

NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 3, 2023 - 7:01 PM

MINUTES

The North Brunswick Township Council held its Reorganization Meeting on Tuesday January 3, 2023 at 7:01 pm in person at the North Brunswick Board of Education Meeting Room located at 25 Linwood Place, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Mayor Womack welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Invocation was done by Reverend Michael Krull – Our Lady Of Peace Church.

Alessandra Socio led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Miss Tangie Cobb sang Star Spangled Banner

Ms. Russo certified the election.

Councilman Socio introduced dignitaries and special guests at today's meeting. Township Clerk Lisa Russo, Clerk 3 Nellie Sowell and Administrative Secretary Marilu Ruiz. Senator Bob Smith, Middlesex County Democratic Organization Chairman Rich Zangara and Shanti Narra. Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, CFO Cavel Gallimore, Chief Joseph Battaglia, Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Director of Parks Recreation and Community Services Lou Ann Benson, Emergency Management Coordinator Mark Cafferty, Confidential Secretary to the Mayor Janice Larkin, Tangie Cobb, and members of North Brunswick Township Fire Companies.

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Amanda Guadagnino – bible held by husband Patrick.

Councilwoman Guadagnino gives thanks to everyone, family, Governing Body, Ms. Progebin, Councilman Andrews. She looks forward to moving forward with all the environmental things this year. Councilwoman gives thanks to the Directors and Employees of the Township. She gives thanks to all first responders and residents. Thanks to all the support. It is an honor to serve the community.

Mayor Womack administers the Oath of Office to Councilman Ralph Andrews – bible held by children Nick and Jill.

Councilman Andrews asks all in attendance to wish a Happy New Year to the people around them. Councilman Andrews gives thanks to all the residents for their support. It is a honor to serve the residents. If anyone has any issues, reach out to the offices for assistance. Send emails if needed. Thanks to all employees and directors. He gives thanks to the first responders. He is proud of the firefighters and Police. Thanks to the Democratic Committee and his running mates. There is a lot to do with the municipal building. Thanks to Bob Smith for coming. Councilman Andrews speaks about sustainable energy in this state. He speaks of grants for planning ways for areas of parking for electric vehicles in apartments complexes. Councilman Andrews gives hanks to family.

Mayor Womack administers Oath of Office to Councilwoman Mary Hutchinson – bible held by daughter. Councilwoman Hutchinson gives thanks to council. She gives thanks to the Township. Councilwoman Hutchinson is looking forward to what's coming ahead.

Mayor Womack called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

Present: Ms. Hutchinson and Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Mehta, Andrews, Socio and Davis

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 28, 2022: 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 28, 2022.

Council President Davis states is was wonderful to be Council President for 2022. It is his pleasure to announce Councilman Mehta as Council President for 2023

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

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

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Council President Rajesh Mehta – bible held by wife.

Council President Mehta gives thanks and wishes everyone a Happy New Year to everyone and their families. Council President Mehta give thanks to the council for all their help and thanks to all first responders and police department in town. They always provide the residents with what is needed. Thanks to the Democratic Committee and all the directors. Council President Mehta is proud of all the employees, everyone is doing a great job. Thanks to the Governing Body.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve Resolution # 1-1.23 – Authorizing A Professional Service Agreement With Ronald Gordon, Esq. Of The Firm Rainone Coughlin Michello LLC To Serve As Municipal Attorney. So moved Councilman Socio, second by Councilman Andrews.

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

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

Mayor Womack asked that items a through aq. be approved on the consent agenda. Motion made by Councilman Davis seconded by Councilman Socio

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

Consent Agenda

See attached Reorganization Meeting Agenda

Mayor Womack administers Oath to Fire Chief to Kenneth Graulich, First Assistant Chief Michael Lettieri and Second Assistant Chief Salvatore Georgianna II and Chief: Bureau of Fire Prevention Thomas Lettieri – bible held by daughter

Fire Chief Kenneth Graulich gives thanks to all and appreciates everything they do for the Fire companies. Thanks for all support from DPW as well. Chief Graulich looks forward to a safe and healthy New Year.

Mayor Womack acknowledges and gives many thanks to Eric Chaszar for all his years as DPW director and wished him congrats on his retirement.

Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing

Holly Cox speaks about her concerns and opposing the Power Plant in Woodbridge.

Charlie Kratovil seconds what Ms. Cox stated and extends his congrats to all who have been sworn in.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to close Public Hearing, so moved by Councilman Socio second by Councilman Andrews

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

Mayor Womack called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, so moved by Councilman Davis second by Councilman Socio

**Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Hutchinson and Ms. Guadagnino, Messrs. Andrews, Davis, Socio and Mehta
 Absent: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: None**

Adjourn 7:52 P.M.

Benediction given by Reverend Michael Krull, Our Lady of Peace Church

**Municipal Clerk
Lisa Russo**

Nellie Sowell

Subject: FW: Re-Organization Meeting
Location: <https://meet.goto.com/192477085>

Start: Tue 1/3/2023 7:00 PM
End: Tue 1/3/2023 10:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Justine Progebin

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Justine Progebin <jprogebin@northbrunswicknj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 12:04 PM
To: Justine Progebin; Lisa Russo; Mac Womack; Governing Body; Samantha Gresh; Directors
Subject: Re-Organization Meeting
When: Tuesday, January 3, 2023 7:00 PM-10:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
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NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

REORGANIZATION MEETING AGENDA **25 LINWOOD PLACE** **NORTH BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY**

January 3, 2023
7 p.m.

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Invocation – Rev. Michael Krull, Our Lady of Peace Church**
- 3. Salute to the Flag**
- 4. Star Spangled Banner – Mrs. Tangie Cobb**
- 5. Certification of Election: Council**
- 6. Administration of Oath To:**
Councilwoman Amanda Guadagnino
Councilman Ralph Andrews
Councilwoman Mary Hutchinson
- 7. Call to Order, Roll Call, Sunshine Notice**
- 8. Election of Council President/Administration of Oath**
- 9. Resolution/Professional Service Contract/Township Attorney: Ronald Gordon, Esq., Rainone Coughlin Minchello LLC**
 - a. 1-1.23 Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with Ronald Gordon, Esq. of the firm Rainone Coughlin Minchello LLC to serve as Municipal Attorney**
- 10. Administration of Oath/Township Attorney**
- 11. Resolutions on Consent Agenda**

Professional Services

- a. 2-1.23 Public Defender - Michael Policastro, Esq.**
- b. 3-1.23 Labor Attorney - DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP**
- c. 4-1.23 Engineer - CME Associates**
- d. 5-1.23 Bond Counsel - McCarter & English, LLP & McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC**
- e. 6-1.23 Appraisal Services - BRB Valuation and Consulting Services**

- and Sockler Realty Services Group Inc.**
- f. 7-1.23 **Municipal Prosecutor - David P. Lonski of Shamy, Shippers & Lonski, PC**
 - g. 8-1.23 **Financial Advisor - Acacia Financial Group Inc. and Phoenix Advisors**
 - h. 9-1.23 **Water/Wastewater Consultant E.U.S - CME Associates**
 - i. 10-1.23 **Wastewater Collection System Oversight - Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.**
 - j. 11-1.23 **Environmental Engineer Services - T&M Associates**
 - k. 12-1.23 **Municipal Architect Services - Arcari and Iovino Architects, LLC and USA Architects, Planners and Interior Designers Ltd.**
 - l. 13-1.23 **Municipal Auditor - PFK O'Connor Davies**
 - m. 14-1.23 **Risk Management Consulting Services - Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc.**
 - n. 15-1.23 **Traffic Engineering Services - CME Associates and Colliers Engineering & Design Inc.**
 - o. 16-1.23 **Mechanical Engineer - T&M Associates and CME Associates**
 - p. 17-1.23 **Environmental Legal Services - Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas, LLP**
 - q. 18-1.23 **Landscape Architecture Service - Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc.**
 - r. 19-1.23 **Public Relations Consulting Services - Burton Trent Public Affairs LLC**
 - s. 20-1.23 **Tax Appeal Counsel - Schaffer Shain Jalloh**

Directors/Other Appointments

- t. 21-1.23 **Twp. Fire Chief / 1st and 2nd Asst. Chiefs / Chief: Bureau of Fire Prevention**
- u. 22-1.23 **Council representative - Planning Board**
- v. 23-1.23 **Middlesex County Housing Community Development Committee**
- w. 24-1.23 **Tax Search Officer**
- x. 25-1.23 **Public Agency Compliance Officer**
- y. 26-1.23 **Designating a Senior Citizen and Disabled Protected Tenancy Officer in the Township of North Brunswick, County of**

Middlesex

- z. 27-1.23 Citizens Advisory Committee**
- aa. 28-1.23 Confirming the appointment of Steven R. Bloyed to the position Acting Director for the Department of Public Works**

Authorize

- ab. 29-1.23 Fixing interest rate on delinquent taxes**
- ac. 30-1.23 Collection of interest for delinquent payment of utility charges**
- ad. 31-1.23 Fee for returned checks**
- ae. 32-1.23 Tax Assessor to file tax appeals on behalf of Twp.**
- af. 33-1.23 Cancel Property Tax Refund or Delinquency less than \$10.00**
- ag. 34-1.23 Special Rules of Order**
- ah. 35-1.23 Mayor/Council to hold Executive Session**
- ai. 36-1.23 Establishing a cash management plan and naming official cash depositories**
- aj. 37-1.23 Purchases from State Contract Vendors**
- ak. 38-1.23 Purchases under Cooperative Purchasing Agreements**
- al. 39-1.23 Authorizing an Agreement with Lexipol, LLC to assist the Police Department in Maintaining Accreditation from the New Jersey State of Association of Chiefs of Police**
- am. 40-1.23 Bill List**
- an. 41-1.23 Ratifying a Memorandum of Agreement with Collective Bargaining Unit RWDSU Local 108 - Clerical Division amending the salary increase for Calendar Year 2023**

Designate

- ao. 42-1.23 Date, Place and Time for Township Council Meetings**
- ap. 43-1.23 Official Newspaper**
- aq. 44-1.23 Sunshine Notice Annual Meetings**

12. Administration of Oath:

Fire Chief Kenneth Graulich

First Assistant Chief Michael Lettieri

Second Assistant Chief Salvatore Georgianna II

Chief: Bureau of Fire Prevention – Thomas Lettieri

- 13. Public Hearing (15 Minute Session)**
- 14. Adjourn**
- 15. Benediction - Rev. Michael Krull, Our Lady of Peace Church**