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An Organizational meeting of the Township Council was held in the Municipal Building at 5:00 p.m. and was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Township Clerk Iannarone announced adequate notice of this meeting was provided and published in The Ocean Star on December 15, 2023. 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))

Township Clerk Iannarone welcomed the VFW Post #8867 to present colors and asked all to stand for the salute to the flag which would be followed by the Invocation given by Deacon Bill Zapcic.

Township Clerk Iannarone gave the official results of the election held on November 7, 2023 as certified by the County Clerk as follows:

- a. Result of Mayoral Election.  
Mayor: **Lisa Crate** 11,381  
John Catalano 7,879
- b. Result of Council Election.  
**Melissa Travers** 9,743  
**Vince Minichino** 9,695  
**Derrick Ambrosino** 9,662  
**Steve Feinman** 9,380  
Theresa Gallagher 9,094  
James Palmisano 8,905  
Mary Buckley 8,852  
Rocco Palmieri 8,829

Township Clerk Iannarone administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Lisa Crate.

Mayor Crate administered the Oath of Office to the following council members:

- a. Councilman Derrick Ambrosino
- b. Councilman Steve Feinman
- c. Councilman Vince Minichino
- d. Councilwoman Melissa Travers

Present  
Councilman Perry Albanese  
Councilwoman Heather deJong  
Councilman Steve Feinman  
Councilwoman Marianna Pontoriero  
Councilwoman Melissa Travers  
Council Vice President Derrick Ambrosino  
Council President Vince Minichino

Also Present  
Kevin Starkey, Township Attorney  
Lynnette A. Iannarone, Township Clerk  
Lisa Crate, Mayor  
Joanne Bergin, Business Administrator

Township Clerk Iannarone called for nominations for Council President – 2024 Term.

Councilman Ambrosino nominated Councilman Minichino. He said he is qualified and has faithfully served as a councilman for four years – one of which serving as council president. He has also served as the chair for the Land Use Committee, served on the Planning Board, ARC and Public Works Committee. He has resided in Brick for 33 years raising his son and daughter and now they are raising their families here.

Motion by Councilman Ambrosino and seconded by Councilwoman Travers to nominate Councilman Minichino as Council President.  
There were no other nominations  
All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

Mayor Crate swore in Council President Minichino.

Township Clerk Iannarone presented the gavel to Council President Minichino.

Council President Minichino thanked outgoing Council President deJong saying she did a good job with grace and poise. He said she was instrumental in the Buy in Brick Program, serves on the Tourist Commission, Mayor’s Senior Advisory and Business and Finance

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Committees and is also the liaison for the Housing Authority. She worked hard to get their team re-elected and said she is worth her weight in gold. He presented her with an outgoing council president gavel plaque.

Council President Minichino called for nominations for Council Vice President – 2024 Term.

Councilwoman Pontoriero nominated Councilman Ambrosino as Council Vice President she said it's important to have a balance in leadership and Councilman Ambrosino is soft spoken and will compliment Council President Minichino. She said he will do wonderful things for the township.

Motion by Councilwoman Pontoriero and seconded by Councilman Albanese to nominate Councilman Ambrosino as Council Vice President.

There were no other nominations

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

Mayor Crate swore in Council Vice President Ambrosino.

Council President Minichino asked Mayor Crate for her Opening Remarks.

Mayor Crate thanked everyone for joining them today as they come together to celebrate the start of a new year. She thanked County Commissioner Frank Sadeghi for attending. She said that it is her honor, as the first elected female Mayor in the Township of Brick, to embrace 2024 as a new year filled with potential for positive change and an opportunity to have an impact in big and small ways. In the many months she has spent as Mayor, she has met countless residents of Brick, and have heard their stories, met their families, shared their goals for life to be a bit easier ... financially, managing through unexpected hardship, raising families, trying to LIVE lives of meaning and peace. They have goals that on paper seem simple, but for many of us, are not. Our society is in the midst of a mental health crisis, we're a society that many feel has lost its way, but we're also a society with the potential for greatness if we can stop for a minute, let go of what's holding us back from being our best selves, and embrace our lives, our families and our neighbors with kindness and compassion. Brick Township is a wonderful community, which is why her husband Will and her chose this town to raise their children, William and Colleen. She thanked them for their unwavering support since first running for council. She explained that their love inspires her in every way to be a better person, and a great mayor. Brick Township has so many features that make it a great place to live. As Mayor, she wants to build on those things. They will continue investing in parks so that every child has a playground close to home, and that the residents have access to a myriad of recreation programs including basketball, softball, and pickleball. In the coming year, she hopes to expand the recreation programs to include more focus on the arts, celebrating both athletes and artists alike. They will continue to invest in this Township's public safety services and have the most police officers on the streets than at any other time in Brick Township's history. They will continue to invest in community policing, so that the officers can connect with the public, develop relationships that prevent crime and help educate everyone on the small things to do to be safe. The dispatchers are exceptionally trained and essential to public safety, as are the township fire departments. They have created and invested in the EMS division so that Brick residents would always be guaranteed a response when there is a medical emergency. Today, they have more EMTs to serve than at any other time in Brick's history and later this year, they will be opening a new home for the EMS on Aurora Place and a special operations building that will house EMS and police equipment at Town hall. They will continue to invest in the equipment and manpower needed so that the Department of Public Works can continue to take care of the roads, fleet, and to ensure sanitation and recycling are done with pride and efficiency. They will continue the commitment to provide services to seniors. Later this month, they will be launching the new dialysis transportation service, the first and only municipality in Ocean County to provide dialysis transportation for seniors. Dialysis transportation was the number one need expressed by seniors as part of the ongoing needs assessment. She said that she is eager to get started on a new year with big and small things on the agenda. She said that her leadership will focus on doing what's right for Brick, on ensuring fiscal responsibility continues, and in being sure to invest in the workforce, infrastructure and in communities through potential shared services agreements with neighboring municipalities. She said that she will focus on developing comprehensive plans for open space acquisition to keep development in check while investing in the natural landscape that is so important to Brick. She looks forward to developing strong partnerships with non-profit organizations and churches that work tirelessly in the heart of the community

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to address urgent needs for housing, temporary shelter in many cases, food, clothing and sustainable living. Building community is going to continue to be a priority of this administration. I like to say that Brick Township is a Big Town with a Small-Town feel and they will work to make sure that feeling continues. So much of this is accomplished when neighbors take the time to get to know each other. Brick Township's long history of community events shows how much they recognize the benefit of bringing people together. Events like Summerfest, the Farmer's Market and last year's Longest Table show that when given the opportunity, good things happen when people get to know their neighbors. In the coming year, she will pursue opportunities for more community-focused events that help celebrate the little things like courtesy and kindness. And, the best part is, she is surrounded by an exceptional Township Council, all of which got into public service to do just that: serve the public. Together, they will work tirelessly for their benefit, each council member is unique in his or her background and experience, and when they come together to serve this town, they are a force of good that cannot be undeterred. She said that she likes to say that there are no politics here; this council is bi-partisan and they work together with one goal in mind – make Brick better. They are a team to serve in small ways, by helping through a problem or providing helpful information, and in big ways, by researching and adopting legislation that improves the quality of life for all residents. This council supports the financial goals of this town and have shown their support for municipal budgets that fund the equipment and manpower needed to serve the residents. She said that she is equally inspired by the township workforce of extraordinarily gifted professionals who show her, day in and day out, what public service really means and they will not let us down. She came into this role at a time of stability and she is forever grateful for the leadership that guided her professionally and personally that culminated in this day. She said that she takes great responsibility in going forward with focus and determination to tackle the big things head on and to celebrate the small things that make lives better each and every day. She thanked everyone for their support and hopes they are as excited as to see what the future brings. She hopes everyone will join her in doing something small every day for someone that makes a positive difference. Her leadership legacy has yet to be built, but she knows, with the kindness and support from the residents of the Township of Brick, that they have the ability to make this wonderful community even better in so many ways. She looks forward to building that dream with everyone and is honored to lead the town and humbled by the remarkable people who like her have chosen to make Brick their home. Mayor Crate also announced her 2024 Mayoral appointments to the Architectural Review Committee, Environmental Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Board, Property Maintenance Board, Shade Tree Commission and TNR Committee.

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

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

**Establish Council Meeting Dates – 2024**

Councilwoman Travers stated this resolution establishes Council Meeting dates for 2023.

**Establish Bank Depositories/Cash Management Plan 2024**

Councilman Feinman advised 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 Township's Chief Financial Officer in accordance with Local Fiscal Affairs Law.

**Authorize 2024 Temporary Budget**

Council Vice President Ambrosino explained 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.

**Authorize Payment of Township's Debt Service**

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes payment of the Township's 2024 debt service as part of Mayor Crate's Debt Reduction Plan. As part of that plan, and reflected in this resolution, the Township will be paying \$16,497,725.00 in debt service in fiscal year 2024.

**Designate Public Agency Compliance Officer**

Council President Minichino stated this resolution designates Township Purchasing Agent Erin Sauter as the Township's Public Agency Compliance Officer.

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

Councilwoman Pontoriero advised this resolution designates the Tax Assessor or Municipal Attorney as authorized to act as the agent for the Taxing District during the year of 2024 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 2024.

**Authorize Petty Cash Funds**

Councilman Albanese said this resolution authorizes petty cash funds as needed in the Township Clerk Office, Police Department, Public Works, Engineering and Parks Departments.

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

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes the appointment of Starkey, Kelly, Kenneally, Cunningham Turnbach & Yannone as Township Attorney for 2024.

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

Councilman Feinman advised this resolution authorizes the appointment of Destribats Campbell Staub specifically Anthony J. Destribats, Raymond C. Staub, David P. Schroth and Patrick Welsh as Municipal Prosecutor and Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs, specifically Lani M. Lombardi, as Conflict Prosecutor.

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

Councilwoman Travers said this resolution authorizes the contract for Municipal Public Defender to the Law Office of Matthew R. Sage. This resolution also appoints Brian J. DiStefano; Charles P. Tivenan; and the firm of Montenegro, Thompson, Montenegro & Genz, as Alternate Public Defender. This resolution also appoints Brian J. DiStefano; Charles P. Tivenan; Montenegro, Thompson, Montenegro & Genz; as Conflict Public Defender.

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

Council Vice President Ambrosino explained this resolution authorizes the contract for legal counsel for redevelopment issues to Marmero Law; McManimon, Scotland & Baumann; Rainone Coughlin Minchello and Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer.

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

Council President Minichino 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**

Councilman Albanese said 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 advised this resolution authorizes the execution of a contract for affordable housing counsel with Carluccio, Leone, Dimon, Doyle & Sacks; Rainone Coughlin Minchello; and Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan.

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

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes the approval of the following legal services pool: Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy; Barker, Gelfand, James & Sarvas; Bathgate Wegener & Wolf; Brown & Connery; Carluccio, Leone, Dimon, Doyle & Sacks; Charles P. Tivenan; Citta Holzapfel & Zabarsky; Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs; Dilworth Paxson; Kevin B. Riordan, Esq; La Corte, Bundy, Varady & Kinsella; Law Offices of Damon G. Tyner; Leitner, Tort, DeFazio, & Brause; Marmero Law; Montenegro, Thompson, Montenegro & Genz; Rainone Coughlin Minchello; Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani; Ruderman & Roth; Starkey, Kelly, Kenneally, Cunningham, Turnbach & Yannone;

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and Weiner Law Group. These firms have met all of the administrative requirements and have the qualifications and experience to provide this service to the Township. The resolution further approves the pool of attorneys as Labor Counsel including: Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy; Armando V. Riccio; Barker, Gelfand, James & Sarvas; Brown & Connery; Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs; Law Offices of Damon G. Tyner; Marmero Law; Rainone Coughlin Minchello; and Ruderman & Roth. These firms have met all of the administrative requirements and have the qualifications and experience to provide this service to the Township. The resolution also approves the pool for Tax Appeals counsel to include: Charles P. Tivenan; Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs; Inglesino Taylor; Law Offices of Damon G. Tyner; Marmero Law; and Starkey, Kelly, Kenneally, Cunningham, Turnbach & Yannone. There are ongoing tax appeals pending which have a myriad of intricacies requiring diligence and consistency. The selected firms are fully up to speed and continuing these matters will be handled expeditiously. This resolution also approves a recommendation of award for Tax Foreclosure Counsel to the Law Offices of Damon G. Taylor.

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

Councilwoman Travers stated this resolution authorizes a pool of professionals for engineering/ surveying services including: ACT Engineers, Inc.; ARH Associates, Inc.; Bright View Engineering, LLC; Center State Engineering; CME Associates; Colliers Engineering & Design; E2 Project Management LLC; French & Parrello Associates; H2M Associates; Keystone Engineering Group; Matrix New World Engineering, Land Surveying and Landscape Architecture; Morgan Engineering; On-Board Engineering Corporation; Pennoni Associates; Prestige Environmental Inc.; T&M Associates; and Van Cleef Engineering Associates. This resolution also approves the Environmental Engineer Pool, including ACT Engineers; ARH Associates; Bright View Engineering; CME Associates; E2 Project Management; French & Parrello Associates; H2M Associates; Matrix New World Engineering, Land Surveying and Landscape Architecture; and Prestige Environmental. This resolution also authorizes the Marine/Coastal Engineer Pool including ACT Engineers; CME Associates; E2 Project Management; and Matrix New World Engineering, Land Surveying and Landscape Architecture. This resolution also authorizes the Traffic Engineering Pool including Bright View Engineering; CME Associates and Matrix New World Engineering, Land Surveying and Landscape Architecture.

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

Councilwoman deJong advised this resolution approves a pool of professionals on the Architectural Services pool including Barlo, Governale & Associates; Bergmann Architectural Associates; Fraytak Veisz Hopkins & Duthie; H2M Architects & Engineers; Mancini Duffy Architects; Netta Architects; Parallel Architectural Group; Rodier Ebersberger Architects; Settembrino Architects LLC; The Design Collaborative Architects and Planners; The Musial Group; Tokarski Milleman Architects and Yezzi Architects.

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

Council President Minichino 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 Albanese said 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**

Councilman Feinman advised 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: Associated Appraisal Group; Henry J. Mancini & Associates; New Jersey Realty Advisory Group and Sockler Realty Services Group.

**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 Attorney for the Property Maintenance Board.

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

Council Vice President Ambrosino said this resolution authorizes the execution of a contract with the following attorneys to serve as Hearing Officer: Barker, Gelfand, James & Sarvas; Charles D. Bauer, Esq.; Kevin B. Riordan, Esq.; Laddey, Clark & Ryan; Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani; Ruderman & Roth; and Secare & Hensel.

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

Council President Minichino explained this resolution authorizes the execution of a contract for Animal Control Officer Services to A-Academy of South Jersey. This is a one-year contract.

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

Councilman Feinman said this resolution approves a pool of professionals for Planning Services including ARH Associates; CME Associates; Colliers Engineering & Design; E2 Project Management; H2M Associates; Leon S. Avakian Inc.; Matrix new World Engineering and T&M Associates.

**Authorize Receipt of Proposals for Code Enforcement Prosecutor**

Councilwoman Travers advised this resolution authorizes the execution of a contract with Destribats Campbell Staub, specifically Anthony Destribats, Raymond C. Staub, David P. Schroth and Patrick Welsh as Code Enforcement Prosecutor. This resolution also authorizes the execution of a contract with Cleary Jacobbe Alfieri & Jacobs, specifically Lani M. Lombardi as conflict code enforcement prosecutor.

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

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

**Authorize Appointment to the Board of Adjustment**

Councilwoman deJong said this resolution authorizes the appointment of Rocco LePore as an alternate member of the Township's Board of Adjustment for a two-year term.

**Authorize Appointment of One Commissioner to the Housing Authority**

Councilman Albanese stated this resolution authorizes the appointment of Richard Dyer as a Commissioner of the Brick Township Housing Authority for a five-year term effective March 15, 2024 and expiring March 14, 2029.

**Authorize Appointment of Two Commissioners to the BTMUA**

Councilman Ambrosino advised this resolution authorizes the appointment of Thomas Curtis to a five-year term on the Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority, and Erin Wheeler as the Alternate II member for a five-year term.

**Authorize Appointments to the Property Maintenance Board**

Councilwoman Pontoriero said this resolution authorizes the appointment of the following members to the Township's Property Maintenance Board: Edward Buecker, Stephen Brill, Ron Gaskill, James Hogan, and Sandra Thomas along with alternates Joanne Bergin and Richard DeGennaro.

**Authorize Appointments to the Tourist Development Commission**

Councilman Feinman said this resolution authorizes the appointment of Terese Zaccaria and Tonja Durazzo as members of the Tourist Development Commission for a two-year term. Additionally, Councilwoman deJong is appointed as the Township Council representative for a one-year term.

**Authorize Appointments to the Ethics Information Committee**

Councilwoman deJong stated this resolution authorizes the appointments to the Ethics Information Committee: Councilman Derrick Ambrosino (Chair), Councilman Steve Feinman, Councilwoman Melissa Travers, Eric Manna, Dan Ward and Nancy Ellison.

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**Authorize Appointments to the TNR Committee**

Councilwoman Pontoriero said this resolution appoints the following members to the Trap-Neuter-Release Committee: Councilman Perry Albanese, Doreen Gesslein and JoAnne Lambusta. All three have terms expiring on December 31, 2024.

**Authorize Appointment of Class III Planning Board/ARC Member**

Council Vice President Ambrosino advised this resolution authorizes the appointment of Council President Vince Minichino as the Class III member to the Township Planning Board and the Architectural Review Committee for a one-year term.

**Recognize 2024 Incoming Officers:**

Councilwoman deJong read the following for Breton Woods Fire Company: President Daniel Lyon, Vice President Tom Thieme Sr., Treasurer Brian Streiter, Secretary John Rotundo, Trustees Steven Gerling, James Nasatka and Frederick Poppe, Jr., Chief Thomas Thieme, Jr., Assistant Chief Ed Ramos; Captain William Andrukite and Engineer Jeffrey Cymansky.

Councilwoman Travers read the following for Herbertsville Fire Company: President Michael Oltrichter, Vice President Michael Pacella, Treasurer Chris Matseur, Secretary Bernard Hayes, Assistant Chief James Lepore, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants Thomas Winemiller and Robert Stauffer.

Council Vice President Ambrosino read the following for Laurelton Fire Company: President Robert Contreras, Vice President Anthony Natale, Treasurer Joseph Pawlowicz Jr., Recording Secretary Steven Nowacki, Corresponding Secretary Michael Scott, Sergeant at Arms Kyle Malinak, Trustees Michael Cyriacus, Patrick Sharkey, John Sahatjian, Richard Hulsart, Charlie Tighe, Safety Officer Robert Disbrow, Special Operations Officer Chris Ackermann, Chief Paul Mazzeo, Assistant Chief David Bahrenburg, Captains Frank Beshears, Joseph Zalinski and John Sahatjian.

Councilman Feinman read the following for Pioneer Hose Fire Company: President Kevin Batzel, Vice President Michael Berger, Secretary Declan DeCoursey, Treasurer Francis Devaney, Trustee Michael Delaney, Kyle Devaney, Buzz Slowinski, Pete Quinlan and Ron Gaskill Jr., Chief Vincent Pischetolla, Assistant Chief Bill Magnusson and Captain Joseph Sansone.

Council President Minichino opened the public hearing on the Resolutions.

John Sluka asked about the council meeting dates and he also questioned the employee assistance program and the costs involved.

Business Administrator Bergin advised it costs \$42.00 and the Township pays the costs up to \$34,000.00. It is not part of the health benefits and covers up to six sessions. It also covers family members.

There were no further comments from the public.

Council President Minichino closed the public hearing on the Resolutions.

Council President Minichino opened up the public hearing on the Manual Bill Resolution.

There were no comments from the public.

Council President Minichino closed the public hearing on the Manual Bill Resolution.

Motion by Councilwoman Pontoriero and seconded by Council Vice President Ambrosino to adopt the following Resolution:

All Council Members voted AYE on the Roll Call.

**2023 Manual Bill Resolution in the amount of \$14,718,882.43**

Council President Minichino opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

John Sluka, reread his letter from December 29 regarding the parkway project and the toxins causing illnesses and premature death among residents and asked for the Township to take legal action. He said he hopes Councilman Feinman will address this issue.

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Victoria Pakala congratulated the Mayor and Council and would like the opportunity to work with them. She trusts the governing body will bring the Township forward.

There were no further comments from the public.

Council President Minichino closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Business Administrator Bergin thanked Councilwoman deJong for her work as council president. She also thanked former Councilwoman Zapcic and said she would be terribly missed.

Mayor Crate thanked everyone for attending and said she looks forward to continuing her work for the Township. She congratulated both the outgoing and incoming council presidents and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Township Attorney Starkey congratulated all and welcomed Councilman Feinman.

Township Clerk Iannarone and Secretary Murphy congratulated everyone and said they look forward to working with everyone this year.

Councilman Albanese congratulated the first female elected mayor.

Councilwoman deJong congratulated all and said she is lucky to be a member of this council. She said they have fantastic employees that do a boatload of work while they go to the ribbon cuttings and DARE graduations, the new senior center and recreation programs.

Councilman Feinman gave a short bio about himself saying he is owner and operator of Visiting Angels. He said since December 2015 they have helped 700 seniors. He's originally from West Orange and thanked his family – who left the meeting earlier – for their support. He thanked the people behind the scenes for their work on the campaign and thanked the council. He said he is proud and honored to be with all of them and added he has big shoes to fill – Councilwoman Zapcic's. He thanked Mayor Crate for allowing him to be part of her team. He thanked the people of Brick Township and said he is new to government but not new to helping people.

Councilwoman Pontoriero echoed all the sentiments and congratulated the newest councilman. She said it's not easy to put yourself out to the public and you will go through scrutiny but you will benefit the residents. She congratulated Mayor Lisa Crate as the first elected female mayor. She thanked Deacon Zapcic for his invocation and wished everyone a blessed Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Travers echoed all the sentiments and congratulated all. She said she looks forward to working the council and mayor and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Council Vice President Ambrosino congratulated Mayor Crate on her historic win and congratulated newly elected Councilman Steve Feinman. He thanked Councilwoman deJong for her work as council president and congratulated the new Council President Vince Minichino. He also thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Council President Minichino also thanked everyone for coming.

Motion by Council Vice President Ambrosino and seconded by Councilwoman Pontoriero to Adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

All Council Members voted AYE.

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Heather deJong  
Council President

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Lynnette A. Iannarone  
Township Clerk