

NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 1, 2010 - 12:00 NOON

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The North Brunswick Township Council held its Reorganization Meeting on Friday January 1, 2010 at 12:10 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 acknowledged the presence of Councilmen Joe Camarota, Charles Carley from South Brunswick, Former Councilman, Paul Pappas, Judge E. Ronald Wright, Esq., Former President of the Democratic Club, Vito Puleio, Former Vice President of the Democratic Party, David Sirna, Present President of the Democratic Club, Rich Zangara, Present Vice President of the Democratic Club, Ro Tucker, Former School Board Representative, Neil A. Malvone, School Board Members, Connie Corbin, Gail DiPane and President Rich Liguori, members of Fire Companies 1, 2 & 3, John Kriskowski, CME Associates, Township Planner, Tom Vigna and Planning Board Chairman, Dan DiStefano.

Rabbi Carlebach led in the invocation.

Mayor Womack welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. School Board President, Rich Liguori led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Star Spangled Banner was sung by Miss Jaclyn Angstreich.

Ms. Russo certified the election.

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Socio.

Councilman Socio thanked his former running mate, Rhonda Lyles for her six years of service. He stated that in 2003 he started with his brother and sister-in-law and now he has two nieces, a wife and two children of his own. He hopes to raise his family in town – a town which has good schools and it shows with three former graduates of N.B.T.H.S. on the Council. He hopes to keep traditions but this year will not be an easy year. North Brunswick is a great place to live and raise a family and wished everyone a “Happy and healthy New Year”. Councilman Socio invited everyone for a get together at the Adams AC after the meeting.

U.S. Magistrate, Andrew Carter, Jr. administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Narra.

Councilwoman Narra stated that this was the first election she has gone through and thanked Councilman Socio for his help, thanked his wife, Debbie for sharing Carlo with her. She thanked her family for all their help. Councilwoman Narra stated that she has lived in town since 1974 and thanked voters for placing their faith in her and pledged to prosper in the future.

Mayor Womack called the meeting to order.

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

Also present: Business Administrator, Robert Lombard, Township Attorney, Ron Gordon, Assistant Business Administrator, Justine Progebin, Chief Financial Officer, Kala Sriranganathan, Director of Public Works, Glenn Sandor, Director of Parks and Recreation, Lou Ann Benson, Director of Community Development, Michael Hritz, Confidential Assistant, Janice Larkin, Municipal Clerk, Lisa Russo and Deputy Municipal Clerk, Milvi Weiner.

Ms. Russo announced that the notice requirements of the Sunshine Law have been satisfied. Notices were sent to the following newspapers on December 29, 2009: 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 29, 2009.

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Outgoing Council President Andrews thanked his colleagues, Mayor Womack for his courtesy to him and residents for making the past year enjoyable with many successes. He wished everyone a happy, healthy New Year. He nominated Robert Corbin as Council President, who is serving his third term as Councilman in 2010. Bob Corbin represents class and dignity and is raising his family in North Brunswick. His wife, Connie is a member of the School Board.

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

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

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

Mr. Corbin thanked all council members for having faith in him and hopes to perform as well as the previous council president. He stated that it will be a tough year; but he is counting on the residents and he will start work on Monday. Council President Corbin thanked the Mayor and Ralph Andrews with his energy to the Planning Board and looking forward to the future.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve Resolution # 1 -1.10 – Professional Service Contract / Township Attorney; DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Wisler, LLP. So moved Ms. Nicola, second by Mr. Socio.

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.

Council Presentation to Outgoing Councilwoman Rhonda Lyles. Mayor Womack and Council Members presented a gift to Rhonda Lyles for all her service during the past six years.

Mrs. Lyles stated she was speechless and thanked the residents for their support these past six years. She welcomed advice and the support from committee members. Mrs. Lyles personally thanked Gary Hirsch, Rich Zangara and her family for having patience with her. She said North Brunswick is a beautiful township and that we should all stick together. Mrs. Lyles wished everyone a "Happy New Year".

Mayor Womack asked if any Council member wanted any item removed from the Consent Agenda. Motion made by Mr. Davis to remove item "n" from the agenda, second by Mr. Socio for approval of the *Consent Agenda* items "a - m" and "o -kk".

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

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

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

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Resolutions on Consent Agenda:

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Professional Services:

a.	Public Defender	<u>Michael Policastro, Esq.</u>	2-1.10
b.	Labor Attorney	<u>J. Andrew Kinsey, Esq.</u>	3-1.10
c.	Engineer	<u>CME Associates</u>	4-1.10
d.	Bond Counsel	<u>McCarter & English, LLP</u>	5-1.10
e.	Legal Services / Tax Appeals	<u>Harry Haushalter, Esq.</u>	6-1.10
f.	Appraisal Services, Tax Assessments EUS	<u>DeMartin Schwartz, Inc.</u>	7-1.10
g.	Municipal Prosecutor	<u>David P. Lonski, Esq.</u>	8-1.10
h.	Financial Advisor EUS	<u>ACACIA Financial Group Inc.</u>	9-1.10
i.	Conflict Public Defender	<u>Linda M. Sinuk, Esq.</u>	10-1.10
j.	Auditor	<u>Hodulik & Morrison, PA</u>	11-1.10
k.	Water / Wastewater Consultant EUS	<u>Public Works Management</u>	12-1.10
l.	Wastewater Collection System Oversight	<u>CMX</u>	13-1.10
m.	Risk Management Consulting Services	<u>O'Gorman & Young / GR Murray Ins.</u>	14-1.10
n.	Environmental Engineer Services	<u>Excel Environmental Resources, Inc...</u>	15-1.10
o.	Appraisal Services EUS	<u>Stern and Dragoset, Inc.</u>	16-1.10

Directors / Other appointments:

p.	Chief Finance Officer	<u>Kalamani Sriranganathan</u>	17-1.10
q.	Municipal Court Judge	<u>E. Ronald Wright, Esq.</u>	18-1.10
r.	Twp. Fire Chief / 1 st and 2 nd Asst. Chiefs / Chief: Bureau of Fire Prevention		19-1.10
s.	Council representative – Council on Affordable Housing	<u>Shanti Narra</u>	20-1.10
t.	Council representative – Planning Board	<u>Ralph Andrews</u>	21-1.10
u.	Zoning Board of Adjustment (council appt.)		22-1.10
v.	Middlesex County Housing Community Development Committee	<u>Bill Nelson</u>	23-1.10
w.	Tax Search Officer	<u>Fran Cipot</u>	24-1.10
x.	Public Agency Compliance Officer	<u>Justine Progebin</u>	25-1.10
y.	Protected Tenancy Act Agency	<u>Michael Proietti</u>	26-1.10

Authorize:

z.	Fixing interest rate on delinquent taxes		27-1.10
aa.	Collection of interest for delinquent payment of utility charges		28-1.10
bb.	Fee for returned checks		29-1.10
cc.	Tax Assessor to file tax appeals on behalf of Twp.		30-1.10
dd.	Cancel property Tax Refund or Delinquency less than \$10.00		31-1.10
ee.	Special Rules of Order		32-1.10
ff.	Mayor / Council to hold <i>Executive Session</i>		33-1.10
gg.	Establishing a cash management plan and naming official cash depositories		34-1.10
hh.	Authorizing an accelerated Tax Sale for 2010		35-1.10

Designate:

ii.	Date, Place and Time for Township Council Meetings		36-1.10
jj.	Official Newspaper		37-1.10
kk.	Sunshine Notice Annual Meetings		38-1.10

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Committees: Appointments:

ll.	Board of Health	39-1.10
mm.	Open Space	40-1.10
nn.	Recreation Advisory	41-1.10
oo.	September 11	42-1.10
pp.	Ethical Standards Board	43-1.10
qq.	Heritage Day Committee	44-1.10
rr.	Celebrate North Brunswick	45-1.10
ss.	Citizens Advisory Committee	46-1.10
tt.	Municipal Alliance	47-1.10

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve items "ll – tt" on the Consent Agenda, so moved by Ms. Narra, second by Mr. Socio.

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

Councilman Socio recognized invited guests at today's meeting; School Board President, Rich Liguori, School Board member Gail DiPane, former School Board member Neil A. Malvone, Councilmen, Joe Camarota, Charles Carley from South Brunswick, CFO Kala Sriranganathan, Director of Public Works, Glenn Sander, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services, Lou Ann Benson, Director of Community, Michael Hritz, Business Administrator, Robert Lombard, Assistant Business Administrator, Justine Progebin, Municipal Clerk, Lisa Russo, Deputy Clerk, Milvi Weiner and Nancy Krauss, who was taping the meeting.

Mayor Womack administered the Oaths of Office to the following:

Chief Finance Officer: Kala Sriranganathan
Municipal Court Judge: E. Ronald Wright, Esq.
Fire Department Officers:
Fire Chief – Kevin Meehan
First Assistant Chief – Dan Jolly, Jr.
Second Assistant Chief – Donald Salzman, Sr.
Chief: Bureau of Fire Prevention – Thomas Lettieri

Mayor Womack stated that North Brunswick is a "volunteer" service town and the fire companies cannot do their job without our support and commended them for their work at the fire on Christmas Eve morning. They have to do everything themselves otherwise we have to do it by taxes.

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

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, Corbin, Davis and Socio
Nays: none

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

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

Adjournment – 12:48 P.M.

Benediction – Rabbi Carlebach

Municipal Clerk
Lisa Russo