

**NORTH HANOVER TOWNSHIP  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
REORGANIZATION MINUTES  
JANUARY 5, 2017, 7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER** Township Clerk calls meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**FLAG SALUTE:** Township Clerk led the salute to the flag

**ROLL CALL:** Committeeman Delorenzo  
Committeeman Kocubinski  
  
Committeeman O'Donnell  
Committeeman Elect Debaecke  
  
Committeeman Elect Doyle

**SUNSHINE STATEMENT:** "The provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met. Notice of this meeting has been transmitted by email to the Courier Times, Burlington County Times and The Trenton Times as well as given to those having requested same and posted on the Township bulletin board located in the foyer of the municipal building".

**OATH OF OFFICE FOR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS ELECT:**  
The Township Clerk called for Committeeman Elect Ronald DeBaecke to be sworn into office. Assemblyman Ronald Dancer swore Mr. Ronald Debaecke into office. Everyone extended a round of applause. The Township Clerk called for Committeeman Elect Christopher Doyle to be sworn into office. Assemblyman Ronald Dancer swore Mr. Christopher Doyle into office. Everyone extended a round of applause

**CLERK CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR 2017**  
The Township Clerk called for nominations for Mayor 2017:

Committeeman O'Donnell expressed concerns regarding lack of communication. Committeeman DeLorenzo noted everyone is entitled to opinion

Committeeman Debaecke proposed to appoint Lou DeLorenzo for Mayor 2017, seconded by Committeeman Doyle. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman DeBaecke	X		X			
Committeeman Doyle		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski				X		
Committeeman O'Donnell				X		
Committeeman DeLorenzo			X			

Committeeman Kocubinski proposed a motion to appoint Brendan O'Donnell for Mayor 2017, seconded by Committeeman O'Donnell. Motion Defeated.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman DeBaecke				X		
Committeeman Doyle				X		
Committeeman Kocubinski	X		X			
Committeeman O'Donnell		X	X			
Committeeman DeLorenzo				X		

Assemblyman Dancer administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Delorenzo.

**NEW MAYOR CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTY MAYOR 2017**  
Mayor DeLorenzo called for nominations for Deputy Mayor 2017.

Committeeman Kocubinski proposed to appoint Brendan O'Donnell for Deputy Mayor 2017, seconded by Committeeman O'Donnell. Motion Defeated.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman DeBaecke				X		
Committeeman Doyle				X		
Committeeman Kocubinski	X		X			
Committeeman O'Donnell		X	X			

Mayor DeLorenzo				X		
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Committeeman O'Donnell stated he felt he was the better candidate. Committeeman Kocubinski noted the experience.

Committeeman Doyle proposed to appoint Ronald DeBaecke for Deputy Mayor 2017, seconded by Mayor DeLorenzo. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Committeeman DeBaecke			X			
Committeeman Doyle	X		X			
Committeeman Kocubinski				X		
Committeeman O'Donnell				X		
Mayor DeLorenzo		X	X			

Assemblyman Dancer administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Mayor DeBaecke

**PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public wishing to address the Township Committee must state their name and address for the record.**

Mayor DeLorenzo opened the meeting up to the public. There were no comments from the public.

**MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT**

Proposed By: Committeeman Kocubinski

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Debaecke

**NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR**

Committeeman O'Donnell proposed to appoint Lou Garty Esquire, seconded by Committeeman Kocubinski. Motion Defeated.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke				X		
Committeeman Doyle				X		
Committeeman Kocubinski		X	X			
Committeeman O'Donnell	X		X			
Mayor DeLorenzo				X		

Deputy Mayor Debaecke proposed to appoint Mark Roselli Esquire, seconded by Committeeman Doyle. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			
Committeeman Doyle		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski				X		
Committeeman O'Donnell				X		
Mayor DeLorenzo			X			

Committeeman O'Donnell felt Attorney Roselli was not always responsive.

**NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

Deputy Mayor DeBaecke proposed to appoint Environmental Resolutions Inc., seconded by Committeeman Doyle. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			
Committeeman Doyle		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski				X		
Committeeman O'Donnell				X		
Mayor DeLorenzo			X			

Committeeman O'Donnell proposed to appoint Alaimo Engineering, seconded by Committeeman Kocubinski. Motion Defeated.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke				X		
Committeeman Doyle				X		

Committeeman Kocubinski		X	X			
Committeeman O'Donnell	X		X			
Mayor DeLorenzo				X		

Committee O'Donnell noted ERI was not responsive.

**NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP PROSECUTOR**

Committeeman Doyle proposed to appoint Andrew Smith Esquire, seconded by Deputy Mayor DeBaecke.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke		X	X			
Committeeman Doyle	X		X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Committeeman O'Donnell			X			
Mayor DeLorenzo			X			

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE LIAISON POSITIONS FOR 2017:**

• **Appointment of Police Commissioner**

Committeeman Kocubinski proposed to appoint Committeeman O'Donnell, seconded by Committeeman O'Donnell. Motion defeated.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke				X		
Committeeman Doyle				X		
Committeeman Kocubinski	X		X			
Committeeman O'Donnell		X	X			
Mayor DeLorenzo				X		

Deputy Mayor DeBaecke proposed to appoint Committeeman Doyle, seconded by Mayor DeLorenzo. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski				X		
Committeeman O'Donnell				X		
Mayor DeLorenzo		X	X			

Committeeman O'Donnell noted his experience with negotiations and budget matters. Deputy Mayor DeBaecke noted Committeeman Doyle's twenty-three years in Law Enforcement. Committeeman Kocubinski noted the Liaison does not direct the Department and noted Committeeman O'Donnell's prior police negotiation work. Committeeman Doyle noted no disrespect but he has shared in the Administrative process with much a larger Police Departments and is confident of his abilities.

• **Appointment of Public Works Commissioner**

Committeeman Doyle proposed to appoint Deputy Mayor DeBaecke, seconded by Committeeman O'Donnell.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke			X			
Committeeman Doyle	X		X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Committeeman O'Donnell		X	X			
Mayor DeLorenzo			X			

• **Appointment of Landfill Commissioner/Recycling Commissioner**

Committeeman O'Donnell proposed to appoint Mayor DeLorenzo, seconded by Committeeman Kocubinski.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke			X			
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski		X	X			
Committeeman O'Donnell	X		X			
Mayor DeLorenzo			X			

• **Appointment of Recreation Commissioner**

Committeeman Kocubinski proposed Deputy Mayor DeBaecke, seconded by Committeeman O'Donnell. Motion defeated.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke				X		
Committeeman Doyle				X		
Committeeman Kocubinski	X		X			
Committeeman O'Donnell		X	X			
Mayor DeLorenzo				X		

Deputy Mayor DeBaecke proposed Committeeman Kocubinski, seconded by Committeeman Doyle. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			
Committeeman Doyle		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski				X		
Committeeman O'Donnell				X		
Mayor DeLorenzo			X			

Committeeman O'Donnell noted Deputy Mayor DeBaecke's experience on the Recreation Committee.

- **Appointment of Mobile Home Commissioner**

Deputy Mayor DeBaecke proposed to appoint Committeeman O'Donnell, seconded by Committeeman Kocubinski.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski		X	X			
Committeeman O'Donnell			X			
Mayor DeLorenzo			X			

- **Appointment of Sub-Standard Housing Commissioner**

Committeeman Kocubinski proposed to appoint Mayor DeLorenzo, seconded by Committeeman O'Donnell.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke			X			
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski	X		X			
Committeeman O'Donnell		X	X			
Mayor DeLorenzo			X			

- **Appointment of County Land Use Office Liaison**

Committeeman O'Donnell proposed to appoint Mayor DeLorenzo, seconded by Deputy Mayor DeBaecke.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke		X	X			
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Committeeman O'Donnell	X		X			
Mayor DeLorenzo			X			

- **Appointment of Liaison to Jacobstown Fire Company**

Deputy Mayor DeBaecke proposed Committeeman O'Donnell, seconded by Committeeman Kocubinski.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski		X	X			
Committeeman O'Donnell			X			
Mayor DeLorenzo			X			

- **Appointment of Liaison to Small Cities Grant Matters**

Committeeman O'Donnell proposed to appoint Committeeman Kocubinski, seconded by Deputy Mayor DeBaecke.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke		X	X			
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Committeeman O'Donnell	X		X			
Mayor DeLorenzo			X			

- **Appointment of Military Liaison**

Deputy Mayor DeBaecke proposed to appoint Committeeman Doyle, seconded by Mayor DeLorenzo. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski				X		
Committeeman O'Donnell				X		
Mayor DeLorenzo		X	X			

Committeeman O'Donnell proposed to appoint Committeeman Kocubinski, seconded by Committeeman Kocubinski. Motion defeated.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke				X		
Committeeman Doyle				X		
Committeeman Kocubinski		X	X			
Committeeman O'Donnell	X		X			
Mayor DeLorenzo				X		

Committeeman O'Donnell noted Committeeman Kocubinski's past experience. Deputy Mayor DeBaecke noted Committeeman Doyle's service in the Marines and two tours of Duty in Iraq.

**• Appointment of COAH Liaison**

Deputy Mayor DeBaecke proposed to appoint Mayor DeLorenzo, seconded by Committeeman Kocubinski.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			
Committeeman Doyle			X			
Committeeman Kocubinski		X	X			
Committeeman O'Donnell			X			
Mayor DeLorenzo			X			

**• Appointment of Administrative Liaison**

Deputy Mayor DeBaecke proposed to appoint Committeeman O'Donnell, seconded by Committeeman Doyle.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke	X		X			
Committeeman Doyle		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Committeeman O'Donnell			X			
Mayor DeLorenzo			X			

**MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS**

Committeeman Kocubinski noted point of order with regard to the Class III appointment. He noted this was not a Mayoral appointment but a general consensus of the Township Committee. Attorney Roselli concurred.

Mayor DeLorenzo made the following appointments:

Joint Land Use Board:

**Class I (Mayor or Mayor's Designee – 1 Year Term)**

Mayor DeLorenzo – Term 1/1/2017 to 12/31/2017

**Class II (Municipal Employee – 1 Year Term)**

Joseph Green – Term 1/1/2017 to 12/31/2017

**Class IV (4 Year Term)**

James Durr – Term 1/1/2017 to 12/31/20

**Alternate # 2 (2 Year Term)**

Jack Smylie – Term 1/1/2017 to 12/31/2018

**Class III**

Committeeman O'Donnell proposed to appoint Committeeman Kocubinski, seconded by Committeeman Kocubinski. Motion defeated.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke				X		
Committeeman Doyle				X		

Committeeman Kocubinski		X	X			
Committeeman O'Donnell	X		X			
Mayor DeLorenzo				X		

Committeeman Doyle proposed to appoint Deputy Mayor DeBaecke, seconded by Mayor DeLorenzo. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke			X			
Committeeman Doyle	X		X			
Committeeman Kocubinski				X		
Committeeman O'Donnell				X		
Mayor DeLorenzo		X	X			

**CONSENT AGENDA DEFINED:**

All matters listed on today's consent agenda are to be considered as one vote by Township Committee and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

**Committeeman O'Donnell noted the need to insert the name for Labor Attorney. Motion was made for Mark Roselli Esquire, by Committeeman Doyle and seconded by Committeeman O'Donnell. All Were in Favor by Voice Vote.**

- 2017-01 Resolution Appointing Various Members of the Township Professional Staff and Authorizing Professional Service Agreements for the year of 2017 Under the Fair and Open Process
- 2017-02 Resolution Providing for the Appointment of Certain Officers, Appointees and Employees
- 2017-03 Resolution Fixing the Date, Time and Place of Regular Meetings and Board of Health Meetings of the Township of North Hanover Committee making Provisions Relative to Scheduled Holidays, Special and Emergency Meetings and Adopting Certain Procedures and Forms
- 2017-04 Resolution Establishing the 2017 Temporary Municipal Operating Budget
- 2017-05 Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds and Investing Funds
- 2017-06 Resolution of the Township of North Hanover Fixing the Rate of Interest to be Charged on Delinquent Taxes or Assessments and any other Municipal Charges/Fees
- 2017-07 Resolution of the Township of North Hanover Authorizing the Filing of Tax Appeals by the Township Tax Assessor to the County Board of Taxation
- 2017-08 Resolution Naming Legal Depositories
- 2017-09 Resolution Naming Legal Depository for Certificates of Deposit
- 2017-10 Resolution Designating Legal Newspapers
- 2017-11 Resolution Adopting a Cash Management Plan for 2017
- 2017-12 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Conduct a Standard Tax Sale in 2017
- 2017-13 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Process Property Tax Refund and Cancellation of Refund or Delinquency of Less Than Ten Dollars (\$10.00)

- 2017-14 Resolution Appointing a Risk Management Consultant – Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
- 2017-15 Resolution Appointing Labor Attorney to the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
- 2017-16 Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Pay Certain Bills in Advance of the Regular Township Committee Meetings
- 2017-17 Resolution Approving the use of Roberts Rules of Order for Township Committee Meetings for Parliamentary Procedures
- 2017-18 Resolution Appointing Fund Commissioner and Alternate Fund Commissioner to the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
- 2017-19 Resolution Appointing a Claims Coordinator for the Burlington County Joint Insurance Fund
- 2017-20 Resolution Appointing a Safety Coordinator for the Burlington County Joint Insurance Fund
- 2017-21 Authorizing the Municipal Clerk to Execute all Bingo and Raffle Games of Chance Applications that Meet All Provisions Pursuant to Statute for the 2017 Calendar Year
- 2017-22 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of the Term of a Shared Services Agreement with Bordentown, Chesterfield, New Hanover and Springfield Townships Concerning Extra Duty Assignment of Police Officers
- 2017-23 A Resolution to Affirm the Township of North Hanover’s Civil Rights Policy with Respect to All Officials, Appointees, Employees, Prospective Employees, Volunteers, Independent Contractors and Members of the Public that come into Contact with Municipal Employees, Officials and Volunteers
- 2017-24 A Resolution Authorizing an Exchange of Construction Code Services
- 2017-25 Resolution Authorizing Prosecutor Andrew Smith Esquire with the Authority to name an Alternate Prosecutor in his Temporary Absence

COMMITTEE	MOTION	2ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Deputy Mayor DeBaecke			X			
Committeeman Doyle		X	X			
Committeeman Kocubinski			X			
Committeeman O'Donnell	X		X			
Mayor DeLorenzo			X			

**JACOBSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

Mayor DeLorenzo called forward members of the Jacobstown Volunteer Fire Company. Township Solicitor, Mark Roselli swore in the members of the fire company. Everyone extended a round of applause.

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENT**

Committeeman Kocubinski noted the Committee is elected to represent all of the residents. He stated the Reorganization meeting is not a ceremony of triumph for one person or political party but a promise to serve impartially and justly for everyone. He stated those elected to office are required to live up to the highest standards. He noted the financial integrity of North Hanover Township continues to be a struggle with declining tax revenues and state aid. He noted tough choices are ahead and would like to see a treasury flush with money to spend on good things or reduce the tax burden to residents. He noted the current Township Debt and feels rateable need to be increased. He states an Economic Development Advisory Committee needs to be created to explore and promote economic redevelopment. He stated life is like a turning wheel that never stops and every individual needs three things to succeed. Passion, persistence and flexibility. He wished everyone peace, harmony and a great year.

Committeeman O'Donnell noted this was the most partisan meeting he had ever attended. He does not like the feeling. He hopes going forward the lines of communication are open in the future.

Committeeman Doyle thanked the residents for the honor to serve. He noted his time in the service and the rules he lives by. He will perform his duties with justice, judgment, dependability, initiative, decisiveness, tact, integrity, enthusiasm, caring, unselfishness, courage, knowledge, loyalty and endurance. He will serve the way government is supposed to serve. He will communicate with everyone and noted work needs to be shared and done. He looks forward to the year ahead. He thanked his family, wife, friends and members of the Township Committee.

Deputy Mayor DeBaecke thanked everyone for attending. He thanked his family, children and his partner. He thanked Assemblyman Dancer for his attendance. He thanked the residents of North Hanover for entrusting him. He will work diligent to ensure North Hanover continues to be a safe, affordable, fiscally responsible and a pleasant place to call home.

Mayor DeLorenzo noted he takes his position very serious and is honored to serve as Mayor for the third time. He welcomed to new members to the Township Committee. He stated he will work hard to keep taxes low and maintain the country life style. He will continue to try to address the abandoned shopping district. He noted this has been hard in the past but believes we need to continue efforts. He believes with communication anything is possible. He noted in 2016 North Hanover Township was designated the most desirable communities in New Jersey. He believes the beautiful farms, park and road improvements have added to that. He thanked the former Mayor James Durr for his service. He also thanked former Mayor Deborah Butler for her service. He noted without their efforts North Hanover Township would never have been number one. He thanked everyone and wished them a healthy and happy new year.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Proposed by: Committeeman O'Donnell

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor DeBaecke

**TIME OF ADJOURNMENT:**

**7:42 PM**

Respectively submitted,

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Mary Picariello  
Acting Township Clerk