

An Organizational meeting of the Township Council was held in the Municipal Building at 3:00 p.m. and was called to order at 3:00 pm.

Township Clerk Iannarone announced adequate notice of this meeting was provided and published in the Asbury Park Press and The Ocean Star on December 15, 2017. Copies of the agenda were provided to the newspapers, posted on public bulletin boards and the township website (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 Reverend Joseph Gnarackatt.

Township Clerk Iannarone announced the official results of the Mayoral election held on November 7, 2017 certified by the County Clerk were for Mayor: John G. Ducey – 14,405, Ruthanne Scaturro – 6,783 – Anthony Matthews – 278 and Robert “Rob” Canfield 190; for Council: Marianna Pontoriero 11,864 – Heather deJong – 11,735 – Paul Mummolo – 11,734 – John Ciocco – 8,587 – Marilyn Lago – 8,578 and Lois Turner – 8,412.

Honorable Governor-Elect Phil Murphy said he is honored to be in Brick Township to swear in Mayor Ducey and the members of the council. He said they are a lot stronger if they get there together and said this is a time for the State to close ranks and work together.

Honorable Governor-Elect Phil Murphy administered the oath of office to Mayor John G. Ducey.

Honorable Governor-Elect Phil Murphy administered the oath of office to Councilwoman Marianna Pontoriero.

Honorable Governor-Elect Phil Murphy administered the oath of office to Councilman Paul Mummolo.

Honorable Judge Mark Troncone administered the oath of office to Councilwoman Heather deJong.

Present

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

Also Present

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

Motion by Councilman Mummolo and seconded by Councilwoman Crate to nominate Councilwoman Heather deJong for Council President.

There were no other nominations.

Motion by Councilman Fozman and seconded by Councilwoman Zapcic to close the nominations.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call to elect Councilwoman Heather deJong as Council President.

Mayor John G. Ducey administered the oath of Council President to Heather deJong.

The Township Clerk presented the gavel to Council President Heather deJong.

Council President deJong called for nominations for Council Vice President.

Motion by Councilwoman Zapcic and seconded by Paul Mummolo to nominate

Councilwoman Lisa Crate as Council Vice President.

There were no other nominations.

Motion by Councilman Halloran and seconded by Councilman Fozman to close the nominations.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call to elect Councilwoman Lisa Crate as Council Vice President.

Mayor John G. Ducey administered the oath of Council Vice President to Lisa Crate.

President deJong introduced Mayor John G. Ducey for opening remarks. Mayor Ducey thanked Governor-Elect Murphy for joining them on their special day. He also thanked Council President deJong and council members and said he is looking forward to their service and their leadership in the years ahead. He said it was a privilege to have the Governor Elect administer the oath of office. He thanked the people of Brick Township for their faith they have placed in him and it is the greatest honor to be the Mayor of this great town. He thanked his wife and family for all their support and understanding. He thanked all the employees and staff. He spoke about some of the goals of the 100 day plan and the many accomplishments over the past four years. He spoke of the various programs that have been formed such as Teen Advisory Counsel, Farmer's Market, Community Garden, Fall Fest and the restarted BMAC committee and increased the DARE Officers, Lead and Seed Program, Not Even Once Program. He spoke about the [Blue HART](#) Program and thanked Chief Riccio and Deputy Chief Mazza for all their hard work their department does. He said they have reduced the size of government eliminated friends and family getting hired, zero based budgeting put into place, reduced the debt by over \$17M over the past four years, the first tax decrease in over 30 years, being fiscal responsible is very important aspect of the four year term. He said they are in a new year and a new day and a new four year term. He spoke about the beach replenishment being completed in 2018 and noted this project will add 200 feet of sand to the beaches; spoke about increasing the number of police officers; continue programs to combat the opioid/heroin problem; spoke about keeping Brick Township family-friendly; spoke about continuing improvement to the parks. He spoke about the new program Kids in Parks Day on May 19th. He spoke about the two new committees – Economic Development and the Council's committee on Cancer, Health & Related Services. He spoke about having transparency and keeping taxes stabile within the two percent cap regardless or not it goes away and lowering of the Township debt and over the next four years they will reduce the debt by \$6M more. He said the last four years has brought back Brick pride and a small town community despite the large population. He said they ran four years ago on a platform to make people's lives better. He said solutions rest with each of them doing our part.

Councilman Halloran congratulated Council President deJong for being nominated and elected and noted she was his go to person and she has a tremendous knowledge of the town. He congratulated Vice President Crate for her nomination. He thanked the Mayor, Joanne Bergin, Kevin Starkey Lynnette and Jennifer for their support. He thanked his colleagues who supported him so well. He thanked his wife for all her support.

President deJong thanked Councilman Halloran for his service and his dedication and his leadership to this council and presented him with a gavel plaque.

Mayor Ducey announced his appointments to the following Boards:

- **Architectural Review**
- **B-MAC (Brick Municipal Anti-Drug Coalition)**
- **Environmental Commission**
- **Historic Preservation**
- **Planning Board**
- **Property Maintenance**
- **Shade Tree**
- **Sustainable Brick Township**

Motion by Councilwoman Pontoriero and seconded by Councilman Halloran to adopt the following Resolutions.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call, except:

Councilman Fozman ABSTAINED on “*Authorize Appointment of One Commissioner and Alternate I and Alternate II to the BTMUA;*”

President deJong ABSTAINED on “*Authorize Mayor to enter into fair and open professional services contract for Engineering Services Pool*” and “*Authorize Mayor to enter into fair and open professional services contract for Planning Services Pool*”.

Establish Council Meeting Dates – 2018

President deJong stated this resolution establishes Council meeting dates for 2018.

Establish Bank Depositories/Cash Management Plan – 2018

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

Authorize Payment of the Township’s 2018 Debt Service

Mayor Ducey explained this resolution authorizes the payment of the Township’s debt service for 2018. He said as part of his Debt Reduction Plan, they have reduced the net debt of the Township by \$18.5 million since he first took office in 2014. He said they will further reduce the net debt of the Township by \$1.5 million during 2018, which includes the anticipated approval of an \$8.5 million Capital Program.

Authorize 2018 Temporary Budget

President deJong 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 deJong stated this resolution designates Township Purchasing Agent Maryann Jusinski as Brick Township’s Public Agency Compliance Officer for a one-year period. She advised 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 deJong 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 2018 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 2018.

Authorize Petty Cash Funds

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

President deJong noted the following agenda items are annual appointments made by the Township Council for various professional services. She explained the process is the Township Council authorizes the solicitation of bids, the Purchasing Agent then issues Request for Proposals for these services. She advised in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, bids are received and opened at an advertised date and time, which is open to the public. Those bids are first reviewed by the Purchasing Agent for compliance with the bid specifications, and those that meet all of the requirements are provided to the appropriate department or division head for review and recommendation to the Purchasing Agent and their recommendations are made in writing and copies are provided to the Township Council as part of the annual appointment process.

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

Councilman Mummolo said this resolution authorizes approval for a contract award to Starkey, Kelly, Kenneally, Cunningham & Turnbach, Toms River, NJ as Township Attorney.

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

Councilman Fozman said this resolution authorizes the contract awards to the following professionals:

- Municipal Prosecutor: Grace Marmero & Associates, Woodbury;
- Alternate Prosecutor: Diegnan & Brophy, Wall; Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, Warren; and McKenna, DuPont, Higgins & Stone, Red Bank.
- Conflict Prosecutor: Diegnan & Brophy, Wall; Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, Warren; and McKenna, DuPont, Higgins & Stone, Red Bank.

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

Councilwoman Zapcic said this resolution authorizes the contract awards to the following professionals:

- Municipal Public Defender: Matthew R. Sage, Toms River
- Alternate Public Defender: Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs, Matawan; Montenegro, Thompson, Montenegro & Genz, Brick; and Sinn, Fitzsimmons, Cantoli, Bogan, West & Stuerman, Point Pleasant Beach.
- Conflict Public Defender: Brian J. DiStefano, Esq., Bayville; Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs, Matawan; The Law Offices of Santiago & Associates, PC, Freehold; Leib Klein, Esq., Lakewood; Montenegro, Thompson, Montenegro & Genz, Brick; and Sinn, Fitzsimmons, Cantoli, Bogan, West & Stuerman, Point Pleasant Beach.

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

Councilman Halloran said this resolution authorizes a professional services contract with McManimon, Scotland, Baumann, Roseland, as legal counsel for redevelopment issues.

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

Councilwoman Pontoriero 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

Vice President Crate said this resolution authorizes a professional services contract with Bowman & Company for professional accountant services.

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

Councilman Mummolo said this resolution authorizes a professional services contract with Rainone Coughlin Minchello LLC, Woodbridge, for affordable housing counsel.

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

Councilman Fozman said this resolution authorizes professional services contracts to a pool of professionals in several categories:

- Tax Appeal Counsel: Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor LLC, Parsippany; and Starkey, Kelly, Kenneally, Cunningham & Turnbach, Toms River.
- Attorney Pool: Diegnan & Brophy, Wall; Durkin & Durkin, West Caldwell; Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt & Fader LLC, Rochelle Park; Grace, Marmero and Associates LLP, Woodbury; Kevin B. Riordan, Esq., LLC, Toms River; King, Kitrick, Jackson & McWeeney LLC, Brick; Leitner, Tort, DeFazio, Leitner & Brause, P.C., Edison; Montenegro, Thompson, Montenegro & Genz, Brick; Rainone Coughlin Minchello, LLC, Woodbridge; Secare & Hensel, Toms River; Weiner Law Group, Parsippany; and Wisniewski & Associates, Sayreville.

- Tax Foreclosure Counsel: Goldenberg, Mackler, Sayegh, Mintz, Pfeffer, Bonchi & Gill, Northfield.
- Labor Counsel: Rainone Coughlin Minchello, LLC Woodbridge.

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

Vice President Crate said this resolution authorizes professional services contracts to a pool of professionals including:

- Engineering/Surveying Pool: Adams, Rehmann & Heggan, Hammonton; Bright View Engineering, Roseland; CME Associates, Howell; H2M Associates, Parsippany; Maser Consulting, Red Bank; Matrix New World Engineering, Florham Park; Mott MacDonald, Freehold; Prestige Environmental Inc., Somerset; Suburban Consulting Engineers; Flanders, and T&M Associates, Toms River.
- Environmental Engineer: CME Associates, Howell.
- Traffic Engineer: Bright View Engineering, Roseland.

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

Councilwoman Zapcic said this resolution authorizes professional services contracts to a pool of professionals including: Architects Design Group Winter Park, FL; Barlo, Governale & Associates, Brick; DMR Architects, Hasbrouck Heights; Netta Architects, Mountainside, Robbie Conley Architect, Woodbury Heights; Tokarski & Milleman Architects, Wall; and Yezzi Architects, Toms River.

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

Councilwoman Pontoriero said this resolution authorizes a professional services contract with Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer for bond counsel.

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

Councilman Halloran said 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

Councilman Mummolo said this resolution authorizes a professional services contract for appraisal/property inspection services pool to Henry J. Mancini & Associates, Inc., Manahawkin; and Starmark Appraisals, LLC, Lakewood.

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

Councilwoman Pontoriero said this resolution authorizes a professional services contract with Charles D. Bauer, Brick Township, for property maintenance board attorney.

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

Councilman Fozman stated this resolution authorizes a professional services contract with Diegnan & Brophy, Wall Township, for hearing officer.

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

Vice President Crate said this resolution authorizes a professional services contract with A-Academy of South Jersey, Howell, for animal control officer.

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

Councilwoman Zapcic said this resolution authorizes professional services contracts to a pool of professionals including: Adams, Rehmann & Heggan, Hammontown; CME Associates, Howell; Leon S. Avakian Inc Consulting Engineers, Neptune; Maser Consulting, Red Bank; Matrix New World Engineering, Eatontown; and Tetra Tech EC., Inc., Parsippany.

Authorize Mayor to enter into fair and open professional services contract for Code Enforcement Prosecutor

Councilman Halloran said this resolution authorizes a professional service contract to Diegnan & Brophy, Wall, for code enforcement prosecutor.

Authorize Mayor to enter into fair and open professional services contract for Veterinary Services

Councilwoman Pontoriero said this resolution authorizes the award of contract for veterinary services on an as-needed basis to Cedars Veterinary Hospital, Brick, and Jersey Shore Veterinary Emergency Service, Lakewood.

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

President deJong 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 Execution of a Schedule "C" Agreement with County of Ocean for 2018

President deJong stated this resolution authorizes the execution of a Schedule C agreement with the County of Ocean. She advised the County provides certain goods and services if needed to Municipalities who are charged labor and equipment rates as outlined in the agreement and these services include mowing, snow plowing, road overlay, traffic signal repair and vehicle maintenance services. She noted many of these services are done in-house, so they rarely use the county, but they do participate each year in the event they have a project that would be a good fit for this program.

Authorize Three Members and One Alternate I and One Alternate II to Board of Adjustment

Councilman Halloran said this resolution authorizes the appointments to the Board Adjustment of David Chadwick, Frank Mizer and Dawn Marie White for a four-year term effective January 1, 2018 and expiring on December 31, 2021; Carl Anderson as an Alternate 1 member for an unexpired two-year term effective January 1, 2018 and expiring December 31, 2018; Michele Strassheim as an Alternate II member for a two-year term effective January 10, 2018 and expiring December 31, 2019.

Authorize Appointment of One Commissioner and Alternate I and Alternate II to the BTMUA.

Councilman Mummolo said this resolution authorizes the appointments to the Municipal Utilities Authority: William Neafsey, Sandra P. Hawthorne-Tormey as an Alternate I member and Jason Kiernan as an Alternate II member.

Authorize Appointments to the Property Maintenance Board

Councilwoman Zapcic said this resolution authorizes the appointments of Edward Buecker, George Cevasco, Joseph Gilsean, James Hogan, and Sandra Thomas to the Property Maintenance Board and two alternates, Joanne Bergin and Stephen Brill, for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

Authorize Appointments to the Tourist Development Commission

Councilman Mummolo said this resolution authorizes the appointments of George Erickson and Matt Gullace as members of the Tourist Development Commission. He noted Council President Heather deJong is appointed as the Council Representative.

Authorize Appointments to the Ethics Information Committee

Councilman Fozman said this resolution authorizes the following appointments to the Ethics Information Committee: Council Vice President Lisa Crate, Councilman Art Halloran, Councilwoman Marianna Pontoriero, Burt P. Augustensen, Allison Finochio and Sheila Fleishman.

Authorize Appointments to the Sustainable Brick Township Committee

Vice President Crate said this resolution authorizes the following appointments to the Sustainable Brick Township Committee for 2018: Mayor John G. Ducey; Council President

Designee Lisa Crate; Michael Fowler, Municipal Planner; Ken Somers, Department of Public Works representative; Stephen Specht, Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority representative; Brick Township Board of Education representative; Sharon Ercoliani, Environmental Commission representative; John Hyfantis, P.E., resident; Roberta Cartwright, resident; Paul J. Kurtz, resident; Joseph Lamb, resident; SaraRose Christodoulou, resident.

Authorize Appointment of Class III Planning Board Member

Councilman Halloran said this resolution appoints Councilman Paul Mummolo as a Class III member of the Planning Board and Architectural Review Committee for a one-year term.

Recognize 2018 Incoming Officers:

Breton Woods Fire Company

President deJong stated the new officers of the Breton Woods Fire Company are: President John Treacy, Vice President Dave Brown, Secretary John Rotundo, Treasurer Christopher Allfrey, Trustees Steve Gerling, Christopher Fredericks and John Rotundo, Chief Thomas Bisbal, Assistant Chief Brian Streiter, 2nd Lieutenant Edwin Ramos, 1st Engineer Thomas Thieme Jr., and Safety Officer Christopher Fredericks.

Herbertsville Fire Company

Councilman Fozman stated the new officers of the Herbertsville Fire Company are: President Mark Christensen, Vice President Michael DeCandia, Treasurer Barry Osborn, Secretary Robert Salmon and Assistant Treasurer James Lepore, Chief David Sanchez, Captain Daniel Sanchez, and 1st lieutenant James Scott Jr.

Laurelton Fire Company

Councilwoman Zapcic stated the new officers of the Laurelton Fire Company are: President Robert Contreras, Vice President Leonard Figula, Treasurer Joseph Pawlowicz Jr, Recording Secretary George Murphy, Corresponding Secretary Steven Nowacki, Sergeant at Arms Kristofer Havanki, Chief Paul Mazzeo, Assistant Chief Christopher Ackermann, Captains David Bahrenburg, Joseph Zalinsky and John Hefferon III.

Pioneer Hose Fire Company

Councilman Halloran stated the new officers of the Pioneer Hose Company are: President Francis Devaney, Vice President William Magnusson, Secretary Elana Bec, Treasurer Vincent Pischettola, Chief David Lindholm, Assistant Chief Ron Gaskill, Jr., Captain Joseph Ferreria, Engineer John Koester, and Safety Officers Christopher Morrison, Walter Eaton and Brian Beeg.

President deJong opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

There were no comments from the audience.

President deJong closed the public hearing on the Resolutions.

President deJong opened the public hearing on the Manual Bill Resolution.

There were no comments from the audience.

President deJong closed the public hearing on the Manual Bill Resolution.

Motion by Councilwoman Pontoriero and seconded by Councilwoman Zapcic to adopt the following Resolution.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

2018 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$1,444,520.50

President deJong opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

John Sluka, 950 Sylvia Court, congratulated all and read his letter regarding the parkway construction project.

There were no further comments from the audience.

President deJong closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Joanne Bergin thanked Councilman Halloran and Councilwoman Zapcic for their leadership this past year. She said Mayor Ducey has truly defined compassion, kindness, reasonableness and fairness and he sets an example for all of us to do the best that they can.

Kevin Starkey thanked the Mayor and Council for their confidence in him and his firm re-appointing them again and he said he looks forward to continuing the good work.

Clerk Iannarone congratulated everyone on their swearing in today.

Jennifer Hartmann also congratulated everyone.

Councilwoman Zapcic congratulated Mayor Ducey, Councilwoman Pontoriero, Councilman Mummolo and President deJong and said she is looking forward to serving with them in 2018 and beyond. She announced some new BMAC programs. She quoted an Old Irish Blessing “May love and laughter light your days, and warm you heart and home. May good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam. May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures. May all life’s passing seasons bring the best to you and yours.”

Councilman Halloran gave a special thanks to Councilwoman Zapcic and noted what a great job she does and she is always is on top of things that are going to benefit the residents of the town and thanked her for being the vice president and for supporting him so well. He said be safe and kind to one another.

Vice President Crate congratulated Mayor Ducey and her colleagues that were re-elected and encouraged residents to share their gifts whatever your gift is if it be a gift to gab or if you have ideas for the town or ideas for a way to make people happy or make the world better – start sharing your gift don’t hide those away – find out a way of get those ideas and gifts out here and encouraged people to come out and share your ideas, thoughts and talents with them and with everyone else in the community because that is how to make the town better than it already is.

Councilman Mummolo congratulated Mayor Ducey and his running mates and said he is looking forward to working with everyone for the next four years.

Councilman Fozman congratulated Governor-Elect Murphy and said he is excited about supporting his leadership and moving the great State of New Jersey forward. He congratulated Mayor Ducey on his victory and his council colleagues. He said he is happy to work with them to continue to make Brick better. He quoted from John F. Kennedy “As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

Councilwoman Pontoriero said she there is no one more blessed then herself to see 2018. She said she comes into this year with a renewed sense of energy and appreciation for the life that she has and it is her hope that she can move forward with the committee that is going to focus on health – help to bring her renewed sense of energy to the citizens and give them the help and support that she had so that they can overcome their illnesses the way that she did. She said how appreciative she is of her family and the members of council. She congratulated Mayor Ducey on his win. She added “life is a gift”.

President deJong said how much Brick has changed for the better and how much they have accomplished over the last four years. She said the Mayor always had these ideas and always had the vision and the council is here to support his vision and collectively they have delivered a significant change in Brick and made Brick better and thanked Mayor Ducey for his leadership. She briefly spoke about the Buy in Brick Program. She spoke about a joint effort with the DCA Division of Local Governments to develop a bicycle and

pedestrian safety master plan and explained this will enable the Township to compete for grants and begin the process to make Brick safer and friendlier for the pedestrians and bicyclists for years to come. She said they have accomplished a lot over these last four years and said she goes into the next four years with a different prospective that she did not have four years ago and each of us on this council each have a unique roll and ability and own nitch of what we like to focus on and that what has made us so successful with the Mayor as our leader.

Closing Prayer by Reverend Dan Schafer.

Motion by Councilman Mummolo and seconded by Vice President Crate to Adjourn the meeting at 4:29p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

Heather deJong
Council President

Lynnette A. Iannarone
Township Clerk