

# MEETING MINUTES

## TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN WARETOWN, N. J.

**REORGANIZATION MEETING:**

**12:00 Noon**

**CALL TO ORDER:** by Municipal Clerk, Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC:

**JANUARY 1, 2012**    **LACHAWIEC** \_\_\_\_\_ **X**    **WETTER** \_\_\_\_\_ **X**    **TREDY** \_\_\_\_\_ **X**

**FLAG SALUTE:** Southern Regional High School – ROTC presented the colors.

**INVOCATION:** Father Terry Martin, St. Stephens Episcopal Church gave the invocation.

**STATEMENT:** Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was properly provided by sending copies of the Notice of Meeting to two newspapers The Press of Atlantic City and the Asbury Park Press. The Notice was posted at the office of the Township Clerk and on the bulletin board in the Administration Building.

**OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED:**

**OATH OF OFFICE to Committeewoman Christina Wetter, who was elected for a three year term. Mrs. Wetter will be sworn in.**

Mrs. Wetter is sworn in by Township Clerk Ambrosio.

**NOMINATION FOR CHAIRMAN/MAYOR for the year 2012:**

Joseph Lachawiec nominated Dennis Tredy for the office of Chairman/Mayor for the year 2012, Christina Wetter seconded the nomination.

Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

**OATH OF OFFICE administered to Chairman for the year 2012.**

Mr. Tredy is sworn in by Township Clerk Ambrosio

**MEETING OFFICIALLY turned over to Chairperson/Mayor:**

**NOMINATION FOR DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON/DEPUTY MAYOR for the year 2012:**

Joseph Lachawiec nominated Christina Wetter for the office of Deputy Chairperson/Deputy Mayor for the year 2012, Mayor Tredy seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

**OATH OF OFFICE administered to Deputy Chairperson/Deputy Mayor for the year 2012.**

Mrs. Wetter is sworn in by Township Clerk Ambrosio

Mayor Tredy wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked everyone for joining the Reorganization Meeting of the Township of Ocean. The Township of Ocean appreciates the support of the residents and welcomes their thoughts and ideas.

Mr. Tredy stated the Township Committee has been working together for two years. One of the goals of the Township Committee was to keep the taxes stable. The tax and water/sewer rates have not increased over the past two years.

Goal #2 was to provide a high-level of service in all departments. The employees of the Township of Ocean present a professional image to the public and are competent, confident, energetic, efficient and compliment the community.

Goal #3 was to provide a safe, stress-free work environment. There is an open-door policy should an issue arise.

Goal #4 was to review and reorganize all departments to increase efficiency and reduce expenses. Difficult decisions were necessary to improve performance. Innovative technical systems were introduced. Employees were cross trained. The less productive are no longer here. Those who met the challenge remain.

Goal #5 was to update and modify outdated and inefficient ordinances. Township rules were revisited and changes were made to help residents utilize properties without overregulation. This process is ongoing.

Goal #6 was to receive the permit to build Volunteer Way. After 6 years of frustrating negotiations with the DEP, just last week the Township received the permit to build Volunteer Way. This is an outstanding victory for Waretown. Last week the Township also closed on the Edgemont property, which was purchased by Lennar to complete the final phase of the Greenbriar development.

Goal #7 was to expand shared services with Barnegat to provide better government at a lower cost. Items currently shared are equipment, manpower, inspectors and the Township's highly efficient Administrator. The trash contract was combined with Barnegat at a significant savings to the taxpayers.

Goal #8 was to increase maintenance and repairs to roads, water/sewer systems, drainage, parks, buildings and bulkheads. The Township has stepped up its maintenance programs and projects on a much-needed infrastructure to protect the health and welfare of every resident. Sands Point Park was completed and is a first-rate facility with a boat ramp, fishing station, tennis court, basketball court, playgrounds, bathrooms and plenty of parking. This park was built with funding from state and county agencies.

Goal #9 was to site a revenue-producing solar farm on the former landfill. This project continues to move forward under the guidance of Project Navigator.

The overall efforts are to bring the Township together and to encourage every Homeowners Association, organization, club and the school system to work together to make Waretown the best place to live in New Jersey.

Mr. Tredy recognized the ongoing efforts of the Ocean Township Police Department, Waretown Volunteer Fire Company, Waretown First Aid Squad and the CERT Team, who are dedicated to keeping the residents safe on a daily basis. The Township Committee and Community thanks the volunteers for their efforts that keep this community connected. Most public events are the direct result of the volunteers' tireless and innovative efforts. Events include Founder's Day, Independence Day, 911 Day

of Remembrance and the Haunted Hayride. These events have put this little town in the spotlight of the county and the state. This community has done more with less. Great things can be done when working together.

Mr. McGuckin joined the Committee at the diaz.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-1 PROFESSIONALS: Professionals in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:11-1 et. seq.**

Motion to approve was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

Mayor Tredy stated Mr. McGuckin has been the Township of Ocean Attorney for 20 years and has done a fantastic job. Congratulations on Mr. McGuckin's upcoming ceremony for the Assembly 10<sup>th</sup> District.

Township Attorney McGuckin thanked the Committee for their confidence in his firm. It is a tremendous honor and privilege to represent Waretown. Township Attorney McGuckin's partner, Jerry Dasti, represented Waretown for 24 years before Mr. McGuckin.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**The below listed items are considered to be routine by the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately**

- 2012-2 Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC – Assessment Search Officer, Redevelopment Secretary
- 2012-3 Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC – Public Agency Compliance Officer
- 2012-4 Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC and Christine Thorne, CMFO – Keepers of the Poor
- 2012-5 Michele Giardino – Deputy Clerk, Board of Health Secretary and Animal Licensing Official
- 2012-6 Florence Evangelist– Administrative/Accounting Clerk
- 2012-7 Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC CMR as Registrar and Michele Giardino CMR as Deputy Registrar
- 2012-8 Marleen Miller – Treasurer
- 2012-9 Mary Blood – Purchasing Clerk/Agent
- 2012-10 Kammie Verdolina – Search Officer Tax Office
- 2012-11 Amber L. Bird – Principal Billing Clerk
- 2012-12 Jeanne Broadbent – Recreation Program Coordinator, Municipal Alliance Coordinator, Secretary to the Recreation Board
- 2012-13 Edward J. Czekalski – Code Enforcement – part-time
- 2012-14 Lorraine Clune – Zoning Officer – Board of Adjustment Secretary
- 2012-15 Ed Alvare – Fire Protection Inspector
- 2012-16 Elizabeth Copio – Police Clerk
- 2012-17 Mariann Siciliano – Secretary – Police Department
- 2012-18 Telecommunicators appointments
- 2012-19 Department of Public Works appointments
- 2012-20 Superintendent of Public Works and Utility Departments appointment
- 2012-21 Custodians: Part-Time - David and Linda White

- 2012-22 Raymond Hall – Part-Time -Field Inspector – Tax Assessor’s Office**
- 2012-23 Honorable James A. Liguori, Municipal Court Judge**
- 2012-24 Debra Wight – Court Administrator, Steven Millette – Deputy Court Clerk, Linda Inman – Court Recorder, and Joanne Gelateo – fill in Court Recorder**
- 2012-25 Lydia Dodd – Part Time Secretary Construction & Zoning Office, Founder’s Day Recording Secretary**
- 2012-26 Beth O’Connor –Secretary Planning Board, Environmental Commission, Technical Assistant**
- 2012-27 Matthew Ambrosio – Certified Recycling Coordinator, Clean Communities and Storm Water Management Coordinator**
- 2012-28 School Crossing Guard – Warren R. Schmidt, Assistant Crossing Guard – Walter Mankowski**
- 2012-29 Utilities Department Appointments**
- 2012-30 Public Works Manager**
- 2012-31 Township Administrator Services, David Breeden, for the year 2012 Interlocal Services Agreement with Barnegat Township**
- 2012-32 Shirley Ballance – Part-Time Secretary**
- 2012-33 Martin Lynch – COAH Officer, Laurie Clune, COAH Officer and Municipal Housing Liaison**
- 2012-34 Part-Time Special Police Officers – Jeremy Samuels, Kyle Flatt**
- 2012-35 David Breeden, Fund Commissioner and Christine Thorne, Alternate Fund Commissioner**

**RESOLUTIONS NO. 2012-36 to 2012-37 setting salaries for 2012**

**RESOLUTIONS NO. 2012 – 38 to 2012-40 Appointing members of the Township Committee as Chairman of certain departments and Liaison to various Board, Committees and Commissions**

**RESOLUTIONS NO. 2012-41 to 2012-48 Appointing various Members to Board, Commissions and Committees. Planning Board, Board of Adjustments; Recreation Board, Environmental Comm.; Board of Health, Founder’s Day, Municipal Alliance and Senior Advisory**

**RESOLUTIONS NO. 2012-49 Appointing official newspapers and setting forth the meeting dates and time (6:30 pm) of the Township Committee for the year 2012.**

**RESOLUTIONS NO. 2012-50 to 2012-67 Setting forth various financial accounts of the Township, naming the banking institutions and approving procurement cards, electronic transfer of funds, petty cash, state contracts, Ocean County Cooperative, House Vendor Accounts**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-68 Fixing the rate of interest to be charged on delinquent taxes in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-67.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012- 69 Relative to Tax Receivership, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-123.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-70 Authorizing a change account for various offices.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-71 Authorizing of hiring of employees when in time of need and/or emergency**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-72 Authorizing the issuance of checks for contractual obligations, postage, insurance, county taxes and utilities and other mandatory expenses to insure prompt payment to avoid interest, etc.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-73 Appointing Dr. John Kulin, Occupational Medicine South as the Township Physician.**

**RESOLUTIONS NO. 2012-74 Resolutions establishing rules and regulations for meetings of the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-75 Authorizing the township Tax Assessor or the Township Attorney as agent in filing petitions of appeal/Complaints to the Ocean County Tax Board**

**Motion to approve Consent Agenda Resolutions 2012-2 through 2012-75**

Motion to approve was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

**COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE:**

Committeeman Lachawiec stated this Township Committee came aboard almost three years ago. The Township Committee's first objective was to regain the confidence of the people of Waretown. The next objective was to tackle taxes. Since 2009, the Township has not increased the taxes or water/sewer rates and hopes to do so for as long as possible. Committeeman Lachawiec thanked everyone for being here and thanked Mayor Tredy and Deputy Mayor Wetter for their service to this town.

Deputy Mayor Wetter wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the residents for taking time out of their busy holiday schedule to be here. Today is a day of celebration as the Township reflects on the accomplishments of last year along with focusing on the work that lies ahead in 2012. Any successful elected official has a strong support group surrounding them. Governing a town is very demanding work. Deputy Mayor Wetter thanked her husband, Tony, for all his patience and understand. His steady hand and support makes Deputy Mayor Wetter a better person and Committee member. Deputy Mayor Wetter thanked her colleagues for their dedication to the Township. There's no question this is a team committed to the well-being of the Township of Ocean. Deputy Mayor Wetter is confident with the assistance of fellow Committee members, Township employees and residents that 2012 will be another successful year in the Township of Ocean.

Mayor Tredy thanked his wife, Joan, who stands by him at all times. Township Clerk Ambrosio is responsible for setting up the meeting room every New Year's Day, with flowers and table cloths. The future of Waretown is exciting. The permitting of Volunteer Way opens up the doors to growth and expansion. The Township Committee will only encourage the type of development that will compliment the unique character and charm of Waretown. After Public Comment, Deputy Mayor Wetter has provided coffee and cake from Kristy's Diner and is inviting everyone to stay and enjoy the refreshments.

Township Administrator Breeden thanked the Committee for having the faith and trust to reappoint him for a third term in Waretown. It is a pleasure to work in Ocean Township. Township Administrator Breeden has worked in municipal government for over 25 years. Ocean Township has a bright and promising future and Mr. Breeden is happy to be a part of it.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Motion to open to the public was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

John Petrosilli, Vessel Road, wished the Township Committee a Happy New Year and complimented their outstanding job in the past. The goals set were worthy and 100% accomplished. Mr. Petrosilli hopes to see new goals set and accomplished for 2012.

A resident stated Mayor Tredy has always been available to listen to resident concerns. It's been an honor and great pleasure to the work with this Township Committee. Thank you.

Joan Tredy wished everyone and their families a Happy and Healthy New Year. Mrs. Tredy thanked the Township Committee for their service to Waretown. This Township Committee has gone above and beyond expectation. Dennis Tredy has been a loyal and wonderful husband, a great role model for their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dennis will be a sensible and competent Mayor. Deputy Mayor Wetter adds that special touch and charm to this Township Committee. Mrs. Wetter's experience makes her shine. Mrs. Tredy is confident Committeeman Lachawiec will use his knowledge wisely. This Township Committee has the skills it takes to govern this town well and has the support of the employees, professionals and residents. You will do well.

Ralph Avellino, 10 Central Avenue, wished the Township Committee good luck. Mr. Avellino has worked with Mayor Tredy for 25 years.

Motion close Public Comment was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

**Next Scheduled Meeting - January 12, 2012 at 6:30 PM**

**Motion to ADJOURN REORGANIZATION MEETING was moved by** Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tredy.

Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

Signed and Submitted:

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Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC  
Township Clerk

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Date