

NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 2, 2025 - 7:06 PM

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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 Salvatore, 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 Rich 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