

Minutes from the January 7, 2012 Reorganization Meeting of the South Plainfield Mayor and Council held at the Senior Center

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Mayor Matthew Anesh in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, with adequate notice of this meeting of the Borough Council being provided to the borough's two official newspapers and also published on the Borough's website.

Clerk Graf called the roll. Those present were: Mayor Anesh, Council members Frank, Bengivenga, Buteas, McConville, Salerno, and Rusnak.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, our National Anthem was sung by Laine Harris. Rev. Charles Mingle offered the Invocation.

Mayor Anesh welcomed everyone to the annual re-organization and introduced Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno, former Governor Donald DiFrancesco, Senator Sam Thompson, and a host of local officials, both former and current, in attendance today.

Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno administered the Oath of Office to each of the newly elected Council members - Councilman Alex Barletta, Councilman Derryck White, and Councilman Richard "Dick" Frank. The Councilmen were each joined by their family members as part of the swearing in ceremony.

Following the Oath of Office, Lieutenant Governor Guadagno offered her congratulations and best wishes to the new Borough Administration and acknowledged and thanked the families of the borough officials for their support and encouragement. Her message to the audience was the importance of remembering and honoring the fact that it is "under the authority of the people" that we can enjoy the freedoms afforded us as American citizens.

Outgoing Council members Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno expressed their personal remarks on their term on the Council and thanked the residents for the opportunity to serve. Ms. Buteas thanked all the Board & Commission members and employees for their contribution to the borough and her family and friends for their support. she wished the new Councilmen good luck. Mr. Salerno also thanked the residents and the Council and noted that having served as Councilman was his greatest achievement thusfar.

Council President Rusnak made a motion to adjourn the 2011 Council; seconded by Councilman McConville and agreed unanimously.

The 2011 Council retired and the 2012 Council took their places at the Council table. Mayor Anesh called the 2012 Council to order and asked the Clerk to call the roll:

Present: Council Members Barletta, Bengivenga, Frank, McConville, Rusnak and White.

Mayor Anesh presented Ms. Buteas and Mr. Salerno with Recognition Plaques in appreciation of their service to the Borough of South Plainfield for 2009 through 2011.

Mayor Anesh and the members of the Borough Council each offered their comments and thanks to Ms. Buteas and Mr. Salerno for their service to the community.

Mr. Bengivenga made a motion to appoint DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer, P.C., 15 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey 07059 to the position of Borough Attorney for 2012; seconded by Mr. Rusnak.

YES: Barletta, Bengivenga, Frank, McConville, Rusnak and White.

Mr. Bengivenga nominated Councilman Ray Rusnak to the position of Borough Council President; seconded by Mr. McConville.

YES: Barletta, Bengivenga, Frank, McConville, Rusnak and White

Council President Rusnak announced the Committee assignments for 2012 as follows:

By the authority of the 2012 By-Laws of the Borough of South Plainfield, Council President Ray Rusnak hereby makes the following Committee assignments for 2012:

ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE & PUBLIC INFORMATION

Chairman: Council President Ray Rusnak

Committee Members: Councilman Alex Barletta & Rob Bengivenga

PUBLIC WORKS

Chairman: Councilman Tim McConville

Committee Members: Councilmen Ray Rusnak & Dick Frank

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairman: Councilman Alex Barletta

Committee Members: Councilmen Tim McConville & Dick Frank

HEALTH, WELFARE & ENVIRONMENT

Chairman: Councilman Dick Frank

Committee Members: Councilmen Alex Barletta & Derryck White

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chairman: Councilman Robert Bengivenga, Jr.

Committee Members: Councilmen Derryck White & Ray Rusnak

RECREATION

Chairwoman: Councilman Derryck White

Committee Members: Councilmen Rob Bengivenga and Tim McConville

Mayor Anesh gave his Annual Address (copy on file in the Clerk's office) which began with a review of the accomplishments of 2011 and outlined the goals for 2012 with the top priority of keeping South Plainfield moving forward and staying affordable.

Mayor Anesh announced his Mayoral appointments to the various Boards and Commissions.

BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, I, MATTHEW P. ANESH, DO HEREBY MAKE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS TO BOROUGH BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Dorothy Miele	Environmental Commission Chair	12/31/2012
Robyn Rusnak	Environmental Commission	12/31/2014
Jonathan Walezak	Environmental Commission	12/31/2014
Jennifer Bechtoldt	Mayor's HCD Committee Representative	12/31/2012
Christine Faustini	Mayor's Library Board Rep	12/31/2012
Michael Pellegrino	Planning Board Class II	12/31/2012
Councilman Barletta	Planning Board Class III	12/31/2012
Anthony "Jake" Cataldo	Planning Board Class IV	12/31/2014
Joseph Wolak	Planning Board Alternate I	12/31/2012
Richard Houghton	Planning Board Alternate II	12/31/2013
Peter Smith	Planning Board Class IV	12/31/2013
William Ashnault Jr	Recreation Commission	12/31/2016
Wendell Born	Recreation Commission	12/31/2016
Councilman Bengivenga	Mayor's Representative – MCTCC	12/31/2012

Former Governor Donald DiFrancesco Administered Oath of Office to the appointees.

Clerk Graf announced the appointments being made by the Borough Council as follows:

Councilman Barletta	Affordable Housing Committee Liaison	12/31/2012
Walter Kurilew	Business Advisory Group	12/31/2013
Anthony Giammarino	Business Advisory Group	12/31/2014
Robert Longo	Business Advisory Group	12/31/2014
John Pabst	Business Advisory Group (Zoning)	12/31/2012
T & M Associates	Business Advisory Group (Engineer)	12/31/2012
Councilman Frank	Environmental Commission Liaison	12/31/2012
Dr. Alice Tempel	Greenbrook Flood Control	12/31/2012
T & M Associates	Greenbrook Flood Control – Alt II	12/31/2012
Councilman Frank	Greenbrook Flood Control – Alt I	12/31/2012
Robert Bengivenga Sr.	Greenbrook Flood Control	12/31/2012
Councilman Bengivenga	Council's HCD Representative	12/31/2012
Councilman White	Office on Aging Advisory Board Liaison	12/31/2012
Lubov Mack	Office on Aging Advisory Board	12/31/2014
Frank Notino	Taxpayers Advisory Group	12/31/2014
Councilman Bengivenga	Traffic Safety Advisory Comm Liaison	12/31/2012
Councilman Bengivenga	Truck By Pass Committee Liaison	12/31/2012
Councilman Rusnak	Shared Services Committee	12/31/2012
Councilman Bengivenga	Shared Services Committee	12/31/2012

Mr. Barletta made a motion to approve the appointments, seconded by Mr. Bengivenga.

YES: Barletta, Bengivenga, Frank, McConville, White and Rusnak

Former Governor Donald DiFrancesco Administered Oath of Office to the appointees.

Clerk Graf announced the appointments being made by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Borough Council as follows:

Joseph DeAndrea Jr	Construction Board of Appeals	12/31/2014
Dominic Demico Jr	Construction Board of Appeals	12/31/2014
Frank Notino	Construction Board of Appeals	12/31/2014
George DeLucca	Construction Board of Appeals - Building	12/31/2014
Louis Pirizzoli	Cultural Arts Commission	12/31/2014
Melissa Carryl	Cultural Arts Commission	12/31/2012
Eva Sienkowitz	Cultural Arts Commission	12/31/2014
Mark Abramson	Cultural Arts Commission	12/31/2012
Marie Dolinski	Health Advisory Board	12/31/2014
Gayle Curran	Health Advisory Board	12/31/2014
Jackie Jackson	Community Dev. Citizens' Advisory	12/31/2014
Sue Goulet	Library Board of Trustees	12/31/2016
Jason Risoli	Property Board of Appeals	12/31/2014
Stephanie Bartfalvi	Public Celebrations	12/31/2014
Gary Prendergast	Public Celebrations	12/31/2014
Stephanie Wolak	Public Celebrations	12/31/2014
Tim Morgan	Traffic Safety Advisory	12/31/2014
Lt. Kevin Murtagh	Traffic Safety Advisory – Police Rep	12/31/2012
Bobby Capparelli	Traffic Safety Advisory – DPW Rep.	12/31/2012
Councilman Bengivenga	Youth Guidance Council – Council Liaison	12/31/2012
Christopher Colucci	Youth Guidance Council – Police Rep.	12/31/2012
David Miglis	Zoning Board of Adjustment	12/31/2015
Gino Leonardis	Zoning Board of Adjustment	12/31/2015
Cindy Eichler	Zoning Board of Adjustment	12/31/2015
Ken Bonanno	Zoning Board of Adjustment	12/31/2015
Robert Hughes	Zoning Board Alternate I	12/31/2012
Frank Lemos	Zoning Board Alternate II	12/31/2013

Mr. Barletta made a motion to approve the appointments, seconded by Mr. Rusnak.

YES: Barletta, Bengivenga, Frank, McConville, White and Rusnak

Former Governor Donald DiFrancesco Administered Oath of Office to the appointees after which he shared a few thoughts and thanked all those who step up to the challenge of serving in public office. He congratulated the new administration and wished them continued success in 2012.

Clerk Graf announced the Professional Service appointments for calendar year 2012 as follows:

- 11-1 Insurance Broker/Consultant – Insurance Buyers’ Council, Inc.
- 11-2 Borough Auditor – Suplee, Clooney & Co.
- 11-3 Borough Prosecutors – Thomas Lanza, Esq. & Paul Garelick, Esq.
- 11-4 Public Defender – Edward J. Santoro, Jr., Esq.
- 11-5 Tax Search Officer – Kim Clifford
- 11-6 Borough Bond Counsel – McManimon & Scotland, LLC
- 11-7 Borough Engineer – T & M Associates
- 11-8 Borough Planner – T & M Associates
- 11-9 Environmental Engineer – Maser Consulting, PA
- 11-10 Redevelopment Attorney – DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer, P.C.
- 11-11 Condemnation Counsel – DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer, P.C.
- 11-12 Public Agency Compliance Officer – Paul Rizzo of DiFrancesco Law Firm

Mr. Barletta made a motion to approve the Special Appointments for Professional Services for 2012, seconded by Mr. Rusnak.

YES: Barletta, Bengivenga, Frank, McConville, White and Rusnak

Clerk Graf read the list of Special Resolutions for 2012 as follows:

- 12-1 Rules of Order and By-Laws
- 12-2 Authorized Check Signers – Mayor, Clerk & CFO
- 12-3 2012 Official Newspapers – Observer, Star Ledger and Courier News
- 12-4 2012 Employee Holidays
- 12-5 Fix Rates of Interest on Taxes and Sewer
- 12-6 2012 Agenda and Public Meeting Schedule
- 12-7 2012 Cash Management Plan
- 12-8 Authorize Mayor to be the official signer on all Borough documents

Mr. Barletta made a motion to approve the Special Resolutions for 2012, seconded by Mr. White.

YES: Barletta, Bengivenga, Frank, McConville, White and Rusnak

Mr. Bengivenga made a motion to approve the Payment of Bills, seconded by Mr. Rusnak.

YES: Barletta, Bengivenga, Frank, McConville, White and Rusnak

Mr. Barletta made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bengivenga and approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joann L. Graf, RMC
Municipal Clerk