

Reorganization
January 2nd, 2020

Meeting was opened by Mayor Theresa Branella at 6:00pm. Those present were J. McCleary, M. Mevoli, P. Moses, J. Clothworthy and T. Branella. The Solicitor was Timothy Higgins, Esq. Mayor opened the meeting with a moment of silence for those individuals we recently lost.

This Meeting was advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, and complies with all the laws therein.

Unfinished Business for 2019:

RESOLUTION #173-19 – Authorization to Cancel Grant Balances to Close Out 2019

Motion – J. McCleary

2nd – P. Moses

All in Favor: Carried

Close business for 2019:

Motion – P. Moses

2nd – M. Mevoli

All in Favor: Carried.

Mayor Branella introduced Special Guests: Assemblyman Bill Spearman, Freeholder Carmen Rodriguez, Freeholder Director Lou Cappelli and Assemblyman Elect Bill Moen

Assemblyman Bill Spearman swore in Councilman John Clothworthy.
Freeholder Director Lou Cappelli swore in Councilman Patrick Moses.

P. Moses nominated J. McCleary as Council President. M. Mevoli seconded it. Everyone was in favor. The Council President was sworn in by Assemblyman Bill Spearman.

Resolution by Title Only for 2020 (Group 1)

1. Meeting nights for Borough for 2020
2. Temporary appropriations for 2020 operations
3. Adoption of By-Laws for 2020
4. Authority of 2020 Investments of Borough Funds
5. Signing of Instruments for the Payment of Money
6. Borough Depository for 2020
7. Interest Rates for Taxes & other Municipal Charges
8. Official Newspapers for 2020
9. Parks, Ballfields and Playgrounds
10. Cash Management Plan for 2020
11. Establish Borough Office Hours for 2020
12. Establish Rates for Police Services & Equipment
13. Establish OPRA Hours
14. Establish Rates for Fire Services & Equipment
15. Establish Rates for Services and Equipment for DPW

Motion – M. Mevoli
2nd – P. Moses
All in Favor: Carried

Resolution by Title Only for 2020 (Group 2)

16. Appointment of Borough Solicitor – Timothy Higgins
17. Appointment of Planning Board Solicitor – Andrew Viola
18. Appointment of Borough Engineer – Kei Associates
19. Appointment of Borough Auditor – Bowman & Company
20. Appointment of Fund Commissioner – Michael Mevoli
21. Appointment of Insurance Agent – Conner Strong
22. Appointment of Bond Counsel – Parker McCay

Motion – J. McCleary
2nd – P. Moses
All in Favor: Carried

Resolution by Title Only for 2020 (Group 3)

23. Appointment of Borough Administrator – Ryan Giles
24. Appointment of Superintendent of Public Works – Michael Ostrom
25. Appointment of Building Sub-Code – Stephen Beach
26. Appointment of Housing Inspector – Jim Burleigh
27. Appointment of Code Enforcement Officer – Michael Ostrom
28. Appointment of Plumbing Sub-Code & Inspector – Gerry Recigno
29. Appointment of Fire Sub-Code – Dave Munoz
30. Appointment of Electrical Sub-Code & Inspector – Mark Laggy
31. Appointment of Deputy OEM Coordinator – Norman Wallace
32. Appointment of Deputy Registrar – Todd Twichell
33. Appointment of Alternate Registrar – Maria Branson
34. Appointment of Borough Treasurer – Stacey Brewster
35. Appointment of Borough Home Coordinator – Stacey Brewster
36. Appointment of Deputy Borough Clerk – Todd Twichell
37. Appointment of Water Utility Clerk & Construction Secretary – Maria Branson
38. Appointment of Personnel Officer – Ryan Giles
39. Appointment of Purchasing Agent – Ryan Giles
40. Appointment of Planning/Zoning Council Representatives – Mike Mevoli & Julie McCleary
41. Appointment of Planning/Zoning Board Members – Joe Klepka, Stacey Ostrom, Joseph Vinci
42. Appointment of Zoning Official – Michael Ostrom
43. Appointment of Drug Alliance Coordinator – Samuel Rosetti
44. Appointment of Crossing Guards - Denise Boulden, Kathleen Maass, Elena Mitrakos, Jeanette Multanski, Eugene Sullivan, Karen Ostrom, Anthony Ceraso
45. Appointment of Municipal Shade Tree Committee – Patricia Marchionne, Patricia McConnell, Todd Twichell (Secretary)

46. Appointment of Borough Plumber – Rich Borgesi
47. Appointment of Borough Handyman – John Goslin
48. Appointment of Class II Officers – Thomas Persechino
49. Appointment of Human Relations Committee – Mike Mevoli, Julie McCleary, Patricia McConnell
50. Appointment of CFO – Ryan Giles
51. Appointment of QPA – Ryan Giles

Motion – P. Moses
2nd – J. McCleary
All in Favor: Carried.

T. Higgins swore in all the Borough appointees.

Council Committee Appointments:

Motion – P. Moses
2nd – J. McCleary
All in Favor: Carried.

Approval of Payment of Bills:

Motion – M. Mevoli
2nd – P. Moses
All in Favor: Carried.

Open to the Public:

No Comments noted from the Public

Open to Council:

Patrick thanked everyone and looks forward to working with everyone in the new year and stated it is going to be a good year. He congratulated John Clothworthy and thanked Public Works for all their work throughout the year.

Julie congratulated both Patrick and John and thanked everyone for appointing her Council President. She is so glad to be a part of the community and thanked everyone for their support.

John thanked everyone and stated he looks forward to working with everyone and is excited about the committees he has been assigned to.

Mike Mevoli thanked everyone and congratulated Patrick, John and Julie and stated what a great community we have and thanked all the employees. He thanked everyone for their support and thanked Chief Shamus Ellis as well as our police dept. public works, fire dept. He also thanked Tim Higgins. He is looking forward to a great year.

Mayor Branella echoed what Mike Mevoli said. Mayor thanked Tim Higgins for all his support throughout the year and also thanked Shamus and stated she can always count on him. She stated the relationships we all have are wonderful and we all work together for the good of the community. Mayor congratulated John Clothworthy and Patrick Moses and thanked them both. Julie stated that it is the leadership role of the Mayor that brings out the best in all of Council. She went on to thank Ryan for his 9 years of service and what a pleasure it is to work with him. Accomplishments for the past year was mentioned, including, the 2 business openings: Wawa and Empire Diner, the new dog park, our new Christmas tree and street projects. In 2020, we will be working with the school in regards to the church and what we can do. Changes at the apartments. Moving forward with plans for work on 2nd St., 4th St., Railroad Ave.

Ryan congratulated Patrick and John. Stated he looks forward to working with both. Mentioned the passing of LOSAP and looks forward to working with everyone in the coming year. Ryan stated the January meeting would be on Tuesday, January 21st.

Freeholder Carmen Rodriguez stated she enjoys working with Brooklawn. The County is here to support us and when we look good the County looks good. Carmen went on to discuss the importance of the upcoming Census and detailed the process of completing it online. Mayor stated John Clothworthy would be working with Carmen on the Census.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion – M. Mevoli
2nd – P. Moses
All in Favor: Carried