

An Organizational meeting of the Township Council was held in the Municipal Building at 2:00 p.m. and was called to order at 2:05 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 20, 2019. 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 Deacon William Zapcic.

Township Clerk Iannarone announced the official results of Council Election held on November 5, 2019 and certified by the County Clerk: Andrea Zapcic - 8,546 votes, Lisa Crate - votes 8,203; Arthur Halloran – votes 8,154; Vincent Minichino - votes 8,015; Victoria Chadwick – votes 7,126; Max Flores – votes 6,863; Neil Napolitano – votes 6,787; James Fozman – votes 6,439.

Andrew Zapcic, Esq., administered the oath of office to Councilwoman Andrea Zapcic.

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

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

Mayor John G. Ducey administered the oath of office to Councilman Vince Minichino.

Present

Also Present

Councilwoman Andrea Zapcic
Councilman Vince Minichino
Councilwoman Heather deJong
Councilman Paul Mummolo
Councilwoman Marianna Pontoriero
Councilman Arthur Halloran
Councilwoman Lisa Crate

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

Motion by Councilwoman Zapcic and seconded by Councilman Halloran to nominate Councilwoman Lisa Crate for Council President.

There were no other nominations.

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

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

Township Clerk Iannarone presented the gavel to Council President Lisa Crate.

Motion by President Crate and seconded by Councilwoman Zapcic to nominate Councilman Arthur Halloran as Council Vice President.

There were no other nominations.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call to elect Councilman Arthur Halloran as Council Vice President.

Mayor John G. Ducey administered the oath of Council Vice President Arthur Halloran.

President Crate introduced Mayor John G. Ducey for his opening remarks. Mayor Ducey said 2020 will be the year of “Unity” here in Brick Township; he remarked on 2019 being a rough year but thanks to the great team work here in town hall with awesome employees, the Business Administrator Joanne Bergin and all the department heads; he thanked Councilwoman Zapcic for her leadership as Council President; he congratulated Council President Crate along with Councilman Minichino and said he is looking forward to working with them. He highlighted a few issues and plans that are in the works for 2020;

he spoke of debt reduction, plans to make over two more parks: Bayside Park and Cedar Bridge Manor Park, 25th Anniversary of SummerFest, Family campout and revamping of the Veteran's Memorial at town hall. He said the number one main priority in Brick is to "Unify" the Brick Residents in protecting the community and to keep the pressure on the State government and that concerns the school funding and urged for the State to release the formula; he spoke of the continuing efforts of the Police Department's Street Crime unit to address drugs and crime and thanked Chief Riccio; he spoke about the Neighborhood Watch Program; he gave an update on the Sports Dome, formerly Foodtown; he advised they are still waiting on hearing if Brick will be the host of the new VA Clinic and spoke of the issues at the current VA Clinic; he spoke about paving roads and about the many areas where there are tidal flooding issues. He reiterated this is the year of "Unity" in Brick.

President Crate presented Councilwoman Zapcic with the gavel plaque for her presidency for the 2019 year; she spoke about Councilwoman Zapcic rein as president and that she led with such grace and dignity and was able to keep the council meetings professional; she thanked her for leadership.

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
- Sustainable Brick Township

Motion by Councilman Mummolo and seconded by Councilwoman Zapcic to adopt the following Resolutions.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call, except:

Councilwoman 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 – 2020

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution establishes Council meeting dates for 2020.

Designate Public Agency Compliance Officer

Councilman Mummolo stated this resolution designates Jana Kopecka as Brick Township's Public Agency Compliance Officer for 2020.

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

Vice President Halloran stated this resolution designates the Township's Tax Assessor or Municipal Attorney as the agent for the taxing district during the year 2020 and have the ability to execute stipulations of settlement on any tax appeal or complaint filed by the Township or by a taxpayer in the tax year 2020.

Authorize Petty Cash Funds

Councilwoman Pontoriero stated this resolution authorizes petty cash funds in the Township Clerk's office, police department, public works, engineering department and parks department.

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

Councilman Minichino stated this resolution authorizes the appointment of Starkey, Kelly, Kenneally, Cunningham & Turnbach as Township Attorney for 2020.

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

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes Michael Burns from Grace Marmero & Associates as Municipal Prosecutor and attorneys Brian M. Hak, Dominic P. DiYanni, Irene Kim Asbury and Philip G. George from Eric M. Bernstein & Associates as Alternate Prosecutor.

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

Councilwoman Zapcic stated this resolution authorizes Matthew R. Sage as Municipal Public Defender; Brian J. DiStefano, Charles P. Tivenan, Destribats Campbell Staub, Leib Klein and Montenegro, Thompson, Montenegro and Genz as Alternate Public Defender; Brian J. DiStefano, Charles P. Tivenan, Destribats Campbell Staub, Leib Klein, Montenegro, Thompson, Montenegro & Genz, and Sinn, Fitzsimmons, Cantoli, Bogan, West and Steuerman as Conflict Public Defender.

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

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes the contract for legal counsel for redevelopment issues to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann.

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

Councilman Mummolo stated this resolution authorizes the execution of a contract with Fallon & Company as Township Auditor.

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

Vice President Halloran stated this resolution authorizes the execution of a contract with Bowman & Company for Professional Accountant services.

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

Councilwoman Pontoriero stated this resolution authorizes the execution of a contract with Rainone Coughlin Minchello, for Affordable Housing Counsel.

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

Councilman Minichino stated this resolution authorizes the execution of a contract with the following pool of professionals for legal matters not being handled by the Township Attorney:

Attorney Pool: Barker, Gelfand, James & Sarvas, Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, Warren; Durkin & Durkin, West Caldwell; Eric M. Bernstein & Associates; GluckWalrath,; Grace, Marmero and Associates, Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, Kelaher, Van Dyke & Moriarty,; Kevin B. Riordan, King, Kitrick, Jackson, McWeeney & Wells, Leitner, Tort, DeFazio & Brause, Montenegro, Thompson, Montenegro & Genz, Rainone Coughlin Minchello, Roselli Griegel Lozier & Lazzaro, Hamilton; Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani, Secare Law Firm, Weiner Law Group and Wisniewski & Associates.

Labor Counsel: Armando V. Riccio, Barker, Gelfand, James & Sarvas, , Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, GluckWalrath, Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor and Rainone Coughlin Minchello.

Tax Appeals Counsel: Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, Erin M. Bernstein & Associates, Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, Roselli Griegel Lozier & Lazzaro, Starkey, Kelly, Kenneally, Cunningham & Turnbach and Wisniewski & Associates.

Tax Foreclosure Counsel: DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, Goldenberg, Mackler, Sayegh, Mintz, Pfeffer, Bonchi & Gill, and Wisniewski & Associates.

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

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes a contract for professional engineering/surveying, environmental, dredging and traffic consultants for various minor projects and preliminary studies on proposed capital projects, environmental issues and other general engineering projects for the 2020 calendar year to the following professional pools:

Engineering/surveying: ACT Engineers, ARH Associates, Bright View Engineering, CME Associates, French & Parrello Associates, H2M Associates, Keystone Engineering Group,

Leon S. Avakian, L.S. Engineering Associates, Maser Consulting, Matrix New World Engineering, MidAtlantic Engineering Partners, Mott MacDonald, Prestige Environmental, Rioux Engineering, Suburban Consulting Engineers, T&M Associates, Van Cleef Engineering and WJH Engineering.

Environmental Engineering: ACT Engineers, ARH Associates, CME Associates, French & Parrello Associates, Maser Consulting, MidAtlantic Engineering Partners, Mott MacDonald, Prestige Environmental and Suburban Consulting Engineers.

Dredging Engineering Pool: ACT Engineers, CME Associates, Maser Consulting, MidAtlantic Engineering Partners, Mott MacDonald, Rioux Engineering, and Suburban Consulting Engineers.

Traffic Engineering: Bright View Engineering, CME Associates, Maser Consulting, Mott MacDonald and Suburban Consulting Engineers.

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

Councilwoman Zapcic stated this resolution authorizes the execution of a contract with the following pool of professionals for architectural services: Barlo, Governale & Associates, The Musial Group Architecture, Netta Architects, Robbie Conley Architect, Settembrino Architects, Sonnenfeld + Trocchia Architects, Tokarski + Milleman Architects, and Yezzi Associates.

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

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes a contract with Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer as Bond Counsel.

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

Councilman Mummolo stated this resolution authorizes a contract with NW Financial Group as Financial Advisor.

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

Vice President Halloran stated this resolution authorizes the execution of a contract with the following firms to provide property appraisal and inspection services to the Township on an as-needed basis: Federal Appraisal, and Henry J. Mancini & Associates.

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

Councilwoman Pontoriero stated this resolution authorizes the execution of a contract with Charles D. Bauer, as Attorney for the Property Maintenance Board.

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

Councilman Minichino stated this resolution authorizes the execution of a contract with the following attorneys to serve as Hearing Officer: Charles D. Bauer, and Kevin B. Riordan.

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

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the execution of a contract with A-Academy of South Jersey, for animal control officer services at a set hourly rate schedule with an annual not-to-exceed amount of \$120,000.00.

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

Councilwoman Zapcic stated this resolution authorizes the execution of a contract with the following firms to provide planning services for the research and writing of planning studies and reports to the Township on an as-needed basis: ARH Associates, CME Associates, Leon S. Avakian, Maser Consulting, and Tetra Tech.

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

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes the execution of a contract with Lani Lombardo of the firm Cleary, Jacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs, as Code Enforcement

Prosecutor and this resolution also authorizes the execution of a contract for attorneys Brian M. Hak, Dominic DiYanni, Irene Kim Asbury and Philip G. George from the firm of Eric M. Bernstein & Associates as Alternate Code Enforcement Prosecutor.

Authorize Mayor to enter into fair and open professional services contract for Employee Assistance Program

Councilman Mummolo stated this resolution authorizes the execution of a contract with Preferred Behavioral Health to implement the Township's Employee Assistance Program.

Authorize Rejection of Proposals and Authorization to Re-Bid Insurance Broker/Consultants

Vice President Halloran stated this resolution authorizes the rejection of proposals and re-advertisement for professional services contract for insurance broker/consultants.

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

Councilwoman Pontoriero stated this resolution authorizes the execution of a contract for veterinary services for emergency/minimal care for sick and/or injured dogs, cats or wildlife to Cedars Veterinary Hospital and Jersey Shore Veterinary Inc.

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

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the execution of a contract for the provision of certain government services with the County of Ocean for the performance of work or the furnishing of materials, equipment or supplies for only items or services specified in the applicable County contracts for the contract vendors of record.

Authorize Execution of a Schedule "C" Agreement with County of Ocean for 2020

Councilwoman Zapcic stated this resolution authorizes the execution of a contract for the provision of certain government services with the County of Ocean as part of a Schedule "C" agreement. She advised this agreement includes funds if needed to participate in an Interlocal agreement for roads, engineering, and vehicle services as an as-needed basis throughout the year.

Authorize One Alternate II to the Board of Adjustment

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution confirms the appointment of Darren Caffrey as an alternate member of the Board of Adjustment.

Authorize Appointment of Two Commissioners to the Housing Authority

Councilman Mummolo stated this resolution authorizes the appointment of Peter Dunne as a resident Commissioner of the Brick Township Housing Authority for a term effective March 15, 2020 and expiring March 14, 2025; and Thomas Linkin to fill an unexpired term effective January 1, 2020 and expiring March 14, 2022.

Authorize Appointments to the Property Maintenance Board

Vice President Halloran stated this resolution authorizes the appointment of the following members of the Township's Property Maintenance Board: Edward Buecker, Stephen Brill, Joseph Gilsean, James Hogan, and Sandra Thomas along with alternates Joanne Bergin and Richard DeGennaro.

Authorize Appointments to the Tourist Development Commission

Councilwoman Pontoriero stated this resolution authorizes the appointment of Mort Nase from Windward Tavern and Colleen DeJesus Gonzales from the Spanish Olive as members of the Tourist Development Commission for a two-year term effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. Additionally, Councilwoman deJong is appointed as the Township Council representative for a one-year term.

Authorize Appointments to the Ethics Information Committee

Councilman Minichino stated this resolution authorizes the appointments to the Brick Ethics Information Committee: Councilwoman Lisa Crate, Councilman Arthur Halloran, Councilwoman Marianna Pontoriero, Victor Finamore, Mark Starr, and Angelo Saverino.

Authorize Appointments to the Sustainable Brick Township Committee

President Crate stated this resolution authorizes the appointments of the following

members of the Sustainable Brick Township Committee: Mayor John G. Ducey or designee Robert Czekaj; Council President designee Vince Minichino, Keith Rella, Municipal Planner designee; Ken Mathis, Department of Public Works representative; Stephen Specht, Brick Township Utilities Authority representative; Jessica Clayton, Board of Education representative; Sharon Ercoliani, Environmental Commission representative; Brian Mirsky, Chamber of Commerce representative; John Hyfantis, resident; Paul J. Kurtz, resident; Seresa Peterson, resident; Carly De La Hoz, resident; and Suzanne Casella, resident.

Authorize Appointment of Class III Planning Board Member

Councilwoman Zapcic stated this resolution authorizes the re-appointment of Councilman Paul Mummolo as a Class III member of the Township Planning Board and the Architectural Review Committee for a one-year term.

Recognize 2020 Incoming Officers:

Breton Woods Fire Company

President deJong stated the new officers of the Breton Woods Fire Company are: President Chris Fredericks, Vice President Antonio Ortiz; Secretary John Rotundo, Treasurer Brian Streiter, Trustees Steve Gerling, John Treacy and John Rotundo; Chief Thomas Bisbal, Assistant Chief Brian Streiter, Captain Barry Wehner, 1st Lieutenant Edwin Ramos, 2nd Lieutenant Tom Thieme Jr., and Safety Officer Chris Fredericks.

Herbertsville Fire Company

Councilwoman Zapcic stated the new officers of the Herbertsville Fire Company are: President Angelo Nittoli, Vice President David Sanchez, Treasurer Barry Osborn, Secretary Christopher Kaczmarek; Trustees James Scott Sr., Christopher Matseur and Paul Matula; Chief David Sanchez, Captain James Lepore and 1st Lieutenant Christopher Matseur.

Laurelton Fire Company

Councilman Mummolo stated the new officers of the Laurelton Fire Company are: President Robert Contreras; Vice President Leonard Figula, Recording Secretary Kyle Bohrer; Corresponding Secretary Michael Scott; Treasurer Joseph Pawlowicz; Sergeant at Arms Walter Hulsart; Trustees Robert Skillman, Charles Turner, Jeffrey Richards, John Hefferon Sr., and Michael Cyriacus, Chief Paul Mazzeo Jr., Assistant Chief Christopher Ackermann, Captains David Bahrenburg, Joseph Zalinski and Thomas Bennett.

Pioneer Hose Fire Company

Vice President Halloran stated the new officers of the Pioneer Hose Fire Company are: President Francis Devaney, Vice President Michael Berger, Secretary Elaina Magnusson, Captain Vincent Pischetolla, Treasurer Vincent Pischetolla, Chief Ron Gaskill Jr., Assistant Chief Peter Quinlan, Lieutenant Bill Magnusson, 2nd Lieutenant Joseph Sansone, Engineer John Koester and Trustees Gary Avazier, Edward Slowinski, John Sansone, Peter Quinlan and Joseph Sansone.

President Crate opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

John Sluka, 950 Sylvania Court, congratulated all.

There were no further comments from the audience.

President Crate closed the public hearing on the Resolutions.

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

There were no comments from the audience.

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

Motion by Vice President Halloran and seconded by Councilman Mummolo to adopt the following Resolution.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

2020 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$14,375,773.10

President Crate opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

John Sluka, 950 Sylvia Court, brought up his question from yesterday's council meeting regarding the repair of certain roads; he read his letter regarding the parkway construction project and the need for a sound wall in certain areas along with parkway.

Mayor Ducey addressed his concerns with the roads.

There were no further comments from the audience.

President Crate closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Joanne Bergin said it is her great honor to serve the residents of Brick, Mayor Ducey, the Township Council and an exceptional staff of close to 500 employees all of whom serve with diligence and compassion; she thanked Councilwoman Zapcic for her leadership and support and determination to rise above and to lift us up as well in 2019; she welcomed Councilwoman Crate and said she is looking forward to working with her as she takes the position of Council President; she thanked Mayor Ducey and his love for Brick Township inspires everyone to do their best and serving as Mayor is a labor of love for him and he is guided always by what is best for Brick Township.

Kevin Starkey said Happy New Year to all and thanked the Mayor and Council for their continued confidence in him and his firm to serve the Township; he thanked Councilwoman Zapcic for her leadership as President in 2019 and looks forward to working with Council President Crate.

Councilwoman Zapcic said no success in life is ever achieved without the help of others and there are many whose efforts brought us to this day – she thanked Mayor Ducey and the current members of the Council for their encouragement and support, Township Attorney Starkey for his wisdom and guidance, Business Administrator Joanne Bergin who is the force that gets things done and all of the Brick Township employees who work diligently every day to serve our residents and said it is an honor to work along side of each and every one of you every day; she thanked her agenda team last year – Joanne, Jenn, Lynnette, Maureen and Jane - real queens fix each other's crowns; she thanked her running mates for their courage, fortitude and hard work and welcomed the newest council member Councilman Minichino; she thanked her family for all their support and thanked the residents of Brick who voted for her to serve again.

Councilman Minichino thanked his family for their support; he recognized and thanked Fred Potter who put him on this path it's a journey he is looking forward to; he thanked the Mayor for asking him to part of this team and is looking forward to hit the ground running.

Councilwoman deJong thanked all the Township employees for always doing a tremendous job – they go above and beyond what their job details of what they are suppose to do; she congratulated Councilwoman Zapcic, President Crate and Vice President Halloran on their re-election and a big welcome and congratulations to Councilman Minichino; she said she will focus on what Mayor Ducey has brought to the table this year as "Unifying" Brick Township and always making Brick better.

Councilman Mummolo congratulated Councilwoman Zapcic and President Crate along with Vice President Halloran and welcomed Councilman Minichino; he thanked the Township employees for the great job they do.

Councilwoman Pontoriero congratulated Councilwoman Zapcic for her presidency in 2019; she congratulated and remarked on Council President Crate; she congratulated Vice President Halloran and welcomed Councilman Minichino; she thanked all the Township employees who make Brick better every day; she thanked Joanne Bergin for what she does going above and beyond her job; she thanked Mayor Ducey for the feeling of "Unity" for 2020 is going to be infectious and it is what the town needs and it's what the country needs and feels everyone can do their part to make sure that they are feeling "Unity" in 2020.

Vice President Halloran thanked the residents of Brick for voting him and the confidence

they have in him and the rest of the team; he said he is looking forward to four more years and said he has learned a lot in the last four years; he thanked Councilwoman Zapcic for her leadership in 2019; he congratulated President Crate and wished her all the best and said he will be there to support her; he thanked the Mayor for inspiring him; he thanked Joanne Bergin for her support and also thanked Kevin Starkey and the Township employees for all the work they do and thanked his wife for all her support.

President Crate recognized Ben Giovine from the Office of Congressman Kim, Judge Grisanti, Chris Theodos – MUA Director and School Board Members Stephanie Wolhrab and Melita Gagliardi who are in the audience today and thanked them for their support; she thanked the employees of Brick for all they do; she thanked Councilwoman Zapcic for her leadership in 2019; she thanked her husband and family for all their support; she said the future of the town does not lie solely with Mayor and Council ultimately it lies with all of the residents of Brick as well – she encouraged everyone to not let their influence end at the ballot box but go out and realize they are the community and said they are needed as a community to help them do our jobs; she said great things are rarely done by one person alone or even a small group of people they are often accomplished by a team of people and expressed she wants that team to be the town – she said everyone of us can make a difference and it does not matter who – she said her challenge to Brick this year to look around to see what is needed, is there someone in your neighborhood that needs something, something in the town they need to have happen; she said she would like to do at the council meetings each month is to share with the residents a highlight of a local group, charity or organization that here in Brick that may inspire you to want to go out and help them; she quoted from Martin Luther King, Jr. – “Everyone can be great because anyone can serve - you only need a heartful of grace and a soul generated by love”. She said she is looking forward to serving this community this year.

Motion by Councilman Mummolo and seconded by Vice President Halloran to Adjourn the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

Lisa Crate
Council President

Lynnette A. Iannarone
Township Clerk