

NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 1, 2019- 12:00 PM

MINUTES

The North Brunswick Township Council held its Reorganization Meeting on Tuesday January 1, 2019 at 12:00 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 Reverend Norman Walter, PH. D., Georges Road Baptist Church.

Alessandra & Gianna Socio, Steela Mae & Lucy Ann Lopez, Samantha & Joseph Guadagnino and Richie Zangara led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Miss Tangie Cobb sang Star Spangled Banner

Ms. Russo certified the election.

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Carlo Socio.

Councilman Socio thanked his wife Debbie and daughters, Alessandra and Gianna. He also thanked our first responders. Mr. Socio mentioned he moved to North Brunswick in 1976 and loves living here. He was involved in the town growing up and still feels that "home town feeling". He wishes everyone a happy and healthy 2019. He thanked the mayor and council and hopes for a great 7th term.

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Councilman William Lopez.

Mayor Womack Congratulated Mr. Lopez's wife, Mrs. Lopez, on her new position with Edison school district to be Vice Principal.

Councilman Lopez thanked everyone for joining us today. His family always pushed him to be more ingrained in the town of North Brunswick. He spoke of the tragic fire in Governors point, he said he is in "awe" of our first responders. Dr. Lopez is grateful to part of this council. He thanked the residents for their votes and he is humbled to be up on the dias. He also thanks his wife Carrie, his siblings and his daughters.

Councilman Socio gave a special thank you to the firefighters present at the meeting as well as all of our township firefighters for their continued dedication to our township.

Councilman Socio acknowledged even though she isn't at the meeting the Mayor and Council would like to acknowledge newly retired CFO Kala Sriranganathan for her years of service to the township and wish her well in all her future endeavors.

Councilman Socio introduced dignitaries and special guests at today's meeting. CME Associates Michael McClelland, Township Planner Tom Vigna, Township Attorney Ron Gordon, Township Auditor Andy Hodulik, Confidential Assistant to Mayor Womack Janice Larkin, Assistant Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Middlesex County Freeholder Shanti Narra, Middlesex County Democratic Vice Chair Beatrice Mozkovitz, New Jersey State Democratic Committeeman Bharat Patel, Municipal Clerk Lisa Russo, Assistants to the Clerk Marilu

Ruiz and Nellie Sowell, Director of DPRCS Lou Ann Benson, Director of the Department of Community Development Michael Hritz, Director of the Department of Public Safety Ken McCormick, Deputy Police Chief Joe Battaglia, PBA President Jason Vallese, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Brian Zychowski, Former Board of Education member Connie Corbin, North Brunswick Democratic Party Chairman Rich Zangara, North Brunswick Democratic Party Vice Chair Ro Tucker, First Lady Carol Womack and Assemblyman Joseph Danielson.

Mayor Womack called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call: Present: Msessrs: Lopez, Andrews, Corbin, Socio and Davis, Ms. Guadagnino
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 18, 2018: 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 18, 2018.

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

**Roll Call: Present: Messrs.: Lopez, Andrews, Corbin, Davis and Socio, Ms. Guadagnino
Absent: None**

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Council President Amanda Guadagnino.

Council President Guadagnino thanked the Mayor and council and promised to learn as much as she can as council president. She has been a resident of North Brunswick her whole life and has seen many changes in town. "Dream Big" is a quote that Ms. Guadagnino has designated her motto for the town. She mentions the Shoppes, Community Park and Main Street. She is very proud of the new school to open in September 2020. She mentioned a host of new ideas she would like to see happen in town, such as free Wifi throughout the town, and new high tech water meters. She mentioned a community dome to cover a field that will benefit the entire town. It will include sports, the possibility of a shelter a cooling center, fitness classes, town movie night, the possibilities are endless. We will focus on the kids in town making sure their needs are met. We will improve senior citizen programs. With the addition of a new library director. Funding for a new library is in place. Ms. Guadagnino thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve Resolution # 1-1.19 – Professional Service Contract / Township Attorney; DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP. So moved Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Socio.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Messrs. Lopez, Andrews, Corbin, Davis and Socio, Ms. Guadagnino
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None**

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

Mayor Womack asked that item "ai" be removed. Mayor Womack asked that items a-ah and aj-aq be approved on the consent agenda. Motion made by Mr. Andrews seconded by Ms. Guadagnino

**Roll Call: Ayes: Messrs.: Lopez, Andrews, Corbin, Davis and Socio, Ms. Guadagnino
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None**

- a. 2-1.19 Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with Michael Policastro, Esq. to serve as Public Defender
- b. 3-1.19 Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with Ronald H. Gordon, Esq. of the firm DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP to serve as Labor Counsel
- c. 4-1.19 Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with CME Associates to serve as Municipal Consulting Engineer
- d. 5-1.19 Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with McCarter & English, LLP and McManimon, Scotland & Baumann LLC to provide Bond Counsel Services
- e. 6-1.19 Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Harry Haushalter, Esq. to serve as Tax Appeal Counsel
- f. 7-1.19 Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Shamy, Shippers & Lonski PC to serve as Conflict Tax Appeal Counsel
- g. 8-1.19 Authorizing an Agreement with BRB Valuation and Consulting Services for Appraisal Services
- h. 9-1.19 Authorizing an agreement with Sockler Realty Services Group, Inc. for Appraisal Services
- i. 10-1.19 Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with David P. Lonski, PC to serve as Municipal Prosecutor
- j. 11-1.19 Authorizing an agreement with Acacia Financial Group Inc. to provide Financial Advisory Services
- k. 12-1.19 Authorizing an Agreement with T&M Associates to provide Water and Wastewater Consulting Services
- l. 13-1.19 Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to provide Wastewater Collection System Oversight Services for the North Brunswick Wastewater System
- m. 14-1.19 Authorizing the Professional Services Agreement with T&M Associates / JM Sorge / and CME Associates to provide Environmental Engineering Services
- n. 15-1.19 Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Arcari and Iovino Architects, LLC to provide Architecture Services
- o. 16-1.19 Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Hodulik & Morrison, PA to serve as Municipal Auditor
- p. 17-1.19 Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with CME Associates to provide Traffic Engineering Services
- q. 18-1.19 Authorizing an Agreement with Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. to provide Risk Management Consulting Services
- r. 19-1.19 Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Remington, Vernick & Vena Engineers to serve as Mechanical Engineers
- s. 20-1.19 Authorizing Award of Contract PRO17031 to Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas, LLP to provide Environmental Legal Services
- t. 21-1.19 Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Maser Consulting, PA to provide Landscape Architecture Services
- u. 22-1.19 Authorizing an Agreement with Phoenix Advisors to provide Financial Advisory Services
- v. 23-1.19 Authorizing an agreement with the Rodgers Group, LLC to assist the Police Department in the accreditation process

Directors / Other appointments:

- w. 24-1.19 Appointing North Brunswick Fire Department Members
- x. 25-1.19 Appointing Ralph Andrews Council Representative to the North Brunswick Planning Board
- y. 26-1.19 Appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of North Brunswick
- z. 27-1.19 Appointing Bill Nelson Representative to the Middlesex County Housing and Development Committee
- aa. 28-1.19 Appointing Tax Search Officer
- ab. 29-1.19 Designating a Public Agency Compliance Officer in the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex

ac. 30-1.19 Designating a Senior Citizen & Disabled Protected Tenancy Officer in the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex

Authorize

- ad. 31-1.19 Fixing the interest rate on delinquent taxes**
- ae. 32-1.19 Authorizing collection of interest for delinquent payment of utility charges**
- af. 33-1.19 Authorizing fee for returned checks**
- ag. 34-1.19 Authorizing the Tax Assessor to file Tax Appeals on behalf of the Township of North Brunswick**
- ah. 35-1.19 Authorizing and empowering the Tax Collector of the Township of North Brunswick to cancel property tax refund or delinquency less than \$10.00 dollars**
- ai. 36-1.19 Adopting Special Rules of Order for meeting of council**
- aj. 37-1.19 Authorizing Mayor and Council to enter into executive session**
- ak. 38-1.19 Amending a Cash management Plan and naming official Cash Depositories**
- al. 39-1.19 Authorizing purchases from State Contract Vendors**
- am. 40-1.19 Authorizing the purchase of Admission Tickets and Services for Recreation Programs under the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services**

Designate

- an. 41-1.19 Date, Place and Time of Township Council Meetings**
- ao. 42-1.19 Designating Official Newspapers for the Calendar Year 2019**
- ap. 43-1.19 Providing for an "Annual Notice of Meetings" pursuant to Open Public Meeting Law**
- aq. 44-1.19 Authorizing the purchase of goods and services from Vendors approved under Cooperative Purchasing Agreements**

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

*Fire Chief – Kevin Meehan
First Assistant Chief – Kenneth Graulich
Second Assistant Chief – Matthew Levine
Chief: Bureau of Fire Prevention – Thomas Lettieri*

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing. No discussion.

**Roll Call: Present: Messrs. Lopez, Andrews, Corbin, Davis and Socio, Ms. Guadagnino
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None**

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Motion made by Mr. Socio, second by Mr. Corbin.

**Roll Call: Present: Messrs. Lopez, Andrews, Corbin, Davis and Socio, Ms. Guadagnino
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None**

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 by Reverenc Norman Walter, Ph. D., George Road Baptist Church.

Mayor Womack invited everyone to the old Bertucci's for lunch when the meeting adjourns.

Adjournment – 12:53 P.M.

**Municipal Clerk
Lisa Russo**