

**NORTH HANOVER TOWNSHIP
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
REORGANIZATION MINUTES
JANUARY 2, 2020, 7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER Township Clerk called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

FLAG SALUTE: Township Clerk led the salute to the flag

ROLL CALL: Committeeman DeLorenzo
Committeeman O'Donnell
Committeeman Kocubinski
Committeeman Elect DeBaecke

Committeeman Elect Doyle

Absent: None

Also Present: Township Clerk Picariello

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:

Township Clerk called for Committeeman Elect Ronald DeBaecke to be sworn into office. Mr. Mark Roselli, Esquire administered the Oath of Office. Everyone extended a round of applause.

Township Clerk called for Committeeman Elect Christopher Doyle to be sworn into office. Mr. Mark Roselli, Esquire administered the Oath of Office. Everyone extended a round of applause.

CLERK CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR 2020

The Township Clerk called for nominations for Mayor 2020:

BRENDAN O'DONNELL FOR MAYOR

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

RONALD DEBAECKE FOR MAYOR 2020

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

Motion for Ronald DeBaecke as Mayor passes.

Ronald DeBaecke came forward to be sworn in as Mayor for 2020. Attorney Roselli administered the oath of office.

NEW MAYOR CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTY MAYOR 2020

Mayor DeBaecke called for nominations for Deputy Mayor 2020

JOHN KOCUBINSKI FOR DEPUTY MAYOR

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

Mayor DeBaecke				X		
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CHRISTOPHER DOYLE FOR DEPUTY MAYOR

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

Motion for Christopher Doyle as Deputy Mayor passes.

Christopher Doyle came forward to be sworn in as Deputy Mayor for 2020. Attorney Roselli administered the oath of office.

Mayor DeBaecke and Committeeman O'Donnell presented the following Proclamation to Benjamin Palombi:

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF BENJAMIN PALOMBI, TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HANOVER JVFC FIRE CHIEF

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover would like to recognize Chief Benjamin Palombi for his honorable service to the Township of North Hanover as Fireman, Assistant Chief, Deputy Chief and Fire Chief, and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Palombi has dedicated his life to public service, for over 34 years and has resided in North Hanover Township for 18 years, and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Palombi has demonstrated excellence in critical emergency response and began his public service life as a Police Officer in 1985 with the Florence Township Police Department, where he retired as a Police Sergeant, in 2010, and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Palombi served as Honorary Commander of the Joint Base McGuire, Dix, Lakehurst in 2016 and 2017; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Palombi began his fire service career in 2010, with the Jacobstown Volunteer Fire Company, and quickly rose through the ranks as an Assistant Chief (2012), Deputy Chief (2013) and Chief (2014), and

WHEREAS, under Benjamin Palombi's leadership, the JVFC saw various building improvements, an Ambulance up fit, power stretchers, new Fire Truck and a new Chief's Truck, due to his fiscally responsible management, and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Palombi has provided excellent stewardship of his resources, leadership, abiding love and compassion for our citizens and uncompromised devotion to duty, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee, of the Township of North Hanover, desires to express their appreciation to Benjamin Palombi for his acts of selflessness and for his many years of service as a fireman and fire chief for the Township of North Hanover.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by Ronald I. DeBaecke Jr, Mayor of the Township of North Hanover, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the appreciation of the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of North Hanover are hereby expressed.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this Proclamation be duly embossed, signed by the Mayor, publicly presented to Benjamin Palombi on January 2, 2020, and recorded in the official records of the Township of North Hanover, as a tribute to Benjamin Palombi by an appreciative and thankful Township Committee.

Everyone extended a round of applause. Committeeman DeLorenzo also expressed appreciation to the Chief's wife, Deborah Palombi.

NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

Mayor DeBaecke called for nominations for Township Attorney:

MR. MARK ROSELLI, ESQUIRE

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

Mayor DeBaecke welcomed Attorney Roselli back after 19 years of service.

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

Mayor DeBaecke opened the meeting to the public. There were no comments from the public this evening.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT

Proposed By: Committeeman Kocubinski

Seconded By: Committeeman DeLorenzo

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE LIAISON POSITIONS FOR 2020:

Mayor DeBaecke announced the following positions:

- Appointment of Police Commissioner - Christopher Doyle
- Appointment of Public Works Commissioner – Lou DeLorenzo
- Appointment of Landfill Commissioner/Recycling Commissioner - Lou DeLorenzo
- Appointment of Recreation Commissioner – Christopher Doyle
- Appointment of Mobile Home Commissioner – Brendan O'Donnell
- Appointment of Sub-Standard Housing Commissioner – Ronald DeBaecke
- Appointment of County Land Use Office Liaison – John Kocubinski
- Appointment of Liaison to Jacobstown Fire Company – Brendan O'Donnell
- Appointment of Liaison to Small Cities Grant Matters – John Kocubinski
- Appointment of Military Liaison – Christopher Doyle
- Appointment of COAH Liaison – Ronald DeBaecke
- Appointment of Administrative Liaison – Brendan O'Donnell

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

Mayor DeBaecke made the following appointments:

Joint Land Use Board:

- Class I - Mayor DeBaecke – Term 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020
- Class II – Joseph Greene – Term 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020
- Class IV- David Forsythe – Term 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2023
- Alternate #1 – Russ Comisky – Term 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2022
- Alternate #2 - Vacant

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT CLASS III- COMMITTEEMAN O'DONNELL

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

Committeeman O'Donnell			X			
Mayor DeBaecke	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.

- 2020-01 Resolution Appointing Various Members of the Township Professional Staff and Authorizing Professional Service Agreements for the year of 2020 Under the Fair and Open Process
- 2020-20 Resolution Providing for the Appointment of Certain Officers, Appointees and Employees
- 2020-03 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
- 2020-04 Resolution Establishing the 2020 Temporary Municipal Operating Budget
- 2020-05 Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds and Investing Funds
- 2020-06 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
- 2020-07 Resolution of the Township of North Hanover Authorizing the Filing of Tax Appeals by the Township Tax Assessor to the County Board of Taxation
- 2020-08 Resolution Naming Legal Depositories
- 2020-09 Resolution Naming Legal Depository for Certificates of Deposit
- 2020-10 Resolution Designating Legal Newspapers
- 2020-11 Resolution Adopting a Cash Management Plan for 2020
- 2020-12 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Conduct a Standard Tax Sale in 2020
- 2020-13 Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Process Property Tax Refund and Cancellation of Refund or Delinquency of Less Than Ten Dollars (\$10.00)
- 2020-14 Resolution Appointing a Risk Management Consultant – Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
- 2020-15 Resolution Appointing Labor Attorney to the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
- 2020-16 Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Pay Certain Bills in Advance of the Regular Township Committee Meetings
- 2020-17 Resolution Approving the use of Roberts Rules of Order for Township Committee Meetings for Parliamentary Procedures
- 2020-18 Resolution Appointing Fund Commissioner and Alternate Fund Commissioner to the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
- 2020-19 Resolution Appointing a Claims Coordinator for the Burlington County Joint Insurance Fund

- 2020-20 Resolution Appointing a Safety Coordinator for the Burlington County Joint Insurance Fund
- 2020-21 Authorizing the Municipal Clerk to Execute all Bingo and Raffle Games of Chance Applications that Meet All Provisions Pursuant to Statute for the 2020 Calendar Year
- 2020-22 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
- 2020-23 A Resolution Authorizing an Exchange of Construction Code Services
- 2019-24 Resolution Authorizing Prosecutor Koustouris with the Authority to name an Alternate Prosecutor in his Temporary Absence
- 2020-25 Resolution Adopting Rules and Regulations Governing Members of the North Hanover Township Police Department
- 2020-26 Resolution to Appoint Special Law Enforcement Officers

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

JACOBSTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Mayor DeBaecke called forward members of the Jacobstown Volunteer Fire Company to be sworn in. Attorney Roselli swore in various members of the JVFC. Everyone extended a round of applause. Mayor DeBaecke thanked the members and wished everyone good luck.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENT

Committeeman Kocubinski wished everyone a safe and happy new year. He noted the last few years have been a pleasure to serve and work with the current Township Committee. He noted the difficulties opposing the forthcoming pipeline installation. He thanked Chief Palombi and all the volunteers and noted his sincere appreciation for their service. He states he is hopeful, regardless of party affiliation, for a successful year.

Committeeman O'Donnell echoed Committeeman Kocubinski and noted Township meetings are hardly ever partisan and in fact the record reflects that. He is disappointed that there is disagreement over honorary titles. Regardless, he will continue to serve his constituents as he knows the rest of the Township Committee will.

Committeeman DeLorenzo wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. He stated Committeeman O'Donnell did a great job as Deputy Mayor the last two years. He noted the Township Committee works as a group and accomplished a lot. He was disappointed with the outcome of the pipeline.

Deputy Mayor Doyle wished everyone a Happy New Year. He expressed appreciation of the Township Committee operating as a team. He noted his utmost respect for each Committee member. He thanked Chief Palombi for a tremendous job and looks forward to working with the new Chief. He thanked all the volunteers in the Community and his wife for his time away from his family. He also thanked Clerk Picariello for all that she does and congratulated Mayor DeBaecke.

Mayor DeBaecke wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New year. He thanked the voters for their trust and his fellow Committee members for their support in his role as Mayor. He expressed appreciation for the employees who help to make North Hanover affordable.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Proposed by: Deputy Mayor Doyle
Seconded by: Committeeman O'Donnell

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: **7:23 PM**

Respectively submitted,

Mary Picariello, RMC/CMR/CTC
Township Clerk