

An organizational meeting of the Township Council was held in the Municipal Building at 12:00 p.m. and was called to order at 12:06 p.m.

Township Clerk Iannarone announced adequate notice of this meeting was provided and published in the Asbury Park Press on December 18, 2015. Copies of the agenda were provided to the newspapers, posted on public bulletin boards and the township website ([www.bricktownship.net](http://www.bricktownship.net))

This meeting began with a presentation of the colors by VFW Post #8867 and the salute to the flag with the Invocation given by Pastor Cathy Gumpert.

Township Clerk Iannarone announced the official results of the Council election held on November 3, 2015 and certified by the County Clerk: Andrea Zapcic – 7,231 votes; Lisa Crate – 7,060 votes; James Fozman – 6,896 votes; Arthur Halloran – 6,893 votes; Michael Conti – 3,804 votes; Martin Ebert – 3,784 votes; Charles Bacon – 3,620 votes; Frank Pannucci, Jr. – 3,497 votes; Bob Moore – 1,392 votes.

Mayor John G. Ducey administered the oath of office to Councilwoman Andrea Zapcic.

Mayor John G. Ducey administered the oath of office to Councilwoman Lisa Crate.

Assemblyman John Wisniewski administered the oath of office to Councilman Jim Fozman.

Mayor John G. Ducey administered the oath of office to Councilman Arthur Halloran.

Present  
Councilwoman Andrea Zapcic  
Councilman Arthur Halloran  
Councilwoman Heather deJong  
Councilwoman Lisa Crate  
Councilman Jim Fozman  
Councilwoman Marianna Pontoriero  
Councilman Paul Mummolo

Also Present  
Mayor John G. Ducey  
Kevin Starkey, Township Attorney  
Lynnette A. Iannarone, Township Clerk  
Joanne Bergin, Business Administrator

Motion by Councilwoman Pontoriero and seconded by Councilman Halloran to nominate Councilman Mummolo for Council President.

There were no other nominations.

Motion by Councilwoman Crate and seconded by Councilwoman Zapcic to close the nominations.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call to elect Councilman Paul Mummolo as Council President.

Mayor John Ducey administered the oath of Council President to Paul Mummolo.

The Township Clerk presented the gavel to Council President Paul Mummolo.

Council President Mummolo called for nominations for Council Vice President.

Motion by Councilwoman deJong and seconded by Councilman Fozman to nominate Councilwoman Pontoriero for Council Vice President.

There were no other nominations.

Motion by Councilman Halloran and seconded by Councilwoman Crate to close the nominations.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call to elect Councilwoman Marianna Pontoriero as Council Vice President.

Susan Pontoriero administered the oath of Council Vice President to Marianna Pontoriero.

President Mummolo introduced Mayor John G. Ducey for opening remarks.

Mayor Ducey congratulated council members and stated he looks forward to working with them. He said it is great to have a council that is so pro-active. He commented while on council with Susan Lydecker, Bob Moore and Jim Fozman they were able to control the budget. He spoke about his promise to lower the debt \$1.5M per year which by the end of his 4 years would be \$6M. He said as of today the debt has been reduced \$12,863,742.00. He thanked all employees and department heads who work hard on trying to keep the debt down. He noted there is \$1.8M left in the budget due to the fact that it did not snow as much so instead of taking that money and putting it into the general fund they are putting \$900,000.00 in the snow trust fund and putting the other \$900,000.00 in the accumulated leave fund which was an unfunded liability. He commented on the list of accomplishments over the past 2 years. He stated in 2016 with the help of council they will eliminate the last large zone of high-density multi-family housing. He congratulated the new Police Chief Riccio and Deputy Chief Mazza. He reported they are going to start foot patrols in the higher crime rates once it gets warmer. He spoke of the renovation at various parks and the continuation of renovations in several other parks. He met many citizens who volunteer their time to help others. He said he is proud to be mayor of Brick Township and is starting a campaign called #BrickProud and asked that people share on social media.

Councilwoman Zapcic commented she was an employee in Brick for 11 years and left to accept a position with the City of Rahway. She said on January 1, 2014 she stepped back in the building for the first time since she had left it over 5 years earlier. She said 2 years later and 2 elections later she is so very grateful to be sitting on council. She thanked Mayor Ducey and current and former council members for their encouragement and support and others for their support and guidance. She said it is an honor to work alongside of them. She thanked the residents of Brick and congratulated her running mates; she welcomed Councilwoman Crate and Councilman Halloran.

Councilman Halloran thanked all for coming out and sharing in this celebration. He thanked the residents of Brick who have given him this opportunity to serve the community. He thanked the Mayor and administration for their help and guidance. He spoke about the goals and accomplishments that focus on making Brick better. He thanked his wife for her support and patience going forward.

Councilwoman deJong congratulated new and current council members. She welcomed Councilwoman Crate and Councilman Halloran and is looking forward to having their expertise in everything they do. She said more importantly she thanked their families for allowing them to serve the community. She looks forward to serving with this council and the employees for making them always look good by always having the correct answers and being able to get them all of their information in helping to make Brick better.

Councilwoman Crate thanked her family and friends for their support today. She knows this will take her away from her family and thanked her husband for his support. She thanked the people of Brick for electing her and looks forward to serving the community in making Brick the best that it can be. She looks forward to working with the mayor and council to make Brick Township better in the future.

Councilman Fozman thanked Assemblyman John Wisniewski for the tremendous honor of administering the oath of office. He welcomed Councilwoman Crate and Councilman Halloran and said that he looks forward to working with them along with the rest of council. He is proud to have the opportunity to continue serving the residents of Brick. He thanked his wife, children and grandchildren for their continuous support.

Council Vice President Pontoriero thanked all members of council for nominating her as Vice President of the council. She looks forward to leading and helping to lead this council toward making better decisions, better choices for Brick as they have during the past few years. She said they want a safe, thriving community, businesses that they need and enjoy; neighbor to neighbor, strong ties to each other. She thanked her sister for swearing her in and her mom and daughter, Bella for being there. She said that she would not take time away from her children if she did not think the job of council member was important or if she did not think she had something valuable to add to the community. She looks forward to working with Councilwoman Crate and Councilman Halloran, helping again to achieve a goal of continuing to make Brick better.

Council President Mummolo thanked council for again nominating him for President. He thanked them for their support. He thanked the administration, Mayor, Township Clerk, Jennifer Hartmann and Department Heads. He welcomed Councilwoman Crate and Councilman Halloran and welcomed

back Councilwoman Zapcic, Councilwoman deJong and Councilman Fozman. He thanked his wife for her support.

Mayor Ducey announced his appointments:

**Architectural Review:** Melissa A. Clarke, Michelle Strassheim – Chair, Elissa Commins Engineer and Michael Fowler, Municipal Planner

**B-MAC:** Chief James Riccio, Pastor Douglas G. Chase, Edward Buecker, Carl C. Jordan, Carol Steider and Lindsay M. Taft.

**Environmental Commission:** John Achille, Cosmo J. Occhiogrosso, Planning Board Rep., Richard Opiekun, Michael Patrick Gerrity, Alt. I

**Historic Preservation:** Taylor Perrone, Class A Member, John Brunas, Class C, Christine Schiess, Class C (reappointment), David Fischer, Alt. II

**Planning Board:** Jo Anne Lambusta, Class II, Richard Gross, Class IV, Margie McMahon, Esq., Class IV, Cosmo J. Occhiogrosso, Environmental Comm. Rep., Kevin T. Aiello, Alt. I, George Osipovitch III, Alt. II

**Property Maintenance:** George Cevasco, Joe Gilsenan, James W. Hogan, George Scott and Mark Story-Jenks

**Shade Tree:** Delores Henry (reappointment)

**Sustainable Brick Twp.:** Paul J. Kurtz, Susan Lydecker and Kelly Romanowski

Motion by President Mummolo and seconded by Councilman Fozman to appoint Councilman Halloran as Class III Planning Board Member:

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

Motion by Council Vice President Pontoriero and seconded by Councilwoman deJong to adopt the following Resolutions:

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call, except:

Councilman Fozman abstained on appointment to the MUA.

Council President Mummolo read the titles of the Resolutions into the record.

#### **Establish Council Meeting Dates – 2016**

President Mummolo stated this resolution establishes Council meeting dates for 2016.

#### **Establish Bank Depositories/Cash Management Plan – 2016**

President Mummolo stated this resolution adopts a Cash Management Plan and establishes bank depositories as part of that plan. He said the cash management plan is an annual requirement for all municipalities and is developed by the CFO in accordance with Local Fiscal Affairs Law.

#### **Authorize Payment of the Township's 2016 Debt Service**

President Mummolo stated this resolution authorizes the payment of the Township's debt service for 2016. With the \$5 million cancellation of Ord. 7-12 on December 31<sup>st</sup>, the Township will have reduced the net debt of the Township by \$12 million since the Mayor took office on January 1, 2014. He said they will further reduce the net debt of the Township by \$1.8 million during 2016, if they pass an \$8,500,000.00 Capital Program in 2016. He stated this will bring the Mayor's Debt Reduction initiative to \$14 million in the first 3 years of his 4 year term.

#### **Authorize 2016 Temporary Budget**

President Mummolo stated this resolution authorizes the adoption of a temporary budget which must be done within the first 30 days of January so that commitments and payments can be made prior to the adoption of the budget.

#### **Designate Public Agency Compliance Officer**

President Mummolo stated this resolution designates Township Purchasing Agent Maryann Jusinski as Brick Township's Public Agency Compliance Officer for a one-year period. He said the New Jersey Department of the Treasury Affirmative Action Office requires that municipalities designate an official to act as a liaison to serve as Public Agency Compliance Officer.

#### **Designate Agent for Taxing District re: Ocean County Board of Taxation**

President Mummolo stated this resolution designates the Tax Assessor or Municipal Attorney as authorized to act as the agent for the Taxing District during the year of 2016 and to execute

stipulations of settlement on any tax appeal or complaint filed by the taxing district or by a taxpayer in the tax year 2016.

**Authorize Petty Cash Funds**

President Mummolo stated this resolution authorizes petty cash funds as needed in the Township Clerk's Office, Police Department, Public Works, Land Use and Parks departments.

**Authorize advice and consent for fair and open professional services contract with Township Attorney**

President Mummolo stated this resolution authorizes approval for a contract award be made to Starkey, Kelly, Kenneally, Cunningham & Turnbach, as Township Attorney.

**Authorize advice and consent for fair and open professional services contract with Municipal Prosecutor, Alternate and Conflict Prosecutor**

Council Vice President Pontoriero stated this resolution authorizes the contract awards be made to the following professionals: Municipal Prosecutor: Michael R. Burns - Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm & Halm; Alternate Prosecutor: Eric D. Brophy - Diegnan & Brophy, Wall; Conflict Prosecutor: Eric M. Bernstein - Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, Warren.

**Authorize advice and consent for fair and open professional services contract with Municipal Public Defender, Alternate and Conflict Public Defender**

Council Vice President Pontoriero stated this resolution authorizes the contract award be made to the following professionals: Municipal Public Defender: Matthew R. Sage; Alternate Public Defender: Christopher J. Grenda; Adam Steuerman & Raymond D. Bogan - Sinn, Fitzsimmons, Cantoli, Bogan & West; Charles Tivenan; Valter H. Must & Peter M. Draper - Carluccio, Leone, Dimon, Doyle & Sack; and Lieb Klein; Conflict Public Defender: Christopher J. Grenda; Adam Steuerman & Raymond D. Bogan - Sinn, Fitzsimmons, Cantoli, Bogan & West; Charles Tivenan; Carolyne S. Kalson; Valter H. Must & Peter M. Draper - Carluccio, Leone, Dimon, Doyle & Sacks; Brian J. DiStefano; and Lieb Klein.

**Authorize Mayor to enter into fair and open professional services contract for Legal Counsel for Dedevlopment Issues**

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes a professional services contract with McManimon, Scotland, Baumann, Roseland, and Platt & Riso, P.C. - Stratford, as legal counsel for redevelopment issues.

**Authorize Mayor to enter into fair and open professional services contract for Municipal Auditor**

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes a professional services contract with Fallon & Larsen, LLP as municipal auditor.

**Authorize Mayor to enter into fair and open professional services contract for Professional Accountant Services**

Councilman Halloran stated this resolution authorizes a professional services contract with Bowman & Company, Voorhees, for professional accountant services.

**Authorize Mayor to enter into fair and open professional services contract for Affordable Housing Counsel**

Councilman Halloran stated this resolution authorizes a professional services contract with Jeffrey R. Surenian & Associates, Brielle, for affordable housing counsel.

**Authorize Mayor to enter into fair and open professional services contract for Legal Services Pool**

Councilwoman Zapcic stated this resolution authorizes professional services contracts be made to a pool of professionals in several categories: **Labor Counsel:** Decotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole; **Tax Appeal Counsel:** Gilmore & Monahan, P.A.; Shain, Schaffer & Rafanello; and Starkey, Kelly, Kenneally, Cunningham & Turnbach; **Tax Foreclosure Council:** Goldenberg, Mackler, Sayegh, Mintz, Pfeffer, Bouchi & Gill, Northfield; Wisniewski & Associates; **Attorney Pool:** Charles P. Tivenan; Decotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, Teaneck; Diegnan & Brophy, Wall; Durkin & Durkin; Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt & Fader; Gertner, Mandel & Peslak; Gilmore & Monahan; King, Kitrick, Jackson & McWeeney; Leitner, Tort, Defazio, Leitner & Brause, Edison; Long Marmero; Monica Kowalski; Montenegro, Thompson, Montenegro & Genz; Secare & Hensel; Shain, Schaffer & Rafanello; Weiner Lesniak LLP; and

Wisniewski & Associates.

**Authorize Mayor to enter into fair and open professional services contract for Engineering Services Pool**

Councilwoman Zapcic stated this resolution authorizes professional services contracts be made to a pool of professionals including: **Engineering/Surveying Pool:** ARH Associates; CME Associates; H2M Associates; Maser Consulting; Prestige Environmental Inc.; Matrix New World Engineering; and Suburban Consulting Engineers - Mount Arlington and **Environmental Engineering Pool:** H2M Associates and Prestige Environmental Inc.

**Authorize Mayor to enter into fair and open professional services contract for Architectural Services Pool**

Councilman Fozman stated this resolution authorizes professional services contracts be made to a pool of professionals including: Barlo & Associates; DMR Architects; Farrell Partnership LLC; Fraytak, Veisz, Hopkins, Duthie, P.C.; LS Engineering Associates; Netta Architects; Settembrino Architects, Stephen Raciti, Architect; The Musial Group, Mountainside; Tokarski & Millemann Architects; Wayne A. Neville; and Yezzi Associates.

**Authorize Mayor to enter into fair and open professional services contract for Bond Counsel**

Councilman Fozman stated resolution authorizes a professional service contract with Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer for bond counsel.

**Authorize Mayor to enter into fair and open professional services contract for Financial Advisor**

Councilwoman Crate stated this resolution authorizes a professional services contract with NW Financial Group, for financial advisor.

**Authorize Mayor to enter into fair and open professional services contract for Property Appraisal/Property Inspection Services Pool**

Councilwoman Crate stated this resolution authorizes a professional services contract for appraisal/property inspection services pool to Henry J. Mancini & Associates, Inc.; and Starmark Appraisals, LLC.

**Authorize Mayor to enter into fair and open professional services contract for Property Maintenance Board Attorney**

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes a professional services contract with Charles D. Bauer, for property maintenance board attorney.

**Authorize Mayor to enter into fair and open professional services contract for Hearing Officer**

Council Vice President Pontoriero stated this resolution authorizes a professional services contract with Diegnan & Brophy, for hearing officer.

**Authorize Mayor to enter into fair and open professional services contract for Animal Control Officer Services**

Councilwoman Zapcic stated this resolution authorizes a professional services contract with A-Academy of South Jersey, for animal control officer.

**Authorize Purchasing Agent to enter into certain contracts for purchases and services with certain vendors under State Contracts**

Council President Mummolo stated this resolution authorizes the purchasing agent to enter into agreements on behalf of the Township for the performance of work or the furnishing of materials, equipment or supplies in accordance with state statute.

**Authorize One Member and One Alternate II to Board of Adjustment**

Council President Mummolo stated this resolution appoints Daniel T. Worts as a member of the Board of Adjustment and Louis A Sorrentino as Alternate II member of the Township's Board of Adjustment.

**Authorize Appointments to the Property Maintenance Board**

Council President Mummolo stated this resolution appoints Joseph Gilsenan, George Cevasco, George Scott, James Hogan and Mark Story Jenks to the Property Maintenance Board:

**Authorize Appointments to the Tourist Development Commission**

Council President Mummolo said that this resolution appoints Juan Santamaria and George V. Erickson III to the Tourism Development Commission.

**Authorize Appointments to the Ethics Information Committee**

Council President Mummolo stated this resolution authorizes the appointment of Council Vice President Marianna Pontoriero, Councilwoman Lisa Crate, Councilman Arthur Halloran, Bill Phillipson, Tom Nilan, and Dr. Sharon Smith-Tumpey to the Brick Ethics Information Committee for 2016.

**Authorize Appointment of Commissioner and Resident Commissioner to the Housing Authority**

Council President Mummolo said that this resolution appoints Kathy Russell to a five-year term as Commissioner and Peter Dunne to fill the unexpired five-year term of Resident Commissioner to the Housing Authority.

**Authorize Appointment of Commissioner, Alternate I and Alternate II to the Municipal Utilities Authority**

Council President Mummolo said that this resolution appoints the following members to the MUA: Gregory Flynn whose appointment will start on February 1, 2016 and Joe Grisanti as a regular member, and Susan Lydecker and Maria Foster as alternates whose appointments commence immediately.

**Recognize 2016 Incoming Officers:****Brick Volunteer EMS Squad**

Councilwoman Zapcic stated the new officers of the Brick Township Volunteer EMS are President Mary Ferguson, Vice President Kevin Gillespie, Secretary Trudy San Jose, Treasurer John Wandras, Trustees Donna Altamura, Donald DeGraf, Captain Kevin Fleming, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Sol Milworm and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants Chris Nagy and Patrick Troy.

**Breton Woods Fire Company**

Councilwoman deJong stated the new officers of the Breton Woods Fire Company are President: Christopher Fredericks; Vice President: Fred Poppe Jr.; Treasurer: David Brown; Trustees: Steve Gerling, Raymond Ostarticki, Ed Ramos; Chief: Kevin Esposito; Assistant Chief: Tom Bisbal; Captain: Brian Streiter; and 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant: Christopher Ostarticki.

**Herbertsville Fire Company**

Councilman Fozman stated the new officers of the Herbertsville Fire Company No. 1 are President: Mark Christensen; Vice President: Michael DeCandia; Treasurer: Barry Osborn; Secretary: Robert Salmon; Assistant Treasurer: James Lepore; Chief: William Robbins; Assistant Chief: David Sanchez; Captain: James Lepore; 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant: Daniel Sanchez; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Michael DeCandia; and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant: Jim Scott, Jr.

**Laurelton Fire Company**

Councilwoman Crate stated the new officers of the Laurelton Fire Company No. 1 are President: David May; Vice President: William Behr; Treasurer: Joseph Pawlowicz Jr.; Recording Secretary: Ryan Fitzpatrick; Corresponding Secretary: Lenny Figula; Sergeant at Arms: Michael Scott; Trustees: Robert Skillman, William Stoughton, Jeff Richards, Charley Turner, John Hefferon Sr.; Chief: Tim Cranmer; Assistant Chief: Paul Mazzeo; and Captains: Joseph Zalinsky, John Hefferon III and Chris Ackermann.

**Pioneer Hose Fire Company**

Council Vice President Pontoriero stated the new officers of the Pioneer Hose Fire Company No. 1 are President: Thomas Fried; Vice President; Mark Mohwinkle; Chief: Joe Licandro; Assistant Chief: Dave Lindholm; Captain: Ron Gaskill Jr.; Lieutenant: Fran Devaney; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant: Joe Ferreira; and Engineer; John Koester.

Council President Mummolo opened the public hearing on the resolutions.

There were no comments from the audience.

Council President Mummolo closed the public hearing on the resolutions.

John Sluka, 950 Sylvia Court, read his letter regarding the parkway construction project. He thanked the two departing council members.

Sam Foster, 108 Teakwood Drive, congratulated the new council members. He wished Councilman Moore and Councilwoman Lydecker luck. He expressed his concerns with the Meet the Mayor events.

Kareem Moye asked what services are available for the disabled. He commented council and administration all do a good job.

Joanne Bergin responded she would refer him to ARC of Ocean County who provides transportation services for individuals with disabilities.

Motion by Councilman Fozman and seconded by Councilman Halloran to Adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

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Paul Mummolo  
Council President

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Lynnette A. Iannarone  
Township Clerk