Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of East Hanover held on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 411 Ridgedale Avenue, East Hanover, New Jersey.

Mayor Pannullo read the Public Announcement in which he stated that the meeting had been advertised, the press notified, and the notice posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and also on the Township Website www.easthanovertownship.com.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

Also Present: Joseph Tempesta, Jr., Administrator
Kenneth Huelbig, C.F.O.
M. Murphy Durkin, Township Attorney
Felicia A. McDonald, R.M.C. Deputy Township Clerk

The Mayor called the meeting to order and Captain Jack Ambrose led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Mayor Pannullo administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Councilman Brokaw.

Father Bob Mitchell, Assisting Priest St. Rose of Lima, and Reverend Hannah Allred of Kitchell Memorial Presbyterian Church gave the Invocation.

Mayor Pannullo read the Public Announcement in which he stated that the meeting had been advertised, the press notified, and the notice posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and also on the Township Website www.easthanovertownship.com.

1-2026 ~ Resolution: Designation of Council President

Motion by Councilman Brokaw, seconded by Councilwoman Jandoli to designate Councilman Martorelli to serve as Council President.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Brokaw, Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Council President Martorelli he also welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged dignitaries, Township Officials, and Professionals in attendance.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS WITH ADVICE & CONSENT OF COUNCIL:

All appointment resolutions have been referred to members of the Township Council for reading and study, are considered to be routine, 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.

2-2026- Resolution: Township Attorney - M. Murphy Durkin, Esq. of Durkin & Durkin, LLC
3-2026- Resolution: Tax Counsel - Durkin & Durkin, LLC
4-2026- Resolution: Special Counsel - Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan LLC
5-2026- Resolution: Special Counsel – Durkin & Durkin, LLC
6-2026- Resolution: Special Counsel – King Moench & Collins, LLP
7-2026- Resolution: Auditor - Steven D. Wielkotz, RMA of Wielkotz & Company LLC
8-2026- Resolution: Township Engineer – Craig Zimmerman, PE of Colliers Engineering & Design
9-2026- Resolution: Consulting Engineer - Boswell Engineering
10-2026- Resolution: Removed
11-2026- Resolution: Township Planner - Darlene A. Green, PP of Colliers Engineering & Design
12-2026- Resolution: Appraiser - Robert McNerney of McNerney & Associates
13-2026- Resolution: Risk Management Consultant - IMAC Insurance Agency
14-2026- Resolution: Broker of Record for Employee Benefits - IMAC Insurance Agency
15-2026- Resolution: Bond Underwriter - Michael I. Hanley of NW Financial Group, LLC
16-2026- Resolution: Bond Counsel – McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC
17-2026- Resolution: Labor Counsel – Genova Burns, LLC
18-2026- Resolution: Municipal Prosecutor - Michael V. Calabro, Esq.
19-2026- Resolution: Assistant Prosecutor - Georgina Giordano Pallitto, Esq.
20-2026- Resolution: Public Defender - James Pomaco, Esq.
21-2026- Resolution: Township Medical Director Services –Donald Adams, DO, FAAOS, Donald Adams, LLC
22-2026- Resolution: Police Department Staffing Analysis - The Ambrose Group, LLC
23-2026- Resolution: Land Use Planning Board Class III Member – Frank DeMaio, Jr.
24-2026- Resolution: Library Board Member – Diane Mammon
25-2026- Resolution: EH Community Partnership Class A Director – Michael Martorelli
26-2026- Resolution: Public Agency Compliance Officer – Kenneth Huelbig
27-2026- Resolution: Morris County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee Representative – Christopher Manak
28-2026- Resolution: Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
Commissioner- Joseph Tempesta, Jr.
Alternate- Kenneth Huelbig
29-2026- Resolution: Morris County League of Municipalities Representatives - Mayor Joseph Pannullo and Administrator Joseph Tempesta, Jr.

30-2026- Resolution: Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
Safety Delegate- Richard Getsinger
Alternate- Frank Cancellieri

Motion by Council President Martorelli, seconded by Councilman DeMaio to adopt the foregoing resolutions.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Brokaw, Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:

The Deputy Township Clerk read the following names and titles into record:

Land Use Planning Board:
31-2026- Resolution: Class I Member - Mayor's Designee - Carolyn Jandoli
32-2026- Resolution: Class II Member – Gary Lombardi
Class IV Regular Member – Stephen Cosenzo
Class IV Regular Member – Mauro Castano
Class IV Regular Member – Sigi Lembo
Class IV Regular Member – Frederick Marra
Alt #1 – Linda Knoll
Alt #2 – Justin Orgel
Alt #3 – Matthew La Salvia
Alt #4 – Carlo Forgione
Environmental Commission Members:
33-2026- Resolution: Member Rick Vrablick
Member Dino Cirelli
Member Greg Berberian
Member Sean Berberian
Chairperson – Christopher Manak
34-2026- Resolution: Mayor's Designee to Library Board – Margaret Figiluolo
35-2026- Resolution: Morris County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee
Representative – Kenneth Huelbig
Alternate – Carolyn Jandoli
36-2026- Resolution: Senior Citizens Management Board Liaison – Carolyn Jandoli
37-2026- Resolution: Appointing CERT Members
38-2026- Resolution: Appointing Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) Members
39-2026- Resolution: Appointing Deputy Coordinators of the Office of Emergency Management

The Township Council confirmed the Mayor's appointment resolutions.

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 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.

40-2026- Resolution: Establish Regular Meeting Dates
41-2026- Resolution: Establish Meeting Structure
42-2026- Resolution: Designation of Official Newspapers
43-2026- Resolution: Designation of Depositories and Authorized Township Signatories
44-2026- Resolution: Designation of Tax Search Officer
45-2026- Resolution: Designation of Assessment Search Officer
46-2026- Resolution: Chief Finance Officer to Sell Bond Anticipation Notes
47-2026- Resolution: Annual Due Dates for Tax and Utilities, Grace Period, and Penalty
48-2026- Resolution: Returned Check Fees
49-2026- Resolution: Cancellation of Property Tax and Water-Sewer Refunds or Delinquencies
50-2026- Resolution: Petty Cash Funds
51-2026- Resolution: Cash Management Plan
52-2026- Resolution: Temporary Budget
53-2026- Accepting Bid and Awarding Contract Ellis Cook House Restoration Phase II
54-2026- Refund of Overpayment of Taxes (Block 99, Lot 43.14)
55-2026- Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes for a 100% Disabled Veteran
56-2026- Authorizing the Cancellation of Taxes for a 100% Disabled Veteran

Motion by Council President Martorelli, seconded by Councilman Brokaw to adopt the foregoing resolutions.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Brokaw, Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC IMPUT:

Motion by Councilwoman Jandoli, seconded by Councilman DeMaio to go into Public Input.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Brokaw, Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

Sandra Verderamo, 124 Troy Road, thanked the East Hanover Public Works Department for its prompt response in removing a fallen tree. She also requested an update on the flood zones within the Township.

Mayor Pannullo responded that the flood zones will remain unchanged. Properties that were not previously located in a flood zone will not be added, and properties that were previously designated within a flood zone will remain so.

Motion by Councilwoman Jandoli, seconded by Councilman DeMaio to close Public Input.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Brokaw, Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

COUNCIL REMARKS:

Councilman DeMaio: Good evening everyone, and Happy New Year.

I would like to congratulate my colleague and friend, **Councilman Brian Brokaw**, on the start of his fourth term. Councilman Brokaw works tirelessly, as we all do, to ensure that East Hanover continues to move forward.

Congratulations to **Councilman Martorelli** on his nomination as **Council President**. We look forward to continuing to collaborate with **Mayor Pannullo** and the Council to keep East Hanover a great place to live and work.

It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve alongside such dedicated members of this governing body.

Our public safety teams—including our Police Department, Fire Department, EMS, OEM, CERT, Health Department, and Department of Public Works—are, in my opinion, among the finest in the State of New Jersey. They consistently put their own safety ahead of others to help keep our community safe, and I extend my sincere thanks to each of them.

Lastly, I wish everyone a very safe, healthy, and prosperous **2026**.

Council President Martorelli: He congratulated **Councilman Brokaw** on his re-election to a fourth term. Council President Martorelli thanked **Mayor Pannullo** for swearing him in this evening as **Council President**.

Council President Martorelli extended his sincere appreciation to Mayor Pannullo, Councilwoman Jandoli, Councilman DeMaio, and Councilman Brokaw for their continued support. He thanked Councilman Brokaw for nominating him to serve as Council President, stating it is an honor to serve in this role.

Council President Martorelli thanked the residents for their continued trust and support and stated that the Council remains committed to providing high-quality professional services while maintaining fiscal responsibility to keep East Hanover a great place to work, live, and raise a family.

He expressed pride in the Township's accomplishments, including the expansion of the new Senior Center, renovations to Lurker Park and Town Hall, infrastructure improvements, advancements in technology, and public safety initiatives. He also discussed the ongoing efforts to address the State-mandated Fair Share Housing requirements, noting the challenges faced when court mandates require significant development within the Township and stating that the Township continues to fight for the best possible outcome. He added that just as progress is made, the requirements often change, requiring continued effort.

Council President Martorelli expressed his sincere thanks to the Township professionals, department heads, employees, emergency personnel, boards and commission members, and the business community. He especially thanked the volunteers for their dedication and service to the community. Lastly, he thanked his family and all those in attendance this evening.

Councilwoman Jandoli: "Mayor, Fellow Council Members, Dignitaries, Township Employees, Members of East Hanover Community and Friends.

Happy New Year to all. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday with family and friends. It is an honor to stand before you at our reorganization meeting as we reflect on a year of hard-earned progress and set course for the year ahead.

As we look back on 2025, we see a community that chose collaboration over complacency, solutions over stalemates, and service over self-interest. We strengthened our core services-public safety, public works, and recreation-while being responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars. We advanced infrastructure projects, took tangible steps to support local businesses, and expanded programs for seniors, veterans, and families. We showed that success is not measured only in line items and ribbon cuttings; it is measured in trust restored, responsiveness improved, and the confidence our residents feel when they call East Hanover home. It was a year of expansion, learnings and planning to ensure anything that impacts this community will be managed and addressed in the least impactful way to ensure our community sustainment.

We invested in our roads and drainage to reduce flooding and improve safety. We have made our parks more accessible and welcoming, from upgraded amenities to expanded programming. We secured grants and leveraged partnerships to stretch every dollar further. Our emergency services-police, fire, EMS-Continued to uphold the highest standards of professionalism, and we backed them with training, equipment, and coordination that keeps our community safe. We moved forward and strengthened our ability to be the safest and most prepared community, especially with the changing times and additional needs that are now required. We also took steps to modernize township operations, streamlining permits, enhancing digital services, and making it easier for residents to get what they need without running around.

But the true success of 2025 was not a single initiative-it was the spirit behind the effort. It was the volunteer who showed up early and stayed up late. The business owner who invested locally. The state, county, and school partners who found common ground. The civic groups who rolled up their sleeves. It was our willingness to listen, to compromise, and do the work. That spirit is our foundation.

In 2026, we will build that foundation with clear priorities and steady leadership.

- We will cement fiscal discipline-maintaining strong reserves, pursuing grants, and targeting investments that will deliver real value for residents while keeping taxes predictable.
- We will finish what we are started-bringing key infrastructure projects to completion, addressing aging facilities, and planning for long term resiliency.
- We will continue making government more accessible-expanding online services, simplifying processes, and communicating transparently so residents are informed and engaged.
- We will strengthen public safety-supporting our first responders, coordinating regional efforts, and prioritizing health and community policing.
- We will champion local business-reducing red tape, promoting our commercial corridors, and encouraging job creating, community compatible development.

- We will invest in people-youth programs, senior services, and inclusive community events that bring us together across generations and neighborhoods.
- And we will plan for the future- updating our master plan thoughtfully, preserving open space where possible, and building a resilient, sustainable township that can weather economic and environmental challenges.

As we undertake this work, we have the privilege of doing so in a milestone year. In 2026, our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of its independence- a quarter millennium of striving toward the ideals laid out in our founding documents. The semi quincentennial is more than a commemoration; it is a call to reflect on the responsibilities of self-government and the promise that local communities like ours represent.

Townships were among the first institutions of American democracy- neighbors gathering to decide how to care for their roads, educate their children, and keep each other safe. In East Hanover, that tradition endures. We govern close to the people. We tackle practical challenges. We honor the dignity of every resident. And we remember that the strength of our nation grows from the civic health of communities like ours.

As we mark the 250th anniversary, we will celebrate with events that honor our history, uplift our veterans, and engage our youth in the story of America. And we will do more than celebrate; we will recommit ourselves to the virtues that sustain free people-respect for the rule of law, the habit of listening, the courage to compromise, the determination to innovate, and the conviction that our diversity is a source of strength.

Leadership in 2026 must be humble, hands on, and hopeful. It must be willing to measure success not by headlines, but by the quiet confidence of residents who see their concerns addressed and their concerns addressed, and their ideas welcomed. It must put service above spotlight and outcomes above applause. And it must keep faith with the basic truth that good government is built-patiently, prudently, and together.

To my colleagues on the governing body: we may not agree on everything, but we can agree on our duty to serve. Let us maintain civility, debate honestly, and bring different perspectives to a common purpose. To all our police, fire, OEM and First Aid- thank you for always being there for our residents. What you do is truly an act of courage, and we will forever thank you. To our township professionals: thank you. Your expertise and dedication are the engine of our progress; we will continue to equip you and trust you to carry out our shared goals. To our volunteers and civic partners: you are the heart of East Hanover; keep leading, keep showing up, and know that your efforts matter. And to our residents: we work for you. Keep holding us accountable, keep sharing your ideas, and keep believing that local government can be a force for good.

As we recognize the year ahead, we reaffirm our commitment: to responsible stewardship, to neighborly compassion, and to the forward-looking optimism that defines East Hanover Township. We honor our past, seize the opportunities of the present, and prepare our community for the future our children deserve.

May 2026 be a year of unity, progress, and pride-for East Hanover and for the United States of America on its 250th anniversary. Together, let us keep building a township that is safe, welcoming, and strong. Together, let's keep faith with the promise of our democracy-one meeting, one project, one act of service at a time.

Thank you, friends and neighbors of East Hanover Township, members of our governing body, dedicated staff, volunteers, and residents.

Let's make 2026 the best year yet."

Councilman Brokaw: "Good evening, everyone, friends, and family and thank you for joining us at our Reorg for my swearing in for another three years which also starts my 10th year.

I first want to thank my wife Michelle, our wonderful children Nicole, Brian Jr., Dillon, and Kristi for all these years of support.

It's been an honor to serve as Council President last year and I look forward to serving under Council President Mike Martorelli for 2026.

I want to sincerely thank every single department, employee, board, and volunteer that helps keep East Hanover operating at a highly efficient level.

Collectively, with all of our departments and organizations, we are a great team who truly cares about one another and the Township of East Hanover.

God bless all of you and I'm proud to work with each and every one of you.

We will continue to invest heavily in our Police Department, Fire Department, EMS, OEM all while forming our brand-new hybrid Fire Department to help assist all of our departments with the great leadership of Chief Director John Centanni.

To us public safety is paramount, and we can't have enough of it.

Special thanks to all of our volunteer Fire Department members who responded to so many calls from our growing town. We are blessed to have such an experienced team.

I cannot forget to thank a great friend and Planning Board Chairman Bill Salemme, who also acts as my treasurer for my campaign. Thank you, Bill.

It is my honor to serve East Hanover with Council President Mike Martorelli, Councilwoman Carolyn Jandoli, and Councilman Frank DeMaio going into my 4th term, "believe it or not we still get along"

Congratulations to all of our Mayoral appointees, our incredible Business Administrator, Joe Tempesta, and our attorney, Murphy Durkin. You all do a great job and I know you will serve our town well.

Thanks to all of our faithful residents that keep Team Pannullo thriving.

Lastly, I would like to thank Mayor Pannullo for his continued support for this team, treating us all like family and never wavering from doing what is right to keep East Hanover a simply incredible place to live. Thank you, mayor.

Thank you and God Bless!"

MAYOR'S ADDRESS: "Happy New Year to the entire Community of East Hanover!

Congratulations to Councilman Brian Brookaw on being re-elected to the Township Council and we wish him and his family well throughout his next term.

We also congratulate Councilman Michael Martorelli on being selected Council President for this year. I would also like to thank the entire Council as we continue to work as a team watching out for the citizens of East Hanover.

This is the start of my19th year as your mayor. I am honored and humbled by the responsibility you have given me, and I take that responsibility very seriously.

We have made so much progress together over the years as evidenced by the amount of infrastructure work completed including the paving of many streets, water main upgrades, hundreds of dead tree removals, technology upgrades, and park upgrades.

As we enter the new year, we also enter the 4th Round of Fair Share Housing requirements as mandated by the NJ Supreme Court. We continue to fight for East Hanover because we feel the State of NJ has given all towns an unfair and unrealistic number of units to be built. The Township of East Hanover has always been willing to provide our fair share of affordable housing but the State has allowed developers to build an even greater number of market rate units that will cost our town millions in infrastructure and operational improvements including the hiring of more police officers, additions to our schools, more firefighting requirements and apparatus, and provisions for more water. We strongly feel the State of NJ should not turn East Hanover into a city which is why we must continue to fight the State on this critical issue.

We are pleased with the improvements to Lurker Park including the corner of Ridgedale and Eagle Rock Avenue, the Bocce Pavillion, new Pickle Ball courts, improvements to our Tennis Courts, improvements to Lighting, additional security cameras, and walking paths. This year will be another busy year as we start Phase 3 of the Lurker Park upgrade. This phase includes the final additions on our Bocce courts, additional upgrades to our remaining ball fields, and significant drainage improvements to the park including underground drainage in the Ridgedale Avenue parking lot as well as an expansion for additional parking on the Ridgedale Avenue side of the park. We have also received grant money to expand our walking paths to include the former Camp Thunderbird which is the wooded area between the end of the park on the east side throughout the wooded area between that end of the park and River Road.

We always support our senior citizens, and we continue to provide the services they need with regards to transportation to doctor's offices and providing help whenever necessary. Additionally, I am happy to announce that the township has made a significant investment in acquiring the former First Presbyterian Church property on the corner of Hanover Road and Mt. Pleasant Avenue that will become the new home for all East Hanover Senior Citizens. We envision a brand-new facility to be built to accommodate our growing Senior Citizen Club. Our senior citizens are America's greatest generation, and we care for them!

We support our schools, our teachers, and our students. Together with our senior citizens and our families our Township as a whole working together makes us a great community.

Congratulations to all our volunteer citizens appointed today and we thank them for serving and we especially thank our volunteer fire department and volunteer first aid squad and all their members for serving our community every day. Additionally, I would like to especially thank our volunteers for OEM and CERT, who along with the Fire Department are under the leadership of Chief John Centanni and I also like to thank the East Hanover Police Department and all our officers under the leadership of our Chief Chris Cannizzo especially during these challenging times. We also thank all our employees and departments including Health under Carlo DiLizia, our Clerk Nicolette Calabro and we congratulate Nicolette on the birth of her baby girl Claudia and filling in and doing a good job for Nicolette while out on Family Leave we thank Deputy Clerk Felicia McDonald, Finance and Tax under Ken Huelbig, DPW under Marc Macaluso, Public Utilities under Ed Schimminger, Recreation under DJ Salvante, Construction and Land Use under Tom Pershouse, IT under Al Vizzone, our Library under Gayle Carlson, and Administration under Joe Tempesta and all their respective departments for the work they do every day.

East Hanover is a great community. Our future is bright, and we continue to be an affordable and stable community to live, work, and raise a family.

On behalf of the Pannullo family, my wife Terry, my daughters Roxanne and Sarah, my son in-laws Phil and Michael, and my grandchildren Frank, Joseph, Michael, Matthew and Allison we wish all of you and your families a Happy and Healthy New Year and as you have heard me say before, we may not be related by blood, but we are related by community and that makes us family.

I thank you for allowing me to serve you as Mayor and I thank all of you for making East Hanover a caring community. Thank you."

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motion by Councilwoman Jandoli, seconded by Councilman DeMaio to pay bills included in the attached claim list submitted by the Chief Finance Officer. The total authorized amount is $8,900,626.98. .

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Brokaw, Council President Martorelli, and Mayor Pannullo

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by the Council President Martorelli, seconded by Councilman Brokaw to adjourn meeting.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeMaio, Jandoli, Martorelli, Council President Brokaw, and Mayor Pannullo

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Felicia A. McDonald, RMC
Deputy Township Clerk

Adopted: March 2, 2026