

MEETING MINUTES

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

REORGANIZATION MEETING:

12:00 Noon

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

JANUARY 1, 2014 LACHAWIEC _____ X _____ TREDY _____ X _____ WETTER _____ X _____

FLAG SALUTE: Southern Regional High School – JR ROTC presented the colors and led the flag salute under the direction of Major Robert Hahn.

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

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR: Pastor Erik Hall, Waretown United Methodist Church led the prayer for the New Year.

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 Committeeman Dennis Tredy, who was elected for a three year term. Dennis Tredy is sworn in by Township Clerk Diane Ambrosio.

NOMINATION FOR MAYOR/CHAIRMAN for the year 2014:

Christina Wetter nominated Dennis Tredy for the office of Mayor/Chairperson for the year 2014, Joseph Lachawiec seconded the nomination.

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

OATH OF OFFICE administered to Mayor/Chairman for the year 2014.

Mr. Tredy is sworn in by Township Clerk Diane Ambrosio

MEETING OFFICIALLY turned over to Chairperson/Mayor:

NOMINATION FOR DEPUTY MAYOR/DEPUTY CHAIRMAN for the year 2014:

Dennis Tredy nominated Christina Wetter for the office of Deputy Mayor/Deputy Chairman for the year 2014, Joseph Lachawiec seconded the nomination.

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

OATH OF OFFICE administered to Deputy Mayor/Deputy Chairman for the year 2014.

Mrs. Wetter is sworn in by Township Clerk Diane Ambrosio.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-1 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

Township Attorney Gregory McGuckin joined the Committee at the dais.

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.

- 2014-2 Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC – Assessment Search Officer, Redevelopment Secretary, Registrar, Election Official, Employee Insurance Rep
- 2014-3 Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC – Public Agency Compliance Officer
- 2014-4 Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC and Christine Thorne, CMFO – Keepers of the Poor
- 2014-5 Michele Giardino – Deputy Clerk, Board of Health Secretary, Deputy Registrar and Animal Licensing Official
- 2014-6 Sandra Pirozzi – Administrative/Accounting Clerk, Alternate Registrar
- 2014-7 Marleen Miller – Treasurer
- 2014-8 Mary Blood – Purchasing Agent
- 2014-9 Crystal Brinson – Search Officer/Tax Collector Shared Service with Barnegat
- 2014-10 Amber L. Bird – Principal Billing Clerk
- 2014-11 Jeanne Broadbent – Recreation Director- Shared Service Barnegat Township Alliance Coordinator, Secretary to the Recreation Board and Senior Advisory
- 2014-12 Renee Dronebarger – Code Enforcement/Administrative Assistant, Secretary, Board of Adjustment
- 2014-13 Lorraine Clune – Zoning Officer Shared Service Barnegat – Secretary, Planning Board
- 2014-14 Martin Tellecamp – Plumbing Subcode/Fire Subcode – Shared Service with Barnegat
- 2014-15 Elizabeth Copio – Police Clerk
- 2014-16 Mariann Siciliano – Secretary – Police Department
- 2014-17 Police Telecommunicators appointments
- 2014-18 Department of Public Works appointments
- 2014-19 Custodians: Part-Time - David and Linda White
- 2014-20 Raymond Hall – Part-Time -Field Inspector - Tax Assessor’s Office
- 2014-21 Debra Wight – Court Administrator, Steven Millette – Deputy Court Clerk, Mariann Carricarte – Court Recorder, Joanne Gelateo – fill in Court Recorder
- 2014-22 Lydia Dodd – Part Time Secretary Construction & Zoning Office, Founder’s Day Recording Secretary
- 2014-23 Beth O’Connor –Secretary Environmental Commission, Technical Assistant
- 2014-24 Matthew Ambrosio – Certified Recycling Coordinator, Clean Communities and Storm Water Management Coordinator
- 2014-25 School Crossing Guard – Warren R. Schmidt, Assistant Crossing Guard – Walter Mankowski

- 2014-26 Utilities Department Appointments**
- 2014-27 Public Works Manager**
- 2014-28 Authorizing Township Administrator Services, David Breeden, for the year 2014 Interlocal Services Agreement with Barnegat Township**
- 2014-29 Shirley Balance – Part-Time Secretary**
- 2014-30 Martin Lynch – COAH Officer, Laurie Clune, COAH Officer and Township Housing Liaison**
- 2014-31 David Breeden , Fund Commissioner - Diane Ambrosio and Sandra Pirozzi as Alternate Fund Commissioner**
- 2014-32 Appointing Recreation part-time temporary employees for 2014**
- 2014-33 Appointing a fill-in Plumbing Inspector for the Township of Ocean for the year**

RESOLUTIONS NO. 2014-34 to 2014-35 setting salaries for 2014

RESOLUTIONS NO. 2014 – 36 to 2014-38 Appointing members of the Township Committee as Chairman of certain departments and Liaison to various Board, Committees and Commissions

RESOLUTIONS NO. 2014-39 to 2014-46 Appointing various Members to Board, Commissions and Committees. Planning Board, Board of Adjustments; Recreation Board, Environmental Comm.; Board of Health, Founder’s Day, Township Alliance and Senior Advisory

RESOLUTIONS NO. 2014-47 Appointing official newspapers and setting forth the meeting dates and time (6:30 pm) of the Township Committee for the year 2014.

RESOLUTIONS NO. 2014-48 to 2014-67 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. 2014-68 Fixing the rate of interest to be charged on delinquent taxes in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-67.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014- 69 Relative to Tax Receivership, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-123.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-70 Authorizing of hiring of employees when in time of need and/or emergency

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-71 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. 2014-72 Appointing Dr. John Kulin, Occupational Medicine South as the Township Physician.

RESOLUTIONS NO. 2014-73 Resolution establishing rules and regulations for meetings of the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean

RESOLUTIONS NO. 2014-74 Resolution authorizing the use of the Barnegat Township Transportation Services to the Township of Ocean

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-75 Authorizing the Township Tax Assessor or the Township Attorney as agent in filing petitions of appeal/Complaints to the Ocean County Tax Board

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-76 Authorizing as Assistant Zoning Officer for Calendar year 2014

RESOLUTIONS NO. 2014-77 to 2014-79 authorizing Temporary Budgets for Open Space, Operating Budget and Utility Budget for 2014

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Resolutions 2014-2 through 2014-79 was moved by Deputy Mayor Wetter, seconded by Committeeman Lachawiec.
Lachawiec: Yes, Wetter: Yes, Tredy: Yes

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE:

Mayor Tredy thanked everyone for attending the 2014 Township Committee Reorganization Meeting. Waretown has experienced tremendous growth in the past decade. The Township of Ocean is a clean, safe community with low property taxes and is currently going through a transition from a small village to a medium size town, according to New Jersey's statistics and standards.

With growth comes responsibility to make sure the infrastructure is capable of servicing an expanded community. Adequate resources are required to properly respond to an increase in population. It is the obligation of this governing body to secure the needed resources. Since 2010, this Township has developed and implemented a plan of action to address the needs of this growing community. The Township has created an efficient organizational structure and has empowered capable and skilled personnel to manage individual operations.

The Township has acquired appropriate equipment needed to service a growing town. This improvement of municipal operations was extremely evident during Superstorm Sandy. The Township was able to marshal a comprehensive response to this historic storm. Without this talented workforce and available equipment, the storm response would have been drastically different and less efficient, resulting in a much longer recovery period.

The Township is blessed to have such dedicated groups of police, firefighters, first aid personnel and members of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The sacrifices these first responders make on behalf of the Township is commendable. Mayor Tredy thanked all public safety personnel for their service to this community.

The Township has adopted a conservative debt management plan that has stabilized the debt. The Township has also been successful in securing grant funding to help finance these much needed projects. Over \$2.5 million in grants or no interest loans have been leveraged to handle water/sewer upgrades and paving and drainage projects. This financial assistance goes a long way to reduce the impact on the tax payers of Waretown. There is no question Waretown is taking the necessary steps to make sure it remains a clean and safe community able to meet the demands of a growing town.

Mayor Tredy is honored to be selected as Mayor and pledges to continue to work diligently for Waretown in 2014. Mayor Tredy recognized the outstanding performance of Tina Wetter, Mayor of 2013. It has been a pleasure to work with Tina. Mayor Tredy wished everyone a happy, healthy and safe New Year.

Deputy Mayor Wetter discussed in 2013, recovery from Superstorm Sandy was the priority of the Township along with many of its bay front and lagoon residents. The storm has long since departed. The memories of the destruction and heartache will remain with us for years to come. Recovery and restoration efforts consumed much of the staff's time in 2013. The FEMA reimbursement documentation was considerable. The number of programs consumed much time of the Township's staff and professionals. Township employees and professionals did a remarkable job handling the huge workload.

Regardless of Superstorm Sandy, the Township's workforce continues to be a bright spot as a result of recruiting talented and skilled individuals capable of carrying out their duties in a businesslike fashion. Capital improvement and water/sewer work continued in Pebble Beach along with securing much needed resources for Township staff and hardworking public safety volunteers. Elected leaders of this community have a legal and moral obligation to make sure all employees and public safety volunteers have the resources required to perform their duties efficiently and safely.

The Township has been able to leverage over \$2.5 million in financial assistance to fund capital improvement work while stabilizing Township debt. The year 2013 was a year of accomplishment. Progress continues with municipal operations which includes a committed Township staff that is sensitive to the needs of the community, a seasoned professional staff and public safety volunteers that are dedicated to the well being of Waretown. Deputy Mayor Wetter was honored to be Mayor of such an impressive team of individuals and pledges to represent the best interest of Waretown in 2014. Have a happy and safe new year.

Committeeman Lachawiec thanked Mayor Tredy and Deputy Mayor Wetter for their service in the last several years and respects all that has been done for the Township of Ocean. A lot of new programs and projects were accomplished. Committeeman Lachawiec's role is to watch how the money is being spent. An infinite number of good works can be accomplished by taxpayer's money but there is a limit of money the taxpayers have. Committeeman Lachawiec asks for respect in his role as fiscal watch dog.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion to open Public Comment was moved by Committeeman Lachawiec, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wetter.

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

Joan Tredy, 131 Englewood Avenue, wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Mrs. Tredy congratulated Mayor Tredy as Mayor of 2014 and Deputy Mayor Wetter as the new Deputy Mayor. Mrs. Tredy discussed the Township of Ocean is growing, much like a tree that matures and grows more desirable every year. It takes an outstanding staff of high quality people to complete the task. Christina Wetter took office as Mayor two months after Superstorm Sandy. That was no easy job to keep our community running efficiently, effectively and financially sound. Mrs. Wetter could not have done it alone. The team spirit Mayor Tredy and Deputy Mayor Wetter have displayed shows great things can happen when working together in partnership.

Mrs. Tredy discussed that with team players who show support, like Township Administrator David Breeden, Police Chief Gerhard Frenz, Township Clerk Diane Ambrosio, who works tirelessly and more than most people know, and all of the staff. May God bless and guide you all and may God bless America.

Mayor Tredy greeted Barnegat Township Committee members Susan McCabe, Martin Lisella and Albert Bille. The Township of Ocean has a great relationship with Barnegat Township. Mayor Tredy thanked the Barnegat Township Committee members for coming to the 2014 Township of Ocean Reorganization Meeting. Mayor Tredy will be attending the Barnegat Reorganization Meeting today as well.

Lydia Dodd, Wells Mills Road, Republican Municipal County Chair, appreciates working with the Township Committee. Mrs. Dodd thanked Deputy Mayor Wetter for all her work in 2013 and congratulated Mayor Tredy. Mayor Tredy will do a fine job and thanked them for all their hard work with Hurricane Sandy.

Next Scheduled Meeting - January 9, 2014 at 6:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was moved by Deputy Mayor Wetter, seconded by Committeeman Lachawiec.
Roll Call: Lachawiec: Yes, Tredy: Yes, Wetter: Yes

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date