

**REORGANIZATION MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**January 4, 2015
DELRAN, NJ**

The meeting was called to order with a salute to the Flag by Councilman Catrambone.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT: Be advised the Township Council has given notice in accordance with the sunshine law in the following manner. Notice published in the Burlington County Times and Camden Courier Post on December 23, 2014 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE TO

At this time, the Oath of Office was administered to Michael Schwartz, Ward 1 Councilman by Freeholder Joanne Schwartz.

The Oath of Office was administered to Dan O'Connell, Ward 2 Councilman by Assemblyman Herb Conaway.

The Oath of Office was administered to Patty Kolodi, Ward 3 Councilwoman by Assemblyman Troy Singleton.

NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Mrs. Kolodi nominated **Gary Catrambone** as **President of Council** for a term to expire **December 31, 2015**. The nomination was seconded by **Mr. O'Connell**.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Mr. Schwartz nominated **Patty Kolodi** as **Vice President of Council** for a term to expire **December 31, 2015**. The nomination was seconded by **Lona Pangia**.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS WITH ADVICE & CONSENT OF COUNCIL

Appointment of **Philip Norcross** of **Parker McCay P.A.** as the **Township Bond Attorney #2015-1**

Appointment of **Armando Ricco** as the **Township Labor Attorney #2015-2**

Appointment of **Brendan Kavanagh** of **Kavangh & Kavanagh** as the **Township Tax Attorney #2015-3**

Jamey Eggers, Dan O'Connell, Patty Kolodi and Hugh McCurley to the Multi Dwelling Emergency Commission for a term to expire **December 31, 2015**

Ms. Pangia made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to confirm the appointments of the Mayor.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS BY RESOLUTIONS

Resolution appointing **Robert Marrone** of **Bowman and Company** as **Township Auditor #2015-4**

Resolution appointing **Adam Brent** as **Township Public Defender #2015-5**

Resolution appointing **Dean Buono** as **Township Prosecutor #2015-6**

Resolution **Cash Management Plan – Depositories and Investments #2015-7**

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. O'Connell to adopt the above resolutions.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Jeffrey Williams to the **Planning Board** as a **Class 2 member** for a term to expire **December 31, 2015**

Ken Paris to the **Planning Board** as a **Class 1 member** for a term to expire **December 31, 2015**

Patty Kolodi to the **Planning Board** as the **Mayor's Designee** for a term to expire **December 31, 2015**

Henry Singer to the **Planning Board** as the **Class 4 Member** for a term to expire **December 31, 2018**

Paul Cathel to the **Planning Board** as the **Class 4 Member** for a term to expire **December 31, 2018**

Randy Belin to the **Planning Board as Alternate 2** for a term to expire **December 31, 2016**

Michele Revis to the **Recreation Advisory Board** for a term to expire **December 31, 2017**

Paul Hejnas to the **Green Team** for a term to expire **December 31, 2017**

COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS

Gary Catrambone to the **Planning Board** for a term to expire **December 31, 2015**

Voltaire Gonzaga to the **Zoning Board** for a term to expire **December 31, 2018**

Mara Wexler-Wuebker to the **Zoning Board** for a term to expire **December 31, 2018**

Robert Veight to the **Recreation Advisory Committee** for a term to expire **December 31, 2017**

Debra Hammond to the **Green Team** for a term to expire **December 31, 2017**

Susan Huesken to the **Green Team** for a term to expire **December 31, 2017**

Mrs. Kolodi made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pangia to appoint those named above.

There being no questions, the roll was called.

Mr. O'Connell, Ms. Pangia, Mrs. Kolodi, Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Catrambone voted aye.

Ayes: 5
Nays: None

Motion Approved

COMMENTS

Ms. Pangia – Ms. Pangia thanked her husband and children. She thanked the various elected official for attending the meeting. She thanked her family from Station 232 who are here today. Two years ago I walked into this room and sat in this chair and was as nervous as could be but I had next to me my cohort Mike Schwartz. At the end of my report I read a quote from Dr. Seuss, The Lorax. Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not. As the youngest Council person, I still get harassed about quoting Dr. Seuss. She advised Mr. O'Connell not to quote Dr. Seuss. Over the last two years, I love how our activities have grown and will continue to grow. Last night, I brought the girls to see Frozen on Ice and although Elsa unfreezes Anna with an act of unconditional love, she also unfreezes the town with her love of the kingdom she cherishes. I love Delran and I cherish the opportunity to serve. I promise I will always keep the residents in my thoughts as I finish out the next two years. Tonight would not be complete without acknowledging the Lord, my Savior.

Mr. Schwartz – Mr. Schwartz stated that he wanted to talk about 2014 and the challenges that he faced. As most of my close friends, blindness was the easiest of the physical limitations that I encountered. I received a phone call, while I was in the hospital, from Gary Catrambone notifying me that we had to file the petitions. I told Gary that there was so much that was not completed that I couldn't let it go. When you have a near death experience, it puts a lot in perspective. What is really important, is that I finish the work I promised the residents. I talked to my family and found myself frustrated because I couldn't walk for long periods of time and couldn't get to all the residents. One thing I love about running for office is you get to hear ideas and concerns from the residents. I had to concede that there were things I could do and things I could not do. Mr. Schwartz thanked Joanne Schwartz for being here today to swear him into office. He also thanked Freeholder Aimee Belgard, Assemblyman Herb Conaway and Troy Singleton. They are good people and I am happy they chose to be here today. Moving forward I hope to continue the work I have been doing in Ward 1. When I first took office we were in the height of a recession and most towns were faced with cutting services. This Council was able to keep those services in place. It is important that we disagreed at times because that brings the best results. There is a saying that I would like to end with and that is that "all votes rise from the high tide.

Mr. O'Connell – Mr. O'Connell thank Assemblyman Conaway for attending today to swear him into office. His service to this country is unmatched and he is an incredibly nice guy. Mr. O'Connell thanked Assemblyman Troy Singleton, Freeholders Aimee Belgard and Joanne Schwartz for attending. They are wonderful servants to the community. Mr. O'Connell thanked the other Elected Officials in attendance. Before I go into my formal remarks, I want to truly thank the man I am succeeding, Tom Morrow. Through this campaign, I came to have a new friend. We think about politics alike and it was an unexpected pleasure to get to know Tom. I want the residents of Ward 2 to know how well they were served by Tom and ask everyone to join in a round of applause for Tom Morrow. I would like to thank the voters of Ward 2. This is a real honor and great opportunity. I have lived in Delran for over twenty-two years and I love this town. It means the world that the residents elected me to office. Next, I would like to thank Council. These were people I knew, but really didn't know. I would like to congratulate Mr. Schwartz and Mrs. Kolodi on their re-election. I would like to thank our Council President, because he is the one that asked me to join the team. Gary Catrambone spent a tremendous amount of time talking to me, giving me advice and making sure I had all the resources to run. Everything he said he would do, he did and it means the world to me. Delran is served very well by these elected officials. Mr. O'Connell told a few stories about some of the Council members and the Mayor. Mr. O'Connell thanked his

neighbors. He also thanked his brothers and sisters from Organized Labor. You are my second family and I would not be here without you. Mr. O'Connell thanked his family including his mom and his sister Nancy. I told Gary that before I decided to run I had to discuss it with them and from day one I had their support. I would like to thank my cousin and his wife who drove down from Bergen County. Mr. O'Connell thanked his friends all around the country for their support. Finally, to my lady Mary, your support and encouragement is unmeasurable. Mr. O'Connell stated that we are finally starting to come out of the worst recession since the Great Depression. My parents and many of my relatives lived through it and I grew up hearing the stories of struggle. I believe that government, no matter what the level has a role to play. The question and the problem before us is how do we give those that need it a hand up and spend taxpayer's money wisely and prudently. This Council has a track record of doing that and I look forward to working with them to keep Delran on the right track.

Mrs. Kolodi – Mrs. Kolodi stated that Ms. Pangia may have been teased about Dr. Seuss but she was always teased about her quotes. As I look out today, the quote that I think of is from Tipp O'Neil who said "all politics is local". I truly believe that to be correct. The reason I sit here is because I have great faith in this country. I spent thirty-six years as a History Teacher, trying to inspire young people to realize the gifts that we were given by being born in the United States of America. I have traveled the world and everywhere I have been I found beautiful people and beautiful customs but I come home and realize that the basic principles of this country, freedom, justice and equality are a part of who we are. I sit here today because of that very reason. When Gary Catrambone and Ken Paris knocked on my door they told me that they heard my name from some students and they needed someone to run for Council. At first I didn't feel I could it but I tell my students all the time that they need to get involved. If I would not said yes, I would have been a hypocrite to my students. Four years ago I said yes and a few months ago I felt like I wanted to continue to make our town a little better. It is a very humbling experience to sit in front of you today and it is an honor. I promise that I will do the best that I can to serve this town to the best of my ability. It is important for us to start here and make Delran the shining city on the hills and that through Delran we make the changes that NJ needs. We can all make a difference. Thank you to the Elected Officials here today. It is not always easy and a lot of times we take criticism but we are here and it matters. Thank you to Assemblymen Troy Singleton for being here today to swear me into office. I truly appreciate it. Thank you to my friends for helping me and my husband who sticks by me all the time. I hope that 2015 is a great year for this Council and the Township of Delran. We look forward to hearing from the residents. Have a wonderful happy, healthy and blessed New Year.

Mr. Catrambone – Mr. Catrambone stated that everyone is invited to a small reception at Throwbacks Bar & Grill following the meeting. Mr. Catrambone thanked Assemblyman Troy Singleton and Herb Conaway. They are true friends and mentors. Mr. Catrambone thanked Freeholders Aimee Belgard and Joanne Schwartz along with the other elected official for attending today. Mr. Catrambone thanked the individuals from Organized Labor. Mr. Catrambone thanked his friends, family and neighbors for all their support. Mr. Catrambone thanked former Councilman Tom Morrow for his six years as an elected official. Congratulations to Mike Schwartz, Patty Kolodi and Dan O'Connell on their election. We welcome Mr. O'Connell to the team. You will find that the Mayor and Council are highly spirited, deeply committed and passionate about Delran. We work hard, we have vigorous conversation and ultimately come together to do what is best for Delran. We always have and always will.

Mr. Paris – Mr. Paris acknowledged the Elected Officials in attendance. Also, the vendors and the Labor Union. We appreciate the support. I would like to thank Mr. Morrow for his years of service. I would like to thank Sal Siciliano, Greg Valesi, Doug Long and Bob Marrone

for attending. You have done a great job working with us and we are glad to have you back. We are looking to do great things. I would like to thank Jeffrey Hatcher, Jamey Eggers and all the employees of the Township. They have been working very hard to keep our taxes stable and we will continue to do so. We have just began looking at the 2015 budget and are being very conscientious. Thank you to Dan O'Connell for wanting to get involved. It is a big commitment. Sometimes you may get frustrated but we are here to look out for the residents and to do the right thing. I am glad to have you as part of team. Thank you to everyone for being here this afternoon.

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Mr. Schwartz made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kolodi to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted,

**Jamey Eggers
Township Clerk**