irwin Place since 1975. Her mother talks as a resident, gives incredible advice, support and strength to do what she does in town and work. She is grateful for working with the present council members. Residents may think they vote yes on everything but they listen and debate on issues in a respectful manner and have long discussions before agreement. Voting by hearts and convictions. Councilwoman Narra is the township liaison to the library and feels the library and the senior center need to get bigger. Her long term goal is a combination / community center. She is thankful for volunteers – First Aid / Rescue Squad were there for her family when her father needed help. Fire Departments members are all volunteers and thankful for being voted in for a third term.

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Socio.

Councilman Socio thanked everyone for coming out on New Year’s Day. He started 16 years ago at the age of 29. He has been married to wife Debbie for the past 10 years and his toughest critic is his daughter Alessandra. Councilman Socio stated that things take time - process such as the handicap curbs at Judd School which was done in an efficient manner. He thanked all the director. Veteran’s Park is moving quicker due to the weather. Councilman Socio thanked all the volunteers – First aid & Rescue and the Firemen.

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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 24, 2015: 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 24, 2015.

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

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

Councilman Davis nominated Councilman Corbin and stated outgoing Council President Andrews kept all informed when the Mayor was out of town.

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Council President Bob Corbin..

Council President Corbin thanked everyone for showing up today and this will be the second time doing it and hopes to do a better job when called upon and works closely together with the council members – one vision to do the best for the residents of North Brunswick Township.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve Resolution # 1 -1. 16 – Professional Service Contract / Township Attorney; DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP. So moved Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Andrews.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Narra, Ms. Nicola, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Socio and Corbin
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 approve items “a – ss” on the Consent Agenda, second by Ms. Narra.

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

Resolutions on Consent Agenda:

Professional Services:

- a. Public Defender Michael Policastro, Esq. 2-1.16
- b. Labor Attorney Ronald H. Gordon of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP 3-1.16
- c. Engineer CME Associates 4-1.16
- d. Bond Counsel McCarter & English 5-1.16
- e. Legal Services / Tax Appeals Harry Haushalter, Esq. 6-1.16
- f. Legal Services / Conflict Tax Appeal Counsel Shamy, Shipers & Lonski, PC 7-1.16
- g. Appraisal Services E.U.S BRB Valuation & Consulting 8-1.16
- h. Appraisal Services E.U.S Sockler Realty Services Group, Inc. 9-1.16
- i. Municipal Prosecutor David P. Lonski of Shamy, Shipers & Lonski, PC 10-1.16
- j. Financial Advisor E.U.S ACACIA Financial Group Inc. 11-1.16
- l. Water / Wastewater Consultant EUS Frank Mangravite, PH.D.with
Public Works Management 12-1.16
- m. Wastewater Collection System Oversight Stantec 13-1.16
- n. Wastewater Collection System Oversight CME Associates 14-1.16
- o. Environmental Engineer Services Maser Consulting / JM Sorge &
T&M Associates 15-1.16
- p. Mechanical Engineer Services Remington, Vernick & Vena Engineers 16-1.16
- q. Municipal Architect Services Tokarski and Millemann Architects, LLC
and Arcari and Iovino, P.C. 17-1.16

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r.	Special Counsel (Municipal Lien and Real Estate) <u>Goldenberg, Macklerkand Sayegh</u>	18-1.16
s.	Municipal Auditor <u>Hodulick and Morrison, PA</u>	19-1.16
t.	Risk Management Consulting Services <u>Arthur J. Gallagher</u>	20-1.16

Directors / Other appointments:

u.	Business Administrator <u>Robert Lombard</u>	21-1.16
v.	Director, Department of Public Works <u>Eric Chaszar</u>	22-1.16
w.	Director, Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Community Services <u>Lou Ann Benson</u>	23-1.16
x.	Director, Department of Public Safety <u>Kenneth McCormick</u>	24-1.16
• y.	Director, Department of Community Development <u>Michael Hritz</u>	25-1.16
z.	Twp. Fire Chief / 1 st and 2 nd Asst. Chiefs / Chief: Bureau of Fire Prevention	26-1.16
aa.	Council representative – Council on Affordable Housing <u>Shanti Narra</u>	27-1.16
bb.	Council representative – Planning Board <u>Ralph Andrews</u>	28-1.16
cc.	Zoning Board of Adjustment (council appt.) <u>Leslie Park</u>	29-1.16
dd.	Middlesex County Housing Community Development Committee <u>Bill Nelson</u>	30-1.16
ee.	Tax Search Officer <u>Fran Cipot</u>	31-1.16
ff.	Public Agency Compliance Officer <u>Justine Progebin</u>	32-1.16
gg.	Protected Tenancy Act Agency <u>Michael Proietti</u>	33-1.16

Authorize:

hh.	Fixing interest rate on delinquent taxes	34-1.16
ii.	Collection of interest for delinquent payment of utility charges	35-1.16
jj.	Fee for returned checks	36-1.16
kk.	Tax Assessor to file tax appeals on behalf of Twp.	37-1.16
ll.	Cancel property Tax Refund or Delinquency less than \$10.00	38-1.16
mm.	Special Rules of Order	39-1.16
nn.	Mayor / Council to hold <i>Executive Session</i>	40-1.16
oo.	Establishing a cash management plan and naming official cash depositories	41-1.16
pp.	Purchases from State Contract Vendors	42-1.16

Designate:

qq.	Date, Place and Time for Township Council Meetings	43-1.16
rr.	Official Newspaper	44-1.16
ss.	Sunshine Notice Annual Meetings	45-1.16

Councilman Socio acknowledged the presence of local dignitaries: 1st Lady Carol Womack & Family, Middlesex County Freeholder, Blanquita Valenti, Middlesex County Democratic Party Vice Chairwoman, Beatrice Moscovitz, Director of the Office of Emergency Management, Mark Cafferty, NJ Farm Bureau President, Ryck Sudam, from the North Brunswick Democratic Organization, Chairman Rich Zangara, Vice Chairwoman, Ro Tucker, Campaign Manager, Gary Hirsh and Social Club President, Nancy Nicola, Township Planner, Tom Vigna, Former Board of Education member, Connie Corbin, From CME Associates, Mike McClelland and John Kriskowski, South Brunswick Deputy Mayor, Chris Killmurray, Janice Larkin, Assistant to Mayor Womack, Business Administrator, Rob Lombard, Assistant Business Administrator, Justine Progebin, Township Directors: Parks & Recreation & Community Services, Lou Ann Benson, Public Safety, Ken McCormick, Community Development, Michael Hritz, Public Works, Eric Chaszar, Township Auditor, Andy Hodulik, Former East Brunswick Democratic Party Chairman, Shawn Taylor, Township Clerk, Lisa Russo and Deputy Clerk, Milvi Weiner.

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Township Directors:

- Business Administrator – *Robert Lombard*
- Director, Department of Public Works – *Eric Chaszar*
- Director, Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Community Services – *Lou Ann Benson*
- Director, Department of Public Safety – *Kenneth McCormick*
- Director, Department of Community Development – *Michael Hritz*

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Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Fire Department Officers:

Fire Chief – Kevin Meehan

First Assistant Chief – Kenneth Graulich

Second Assistant Chief – Donald Salzmann, Sr.

Chief: Bureau of Fire Prevention – Thomas Lettieri

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing. No discussion.

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

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

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

Benediction was done by Reverend Isaac Johnson.

Councilman Davis invited everyone to the Adams AC immediately following this event for a luncheon.

Adjournment – 1:13 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
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