

Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of East Hanover held on Tuesday, January 1, 2008 at 12:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 411 Ridgedale Avenue, East Hanover, New Jersey.

The Clerk called the meeting to order at 12:15 P.M.

Rev. Msgr. Joseph Granato from St. Lucy's Church in Newark gave the Invocation, and the Clerk led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk read the Public Announcement in which she stated that the meeting had been advertised, the press notified, and the notice posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

Monsignor Granato administered the Oath of Office to Mayor-Elect Joseph Pannullo; Rev. Andrew Prachar administered the Oath to Councilman-Elect Stephen DeRosa; and Councilman-Elect Lawrence Colasurdo was sworn into office by Rev. Owen Moran.

Roll Call: Councilmembers DeRosa, Colasurdo, Jandoli, and Mayor Pannullo

Absent: Councilman Musso

Mayor Pannullo was pleased to acknowledge many distinguished guests and dignitaries in attendance.

Motion by Councilman Colasurdo, seconded by Councilman DeRosa to nominate **Carolyn Jandoli** to serve as Council President.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeRosa, Colasurdo, Jandoli, and Mayor Pannullo

COMMUNICATIONS:

Matters listed herein have been referred to members of the Township Council for the members' information and require no action.

Mayoral Appointments:

Environmental Commission

- Amy DiBartolo as Regular Member (3-year term)
- George McDonald as Regular Member (3-year term)

- Victoria Conforti as Regular Member (3-year term)
- Michael Martorelli as Regular Member (3-year term)

Land Use Planning Board

Class IV Members:

- Robert Giordano as Regular Member (4-year term)
- Rocco Nisivoccia as Alt #2 (2-year term)
- George McDonald as Alt #4 (2-year term)

Class II Member:

- John Orlich (1-year term)

APPOINTMENT RESOLUTIONS:

All appointment resolutions have been referred to members of the Township Council for reading and study, are considered to be routine in nature, and will be enacted by one motion of the Township Council with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, the resolution may be removed and be subject to a separate roll call.

Advice and Consent to Mayoral Appointments:

- Matthew J. O'Donnell as Township Attorney
- Glenn F. Scotland as Bond Counsel
- PMK Group as Consulting Engineer
- Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. as Consulting Engineer for Water Storage Facility and Well No. 6
- Louis R. Slaby as Township Planner
- Robert McNerney as Special Appraiser for Tax Appeals and Green Acres
- C. Richard Paduch as Township Administrator
- Michael Calabro as Municipal Prosecutor and Douglas Cabana as Assistant Prosecutor
- Lawrence Colasurdo as Council Representative to Land Use Planning Board (1-year term)
- C. Richard Paduch as Commissioner to Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
- Carolyn Jandoli and Lawrence Colasurdo as Representatives to Morris County League of Municipalities
- C. Richard Paduch as Regular Member and Carolyn Jandoli as Alternate to Morris County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee

- Steven D. Wielkocz of Ferraioli, Wielkocz, Cerullo & Cuva as Auditor
- All Duly Appointed Municipal Prosecutors in Morris County as Assistant Prosecutor
- Marco Laracca as Public Defender
- Carlo DiLizia as Compliance Officer
- Richard Getsinger as Safety Delegate and Frank Cancellieri as Alternate to Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
- Tax Collector as the Official to issue Certificates of Searches for Municipal Liens
- Tax Assessor as the Official to make Apportionment of Taxes
- Richard E. Allocca as Insurance Risk Management Consultant
- John Centanni as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator

Motion by Councilman Colasurdo, seconded by Councilwoman Jandoli to adopt the foregoing resolutions.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeRosa, Colasurdo, Jandoli, and Mayor Pannullo

CONSENT AGENDA: Organizational and Procedural Resolutions

Matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been referred to members of the Township Council for reading and study, are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion of the Township Council with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by Council action and placed on the regular agenda as new business.

- Establishing Meeting Dates for 2008
- Establishing Meeting Structure
- Procurement of Blanket Official Bond
- Procurement of Safe, Burglary, and Holdup Insurance
- Designating Official Depositories
- Designating Official Newspapers
- Temporary Budget for 2008
- Award of Contracts for Professional Services

Motion by Councilman Colasurdo, seconded by Councilman DeRosa to adopt the foregoing resolutions.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeRosa, Colasurdo, Jandoli, and Mayor Pannullo

COUNCIL REMARKS:

Councilman Colasurdo thanked his family for their support and also the Clergymen for their presence. He said that during the campaign, the overall response from residents was for a no-frills responsive government; and the major concern voiced was taxes. Councilman Colasurdo stated that the new Council would be guided by this in their efforts to achieve these goals. He asked for patience, time, and support from the citizens in order to move East Hanover in the direction of the people.

Council President Jandoli expressed her thanks to everyone, and especially for allowing her to serve on the Council for the past year. She was looking forward to the new leadership and guidance of the Council as they collectively work to help make East Hanover a better community.

Councilman DeRosa thanked his family and the public for their support and dedication. He said that as a new voice on the Council, he promised to work for the betterment of the community. Councilman DeRosa spoke of negative innuendos by the previous administration and assured that he would always be honest and forthright with the public; the new Council's platform was to give East Hanover back to the people and the voters spoke loud and clear on Election Day. Councilman DeRosa concluded by saying that today was the first step, and he looked forward to working with all the residents to achieve a common goal.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS:

Mayor Pannullo began his address by thanking his family for their continual support, and he also extended a special thanks to Monsignor Granato for sharing in this special day. He especially wanted to express his gratitude to the people of East Hanover for their support and confidence and for allowing him this great honor to serve as their Mayor.

The Mayor continued by saying, "I stand here before you today to confirm that I take the responsibility of this office very seriously and assure you that this administration will give 110 percent of our efforts to continue to make East Hanover a better place for all of us.

During our campaign, we visited over 2,500 homes and let me say, the residents of East Hanover are not shy as to how they feel about this town and what they would like to see improved.

I definitely heard you; I will act on those concerns and will bring the voice of the people back to the government of East Hanover.

First, we intend to examine the Varsity property to determine why that site was declared a redevelopment zone. We will exhaust any and all alternative remedies or options to preserve our land.

We will pursue the issue of taxes, prudently manage our assets, research existing debt, aggressively identify new sources of revenue, and increase rateables from projects already under construction or recently approved. We will seek to put in motion a project to create senior housing at the Nike Site, which I encouraged the Township to obtain and voted for as a Councilman in 1993.

We hope to expand our excellent Recreation Department to another level to provide new programs for the children of our future. We will also pursue a project to bring a supermarket to the residents. We will make East Hanover safer by filling the spots on the Police force left vacant by attrition and retirement and bring our Police Department back to its full capacity.

I have every confidence that these goals are attainable and that the future of East Hanover will be better than it was before. As I strive to reach these goals, I will work to maintain, preserve, and protect the peace and tranquility of our community and prevent the overdevelopment and overcrowding of our land. I assure you that as these goals are being accomplished, your voices will be heard. I encourage each and every one of you to participate and join us in the challenges of making East Hanover a better place to live.

In conclusion, I would like to thank God for giving all of us the strength to move ahead. I implore all of you to have a voice; we want to hear from you even if you disagree. I swear to you that I am here to serve you and that is what this Council will do."

BENEDICTION:

Rev. Msgr. Joseph Granato gave the Benediction.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilman DeRosa, seconded by Councilwoman Jandoli to adjourn meeting.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeRosa, Colasurdo, Jandoli, and Mayor Pannullo

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

MARILYN J. SNOW
Township Clerk

We attest these minutes to be true and correct:

_____ MAYOR PANNULLO

_____ COUNCIL PRESIDENT JANDOLI

_____ COUNCILMAN DEROSA

_____ COUNCILMAN COLASURDO