

# **NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION MEETING**

**JANUARY 2, 2017- 6:00 PM**

## **MINUTES**

The North Brunswick Township Council held its Reorganization Meeting on Monday January 2, 2017 at 6:00 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 Father John Polyak from Our Lady of Peace Church.

Alessandra & Gianna Socio and Samantha & Joseph Guadagnino led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Russo certified the election.

Municipal Clerk, Lisa Russo administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Amanda Guadagnino.

Councilwoman Guadagnino stated that that she was excited and honored in becoming councilwoman. She thanked Mayor Womack, Council and Councilman Andrews for supporting her up until election day. Councilwoman Guadagnino thanked Rich Zangara and his wife in making this a reality, the Democratic Party especially Gary Hirsch, the staff at the municipal building, her family; husband Patrick and children Samantha & Joseph, her mother and the rest of her family. She has lived in North Brunswick all her life and has attended Judd, Linwood and the N.B.T.H.S. Her future is here. North Brunswick is one hour from New York, Rutgers – partner up – athletic program – two amazing hospitals, award winning school district, major companies, job opportunities and beaches. There are signs at airports that say “We have always done it this way” but she is looking forward to changes. People should want to visit and move to North Brunswick – changes are already happening at Main Street and the train station in the future. There are fields for all sports. The Shoppes at North Brunswick is reaching their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Andrews.

Councilman Andrews stated he was blessed to be re-elected. He asked everyone to stand up and wish their neighbor a “Happy New Year”. Councilman Andrews lost his mom, has great friends and asked for a moment of silence. He thanked the voters and stated it was a blessing for so many votes. Councilman Andrews Rich Zangara and his wife Colleen – well respected organization in the state – Gary Hirsch – great person – knows the election process – knows how we should be focusing on a campaign – committee people walk around the town – backbone of organization – township employees are always on call and step up to the plate – police department – new programs, volunteer services, firefighters and coaches for all the time they spend with kids. Councilman Andrews thanked his family for putting up with him. He has been involved with the township for 18 years.

Councilman Socio introduced dignitaries and special guests at tonight’s meeting. Township Clerk, Lisa Russo, Deputy Clerk, Milvi Weiner, from the Clerk’s Office, Janet Maer, Township Directors, Parks, Recreation & Community Services, Lou Ann Benson, Public Works, Eric Chaszar, Chief Financial Officer, Kala Sriranganathan, Business Administrator, Kathy Monzo, Deputy Business Administrator, Justine Progebin, Public Safety, Ken McCormick, Deputy Chief, Joe Battaglia, Office of Emergency Management, Mark Cafferty, Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Charlie Kenny, Ken Armwood, Blanquita Valenti, Shanti Narra ( former North Brunswick Councilwoman), Middlesex County Democratic Vice Chairwoman, Beatrice Moskowitz, Assemblyman from the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, John Wisniewski, Wayne Dibofsky from Assemblyman Joseph Danielson’s office, North Board of Education, Colleen Keefe, David Brockman, President Gloria Gonzales, Superintendent, Brian Zychowski, North Brunswick Democratic Organization, Chairman Rich Zangara, Vice Chairwoman, Ro Tucker, Confidential Aide to Mayor Womack, Janice Larkin, Judd Elementary School PTO Executive Board Member, Nihal Kamel, Irene Drakolopos, Tracie Close, Gina Betsch, Colleen Zangara, Planning Board Chairman, Dan DiStefano and former East Brunswick Democratic Chairman, Shawn Taylor.

Mayor Womack called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Present: Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews, Corbin, Davis and Socio  
Absent: Mr. Paladino

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Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the Sunshine Law have been satisfied. Notices were sent to the following newspapers on December 23 2016: 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 23, 2016.

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

Roll Call: Present: Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs., Andrews, Corbin, Davis and Socio.  
Absent: Mr. Paladino

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

Council President Socio introduced his wife, Deborah and daughters, Alessandra and Gianna. He stated that 2017 will be a better year than 2016 ther were some down falls in 2016 and hopes to represent everyone in the coming year.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve Resolution # 1 -1. 17 – Professional Service Contract / Township Attorney; DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP. So moved Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Davis.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews, Corbin, Davis, and Socio  
Nays: none  
Absent: Mr. Paladino

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. Mr. Gordon called for a separate roll call for "item t" on the Consent Agenda due to a typographical error – should be Mechanical Engineer not Municipal Engineer. Motion made by Mr. Davis to approve items "a – s" and items "u – nn" on the Consent Agenda, second by Mr. Socio.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews, Corbin, Davis, and Socio  
Nays: none  
Absent: Mr. Paladino

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews, Corbin, Davis, and Socio  
Nays: none  
Absent: Mr. Paladino

**Resolutions on Consent Agenda:**

**Professional Services:**

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| a. | Public Defender <u>Michael Policastro, Esq.</u>  | 2-1.17  |
| b. | Rejecting Proposals submitted for PRO17006 for Conflict Public Defender                          | 3-1.17  |
| c. | Labor Attorney <u>Ronald H. Gordon of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick &amp; Cole, LLP</u>                  | 4-1.17  |
| d. | Engineer <u>CME Associates</u>   | 5-1.17  |
| e. | Bond Counsel <u>McCarter &amp; English</u>   | 6-1.17  |
| f. | Legal Services / Tax Appeals <u>Harry Haushalter, Esq.</u>                                       | 7-1.17  |
| g. | Legal Services / Conflict Tax Appeal Counsel <u>Shamy, Shipers &amp; Lonski, PC</u>              | 8-1.17  |
| h. | Appraisal Services E.U.S <u>BRB Valuation &amp; Consulting</u>                                   | 9-1.17  |
| i. | Appraisal Services E.U.S <u>Sockler Realty Services Group, Inc.</u>                              | 10-1.17 |
| j. | Municipal Prosecutor <u>David P. Lonski of Shamy, Shipers &amp; Lonski, PC</u>                   | 11-1.17 |
| k. | Financial Advisor E.U.S <u>ACACIA Financial Group Inc.</u>                                       | 12-1.17 |
| l. | Water / Wastewater Consultant EUS <u>Frank Mangravite, PH.D.with<br/>Public Works Management</u> | 13-1.17 |
| m. | Wastewater Collection System Oversight <u>Stantec</u>  | 14-1.17 |
| n. | Environmental Engineer Services <u>CME Associates / JM Sorge &amp;<br/>T&amp;M Associates</u>    | 15-1.17 |

Consent Agenda cont.

o.	Municipal Architect Services <u>Tokarski and Millemann Architects, LLC</u> <u>and Arcari and Iovino, P.C.</u>	16-1.17
p.	Special Counsel (Municipal Lien and Real Estate) <u>Goldenberg, Mackler Sayegh, Mintz, Pfeffer,</u> <u>Bonchi &amp; Gill</u>	17-1.17
q.	Municipal Auditor <u>Hodulick and Morrison, PA</u>	18-1.17
r.	Risk Management Consulting Services <u>Arthur J. Gallagher</u>	19-1.17
s.	Traffic Engineering Services <u>Maser Consulting</u>	20-1.17
t.	Municipal Engineer <u>Remington, Vernick &amp; Vena</u>	21-1.17

Directors / Other appointments:

u.	Twp. Fire Chief / 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chiefs / Chief: Bureau of Fire Prevention	22-1.17
v.	Council representative – Planning Board <u>Ralph Andrews</u>	23-1.17
w.	Zoning Board of Adjustment (council appt.)	24-1.17
x.	Middlesex County Housing Community Development Committee <u>Bill Nelson</u>	25-1.17
y.	Tax Search Officer <u>Fran Cipot</u>	26-1.17
z.	Public Agency Compliance Officer <u>Justine Progebin</u>	27-1.17
aa.	Protected Tenancy Act Agency <u>Michael Proietti</u>	28-1.17

Authorize:

bb.	Fixing interest rate on delinquent taxes	29-1.17
cc.	Collection of interest for delinquent payment of utility charges	30-1.17
dd.	Fee for returned checks	31-1.17
ee.	Tax Assessor to file tax appeals on behalf of Twp.	32-1.17
ff.	Cancel property Tax Refund or Delinquency less than \$10.00	33-1.17
gg.	Special Rules of Order	34-1.17
hh.	Mayor / Council to hold <i>Executive Session</i>	35-1.17
ii.	Establishing a cash management plan and naming official cash depositories	36-1.17
jj.	Purchases from State Contract Vendors	37-1.17
kk.	Authorizing the Rodgers Group, LLC to assist the Police Department in the Accreditation Process	38-1.17

Designate:

ll.	Date, Place and Time for Township Council Meetings	39-1.17
mm.	Official Newspaper	40-1.17
nn.	Sunshine Notice Annual Meetings	41-1.17

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

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

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing. No discussion.

Roll Call: Present: Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews, Corbin, Davis and Socio  
Absent: Mr. Paladino

Mayor Womack announced that he will do his State of the Township Address on February 17<sup>th</sup>. He introduced the directors and introduced Business Administrator Kathy Monzo – smooth functioning transition – professionalism of Township Director and employees, welcoming new Councilman Amanda Guadagnino, opening of the Green Turtle and stated the township will be losing Barnes & Noble.

Mayor Womack and Council called upon former Councilwoman Narra to come up for a presentation by the Mayor and Council. They stated that it was a wonderful experience to know someone with her caliber. She was appreciated and admired by all.

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**Mayor Womack called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, so moved by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Andrews.**

**Roll Call: Present: Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews, Corbin, Davis and Socio  
Absent: Mr. Paladino**

**Benediction was done by Father John Polyak.**

**Mayor Womack invited everyone to the Council Room for some light refreshments after the meeting.**

**Adjournment – 6:50 P.M.**

**Municipal Clerk  
Lisa Russo**