

# **NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION MEETING**

**JANUARY 2, 2025 - 7:06 PM**

## **MINUTES**

The North Brunswick Township Council held its Reorganization Meeting on Thursday January 2, 2025 at 7:06 pm in person at the North Brunswick Township Court Room located at 710 Hermann Road, North Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.

Mayor Womack welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Invocation was done by Reverend Conway Johnson

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

Miss Tangie Cobb sang Star Spangled Banner

Councilman Socio introduced dignitaries and special guests at today's meeting. Business Administrator Justine Progebin, Township Clerk Lisa Russo, Administrative Secretary Marilu Ruiz and Clerk 3 Nellie Sowell. Director of DPRCS Lou Ann Benson, Director of Community Development Michael Hritz, Director of Public Works Steven Bloyed, Township Attorney Ronal Gordon, Carol Womack, Chief of Police Joseph Battaglia, PBA 160 President Fedor Salvadore, Chief Financial Officer Cavel Gallimore, Confidential Assistant to the Mayor Janice Larkin, North Brunswick Democratic Organization Chairman Rich Zangara, Vice Chair Ro Tucker, Tangie Cobb, Former DPW Director Erik Chaszar, Princepal of Parson Elementary School Ainna Whalen, Board of Education members Rich Ligori and Haley Toth, Mayor wife Carol Womack, former councilman Ralph Andrews, Assemblyman Joseph Danielsman, Senator Bob Smith and members of the North Brunswick Township Fire Companies.

Ms. Russo reads the Certification of Election to Councilman Socio and Councilwoman Hutchinson

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Cologero "Carlo" Socio – bible held by his wife Deb and his daughters Alessandra and Gianna

Councilman Socio gives thanks to and acknowledges his wife and daughters for all their support. He speaks of growth. He is grateful for everything and excited about everyone being back in the building by the end of the month. He gives thanks to the Board of Education fore the use of their meeting room. Councilman Socio looks forward to moving forward ad gives a special thanks to Rich Zangara and all of this colleges.

Mayor Womack administers the Oath of Office to Mary Hutchinson – bible held by Chief Battaglia  
Councilwoman Hutchinson gives thanks to all. She states it is an honor to represent the people of North Brunswick and she appreciates the faith everyone has in her. Councilwoman Hutchinson gives thanks to all the Council Members and Business Administrator Progebin.

Mayor Womack called the meeting to order at 7:20pm

Roll call:

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

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 17, 2024: 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 17, 2024.

Council President Hutchinson states it was wonderful to be Council President for 2024. It is her pleasure to nominate Councilwoman Guadagnino as Council President for 2025.

Mayor Womack called for a motion for election of Council President. So moved by Council President Hutchinson to nominate Councilwoman Guadagnino, second by Council Davis.

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

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

Council President Guadagnino gives thanks to all. It is an honor and privilege to be Council President. She is striving to make North Brunswick a great Town. Council President gives congratulations to Councilman Socio and Councilwoman Hutchinson. Council President Guadagnino gives thanks to her family for their support and understanding. She gives thanks to the Mayor, Governing Body, Business Administrator Progebin, the First Responses and Residents. The residents are the whole reason they are there. She states it is wonderful to be back in the building. She states the inside staff has been working hard and putting in a lot of time and energy. Council President states she looks forward to keep old traditions but also looks forward to moving forward. She stated how important technology is.

Mayor Womack called for a motion to approve Resolution # 1-1.25 – 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 Davis.

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

Mayor Womack administered the Oath of Office to Township Attorney, Ronald Gordon, Esq. – bible held by son George.

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

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

**Consent Agenda**

See attached Reorganization Meeting Agenda for Consent Agenda

Mayor Womack asked for a motion to approved item am. Resolution # 40-1.25 Authorizing the Reappointment and Granting Tenure to Cavel S. Gallimore as Chief Financial Officer for the Township of North Brunswick. So moved by Councilman Davis, second by Councilwoman Guadagnino

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

**Mayor Womack administered Oath of Offices to Chief Fianancil Officer Cavel S. Gallimore- bible held by her family**

**Mayor Womack administers Oath of Offices to First Assistant Chief Leo Whalen Sr. and Second Assiatant Chief F Rivelli -bible held by firefighters**

**Councilman Socio announce swim lessons. For information call the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Service at (732) 247-0922 ext. 475.**

**Mayor Womack gives thanks to all the directors for everything they have done the past few years. Mayor Womack Congratulates Councilman Socio, Councilwoman Hutchinson and Council President Guadagnino. He states he read an article about happy places to live and a lot of it rang true for North Brunswick. He stated the importance of helping your neighbors. Mayor Womack is proud of the past 75 years in North Brunswick with the Fire & Rescue Companies, the Police Department, the Volunteers at the Food Bank and the support from the Board of Education. Mayor Womack stated we all need to be there for each other and support our first responders.**

**Mayor Womack opened the Public Hearing**  
**No public comment**

**Mayor Womack called for a motion to close Public Hearing, so moved by Councilman Socio second by Council President Guadagnino**

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

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

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

**Adjourn 7:43 P.M.**

**Municipal Clerk**  
**Lisa Russo**

**Benediction given by Reverend Conway Johnson**

## **NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

### **REORGANIZATION MEETING AGENDA** **710 HERMANN ROAD** **NORTH BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY**

**January 2, 2025**  
**7 p.m.**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Invocation – Rev. Conway Johnson**
- 3. Salute to the Flag**  
**Alessandra and Gianna Socio, Samantha and Joseph Guadagnino**
- 4. Star Spangled Banner – Tangie Cobb**
- 5. Certification of Election: Council**
- 6. Administration of Oath To:**  
**Councilman Cologero “Carlo” Socio**  
**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:**
  - a. 1-1.25 Authorizing a PSA with Ronald Gordon, Esq. of the firm Rainone Coughlin Minchello LLC to serve as Municipal Attorney**
- 10. Administration of Oath/Township Attorney**  
**Ronald Gordon, Esq.**
- 11. Resolutions on Consent Agenda**  
**Professional Services**
  - a. 2-1.25 CME Associates to serve as Municipal Consulting Engineer**
  - b. 3-1.25 Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with Shain Schaffer PC to serve as Tax Appeal Counsel**
  - c. 4-1.25 Authorizing Agreements with BRB Valuation and Consulting Services and Sockler Realty Services Group Inc. for Appraisal Services**

- d. 5-1.25 **Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with Acrisure, LLC to provide Risk Management Consulting Services**
- e. 6-1.25 **Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with Arcari and Iovino Architects, LLC and USA Architects, Planners and Interior Designers, Ltd. to provide Architectural Services**
- f. 7-1.25 **Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with CME Associates to provide Water and Wastewater Consulting Services**
- g. 8-1.25 **Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with CME Associates to provide Landscape Architectural Services**
- h. 9-1.25 **Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with McCarter & English, LLP and McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC to provide Bond Counsel Services**
- i. 10-1.25 **Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP to serve as Municipal Labor Counsel**
- j. 11-1.25 **Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with Acacia Financial Group Inc. and Phoenix Advisors to provide Financial Advisory Services**
- k. 12-1.25 **Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with CME Associates to provide Water and Wastewater Consulting Services**
- l. 13-1.25 **Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with T&M Associates to provide Environmental Engineering Services**
- m. 14-1.25 **Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with T&M Associates and CME Associates to provide Mechanical Engineering Services**
- n. 15-1.25 **Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with CME Associates and Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc. to provide Traffic Engineering Services**
- o. 16-1.25 **Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with PKF O'Connor Davies to Provide Municipal Auditing Services**
- p. 17-1.25 **Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas, LLP to provide Environmental Legal Services**

**Authorize**

- q. 18-1.25 **Authorizing the Tax Assessor to File Tax Appeals on Behalf of**

**the Township of North Brunswick**

- r. 19-1.25 Authorizing the Qualified Purchasing Agent to award contracts below the Bid Threshold that are in excess of the Pay-to-Play Threshold \$17,500.00**
- s. 20-1.25 Designating a Public Agency Compliance Officer in the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex**
- t. 21-1.25 Resolution of the Township Council of North Brunswick Appointing Tax Search Officer**
- u. 22-1.25 Authorizing and Empowering the Tax Collector of the Township of North Brunswick to Cancel Property Tax Refund or Delinquency Less than 10 (\$10.00) Dollars**
- v. 23-1.25 Authorizing Fee for Returned Checks**
- w. 24-1.25 Resolution Authorizing Collection of Interest for Delinquent Payment of Utility Charges**
- x 25-1.25 Resolution Fixing the Interest Rate on Delinquent Taxes**
- y. 26-1.25 Establishing a Cash Management Plan and Naming Official Cash Depositories**
- z. 27-1.25 Bill List**

**Designate**

- aa. 28-1.25 Designating Representatives to the Middlesex County Housing and Development Committee Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex**
- ab 29-1.25 Designating Senior Citizen and Disabled Protected Tenancy Officer in the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex**
- ac. 30-1.25 Appointing Mary Hutchinson Council Representative to the North Brunswick Planning Board**
- ad. 31-1.25 Appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of North Brunswick**
- ae. 32-1.25 Appointing Individuals and Terms of Committee Members to the Citizens Advisory Committee**
- af. 33-1.25 Appointing a Fund Commissioner and Safety Representative to the Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund**
- ag. 34-1.25 Appointing North Brunswick Fire Department Members**
- ah. 35-1.25 Adopting Special Rules of Order for Meetings of Council**
- ai. 36-1.25 Authorizing Mayor and Council to Enter into Executive Session**

- aj. 37-1.25 Date, Place, and Time of Township Council Meetings**
- ak. 38-1.25 Providing for an "Annual Notice of Meetings" Pursuant to Open Public Meetings Law**
- al. 39-1.25 Designating Official Newspapers for the Calendar Year 2025**

**Directors/Other Appointments**

- am. 40-1.25 Authorizing the Reappointment and Granting Tenure to Cavel S. Gallimore as Chief Financial Officer for the Township of North Brunswick**

**12. Administration of Oath:**

**Cavel S. Gallimore – Chief Financial Officer**

**Salvatore Georgianna – Fire Chief**

**Leo Whalen Sr. – First Assistant Chief**

**Rich Rivelli – Second Assistant Chief**

**Thomas Lettieri – Chief: Bureau of Fire Prevention**

**13. Public Hearing (15 Minute Session)**

**14. Adjourn**

**15. Benediction - Rev. Conway Johnson**