

The January 5, 2011 Reorganization meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Petillo in the Municipal Building, 111 River Styx Road, Hopatcong, NJ.

Mayor Petillo announced this meeting is held in accordance with the 1975 Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6 et seq., annual notice having been forwarded to the New Jersey Herald/New Jersey Sunday Herald, the Daily Record, The Star Ledger, and posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Municipal Building for public announcements.

ROLL CALL - Councilmember present: Howard Baker, Richard Bunce, Michael Francis, Marie Galate, Madeline McManus & John Young.

INVOCATION Mayor Petillo introduced Pastor David Jones of the Byram Bay Christian Church, and thanked him for coming. Pastor Jones spoke about the separation of Church and State and provided scripture references. He commented that it was fitting that this session is opened with prayer, intercession and thanksgiving to honor our duly elected officials tonight. He thanked the Governing Body for inviting him this evening.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Petillo introduced the following dignitaries and thanked them for attending the meeting: Freeholder Deputy Director Susan Zellman from Stanhope, Stanhope Freehold Director Richard Zeoli was not present but did send his acknowledgement of this meeting, SCMUA Chairman Ronald Petillo, SCMUA Commissioners Wayne Dietz, and Karl Meyer, Sussex County Sheriff Michael Strada, Deputy Clerk from Sussex County Brian McNeilly, Stanhope Mayor Diane Kuncken, Stanhope Council President RoseMarie Maio and Councilman George Graham, Hopatcong School Superintendent Dr. Charles Maranzano, Jr., Hopatcong Judge C. William Bowkley sent his regrets due to he had a meeting in another town that evening, Hopatcong Police Chief John Swanson, Paul Lerch - Borough Accountant, John Ruschke the Borough Engineer, Estelle Klein - a former Board Member, Sam Hoagland - an ex Planning Board member, Ronald Jobeless - DPW Supervisor, Jerry Scanlon - Chairman of the Environmental Commission, John Ursin - Borough Attorney for Hopatcong, and Dan McCarthy from the Lake Hopatcong Commission.

STATEMENT OF DETERMINATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY CANVASSERS- Borough Clerk Lorraine Stark read the statement.

Deputy County Clerk Brian McNeilly administered the Oath of Office to Councilmembers Howard Baker & Michael Francis.

Mayor Petillo asked Howard Baker to say a few words. Councilman Baker thanked the voters of Hopatcong for voting for change, which is inevitable; spoke about the 'elected team' that would face the challenges before the Borough. Both he and Michael Francis are happy to move Hopatcong toward a bright and successful future. He thanked everyone again for their support. Councilman Francis thanked everyone for joining them on this special occasion; thanked voters for giving him the opportunity to serve; he is honored and humbled by their support. Mike thanked his wife for her support, which made it possible for him to serve. He spoke about the continuation of the energy initiative that was a priority. Councilmember Francis informed those present that the governing body is seeking fiscal responsibility and change; this body is committed to a new journey supported by our great community.

ROLL CALL – Councilmembers present: Howard Baker, Richard Bunce, Michael Francis, Marie Galate, Madeline McManus & John Young. Others present: Attorney John Ursin, Administrator Catherine Steinel & Clerk Lorraine Stark.

REMARKS BY: Councilmembers Baker and Francis.

APPOINTMENTS: (Council Approval)

- A. #5–2011 Municipal Magistrate – C. William Bowkley, Jr. – 3 Years.
Moted by Bunce, seconded by Baker. Vote was unanimous.
- B. #6–2011 Fire Inspectors:
 - a. Richard Cook – Fire Marshall
 - b. Frank Steinberg – Deputy Fire Marshall
Moted by Bunce, seconded by Baker. Vote was unanimous.
- C. #7–2011 Fire Officers:
 - a. Fire Chief – Michael Rahill
 - b. 1st Assistant Chief – Wade Crowley
 - c. 2nd Assistant Chief – Thomas Brown
 - d. Department Chief Engineer – Mark Batty
 - e. Assistance Chief Engineer – Scott Wallis
 - f. Department Secretary – James Poland
 - g. Department Treasurer – James Franco
Moted by Bunce, seconded by Baker. Vote was unanimous.

Boards and Commissions: (Council Approval)

- A. #8–2011 Zoning Board of Adjustment: 4 -Years, M. Rahill & G. Malanga (terms expire 12/31/14).
- B. #9–2011 Board of Health: 3 - Years – T. Forbes & J. Servoss (terms expire 12/31/13).
- C. #10–2011 Lake Hopatcong Commission Representative – Daniel McCarthy (expires 12/31/12) & Alternate – Michael H. Brunson (expires 12/31/11).

D. #11-2011 Musconetcong Sewerage Authority - John Kieser - 2 Years (expires 12/31/12).
Motioned by Bunce, seconded by Baker. Vote was unanimous.

Borough Professionals (1 Year) Professional Services: *(where applicable, only those in compliance with Pay-to-Play Non-Fair & Open regulations can be appointed at this time)

#12-2011 *Prosecutor - Anthony Arbore, Esq. (Forster & Arbore) Motioned by Bunce, seconded by Young. Roll Call Vote: YES - Bunce, Young, Baker, Francis & McManus. Abstained - Galate.

1. #13-2011 *Borough Attorney - John Ursin, Esq. (Courter, Kobert & Cohen)
2. #14-2011 Surveyor - Edward Secco
3. #15-2011 *Labor Attorney - Howard Vex, Esq. (Courter, Kobert & Cohen)
4. #16-2011 *Borough Engineer - Hatch Mott MacDonald
5. #17-2011 *Bond Attorney - John Cantalupo, Esq. (Wilentz Goldman & Spitzer P.A.)
6. #18-2011 *Municipal Auditors - Paul Lerch, CPA (Lerch, Vinci Higgins, LLP)
7. #19-2011 MEL/JIF/HIF Commissioner - C. Steinel
8. #20-2011 Census Liaison - T. dePierro
9. #21-2011 *Risk Management Consultant - Wayne Dietz (D & H Alternate Risk Solutions)
10. #22-2011 Tax Map Revisions - Civil Solutions
11. #23-2011 *Tax Appeals - Certified Valuations, Inc. (CVI)
12. #24-2011 *Quarry Engineer/Inspector & Landfill Well Monitoring - Hatch Mott MacDonald
13. #25-2011 *Grant Writers - Millennium Strategies, LLC
14. #26-2011 Open Space/Farmland Advisers - The Land Conservancy of NJ
15. #27-2011 Web Manager - Larry Stewart
16. #28-2011 Web Master/Designer - K & B Beck Studio

Professional Appointments #1 - #16 moved by Bunce, seconded by Young.
Roll Call Vote: YES - Bunce, Young, Baker, Francis, Galate & McManus.

REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS:

- A. #29-2011 9 Resolution Resolutions.
- B. #30-2011 Authorize Borough Attorney & Tax Assessor to Defend All Tax Appeals.

- C. #31-2011 Approve Temporary 2011 General Budget; budget to cover first few months of the year while the 2011 Budget is being finished.
 - D. #32- 2011 Approve Temporary 2011 Water Utility Budget.
 - E. #33-2011 Approve Temporary 2011 Sewer Utility Budget.
 - F. #34-2011 Appoint EEO Officers: R. Thomas & C. Steinel.
 - G. #35-2011 Appoint Agency Compliance Officer: C. Steinel.
 - H. #36-2011 Appoint Alternate Prosecutor - Jarrod CoFrancesco, Esq.
 - I. #37-2011 Appoint Alternate Tax Court Attorney - Fred Semrau.
- Items A. - I., Motioned by Francis, seconded by Galate. Vote was unanimous.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS - Boards & Commissions (Mayor's Appointment):

- A. Planning Board Appointments - 3 Yr. Term - Richard Hoer, Alternate - J. Kieser (12/31/12).
- B. Environmental Commission - 3 Yr. Term- B. Hoferkamp, P. Hoferkamp & E. Young (terms expire 12/31/13).
- C. Council Committees/Liaisons - See Sheet.
- D. Recreation Commission - 5 Yr. Term - Cathy Bowen.

Committees - Mayor's Appointment:

- A. Emergency Management.
- B. Clean Communities.
- C. Plan Acceptance.
- D. Senior Citizen Advisory.
- E. Firewise.
- F. Trails Committee.
- G. SWAT.
- H. Community Participation Committee.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS: 1 Year

- A. #38-2011 Council President - John Young. Motioned by Francis, seconded by Bunce. All voted in favor.
- B. #39-2011 Class III Member of Planning Board - Michael Francis. Motioned by Galate, seconded by Bunce. All voted in favor.
- C. #40-2011 Sussex County Solid Waste Advisory Committee - H. Baker. Motioned by Young, seconded by Bunce. All voted in favor.
- D. #41-2011 Sussex County Water Quality Mgt. Committee - H. Baker. Motioned by Young, seconded by Bunce. All voted in favor.
- E. #42-2011 Recreation/Open Space Committee - John Young. Motioned by Francis, seconded by Bunce. Those present voted affirmative.
- F. Citizen Member to Recreation/Open Space - no action at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments limited to 5 minutes. Dr. Charles Maranzano, Jr. said that in difficult times it is hard to be forward thinking, and we should embrace change. He congratulated the governing body on forward thinking and their optimism; he too is optimistic about 2011.

Councilman Bunce moved to close public comment period, seconded by Baker. Those present voted affirmative.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR PETILLO – Mayor Petillo congratulated Howard Baker and Michael Francis on their re-election to the Borough Council; she looked forward to working with them this year. Mayor Petillo recapped the highlights of 2010, and spoke about the wonderful people who volunteer their time to make our Borough very special. (Mayor Petillo's remarks are attached to official minutes). In closing Mayor Petillo extended her wishes to everyone for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

SWEARING IN OF ALL MEMBERS PRESENT OF BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS.

Councilmember Francis moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Baker. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted: