

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION MINUTES

JANUARY 2, 2015

At 6:05 p.m. the Township Committee met in the Municipal Building to review the agenda for the 2015 Reorganization Meeting.

Mr. Cook read the following statement:

“In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, (c. 231 P.L. 1975), this meeting was announced on November 19, 2014 by posting a notice on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building reserved for that purpose; by mailing such notice to the offices of the official newspapers of the Township and by filing such notice with the Township Clerk.”

Mr. Cook gave out assignments for the meeting.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 6:30 P.M. Mr. Salkin called the Reorganization Meeting to order.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mr. Salkin re-read the following statement:

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MOMENT OF SILENCE/SALUTE TO FLAG

Mr. Salkin asked for a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

Mr. Ammiano nominated Peter Valesi to serve as Temporary Chairman, seconded by Mrs. McMorrow.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mr. Cook

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None ABSENT: None

Temporary Chairman Valesi asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following Township Committee members were present:

Committeeman Anthony J. Ammiano, Committeewoman Barbara J. McMorrow, Committeeman Lester A. Preston, Jr., Committeeman David M. Salkin and Committeeman Thomas L. Cook

Absent: None

Also present: Robert Munoz, Township Attorney, Peter Valesi, Township Administrator, Patricia Hopkins, Public Information Officer, Theresa Patino, Deputy Township Clerk and Teresa Warner, Township Clerk.

Chairman Valesi called for the Oath of Office to be administered to Committeeman

David M. Salkin, for his reelection at the last General Election to a three year term on the Township Committee

Mrs. Warner, Township Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Committeeman Salkin.

Chairman Valesi called for the Oath of Office to be administered to Committeeman Lester A. Preston, Jr., for his election at the last General Election to a three year term on the Township Committee

Mrs. Warner, Township Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Committeeman Preston.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

Chairman Valesi called for nominations to fill the Office of Mayor for 2015.

Mr. Ammiano nominated Committeeman Cook to serve as mayor of Freehold Township in 2015, seconded by Mrs. McMorrow. There were no other nominations.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mr. Cook.

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None ABSENT: None

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO MAYOR

Township Clerk, Mrs. Warner, administered the oath of office to Mayor Cook.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor Cook called for nominations to fill the Office of Deputy Mayor for 2015.

Mr. Salkin nominated Mr. Ammiano to serve as deputy mayor in 2015, seconded by Mrs. McMorrow. There were no other nominations.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mayor Cook.

NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None ABSENT: None

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO DEPUTY MAYOR

Monmouth County Superior Court Judge Theresa Kondrup- Coyle, administered the oath of office to Deputy Mayor Ammiano.

Mayor Cook acknowledged many dignitaries that were in the audience and thanked them for attending the meeting. Former Freehold Township Mayor's Mrs. Avallone and Mr. Kondrup. The entire Freehold Borough Council. Mr. Cerrato and Mr. Gatto from the Planning Board. Monmouth County Sheriff Golden; Assemblyman O'Scanlon, Monmouth County Freeholders Arnone and Rich; Assemblywoman Angelini, Mr. McAllister of the Freehold Township First Aid, Chief of Police Schriefer, Monmouth County Superior Court Judge Kondrup-Coyle, Freehold Township School Board members and many others.

R-15-1 APPOINTING NICOLE L. SONNENBLICK AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

Mr. Salkin read R-15-1 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Ammiano.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mayor Cook

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE NICOLE SONNENBLICK BY MONMOUTH COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE TERESA KONDRUP-COYLE

R-15-2 APPOINTING ANTHONY J. VECCHIO AS MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR

Mr. Salkin read R-15-2 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Ammiano.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mayor Cook

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

R-15 – 3 REAPPOINTING TIMOTHY P. WHITE AS MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

Mr. Ammiano read R-15-3 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Salkin.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mayor Cook

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

R-15-4 REAPPOINTING CATHERINE M. CAMPBELL AND MARY D. TUFANO AS QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENTS

Mrs. McMorrow read R-15-4 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Ammiano.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mayor Cook

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

R-15-5 REAPPOINTING RICHARD C. SCIRIA AS MUNICIPAL COURT PUBLIC DEFENDER

Mr. Preston read R-15-5 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mrs. McMorrow.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mayor Cook

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

R-15-6 REAPPOINTING REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS, DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS AND ALTERNATE DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS

Mr. Salkin read R-15-6 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Ammiano.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mayor Cook

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

R-15-7 RESOLUTION APPOINTING PAUL VITALE AS CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL

Mr. Ammiano read R-15-7 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Preston.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mayor Cook

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

R-15-8 AUTHORIZING 2015 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS

Mr. Preston read R-15-8 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Salkin.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mayor Cook

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

UPON A MOTION BY MR. AMMIANO, SECONDED BY MRS. MCMORROW, THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE FOR 2015:

DAVID M. SALKIN	- POLICE COMMISSIONER
THERESA PATINO	- DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK
MARGARET JAHN	- DOG REGISTRAR
PAUL VITALE	- ADA COMPLIANCE OFFICER

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mayor Cook

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

UPON A MOTION BY MR. SALKIN SECONDED BY MR. PRESTON, THE FOLLOWING AUTHORIZATIONS ARE MADE FOR 2015:

* ANTHONY J. AMMIANO – TO SIGN CHECKS IN THE ABSENCE OR DISABILITY OF THE MAYOR

* PETER R. VALESİ – TO SIGN CHECKS IN THE ABSENCE OR DISABILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP TREASURER

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mayor Cook

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

FOR THE RECORD: ALL ONE YEAR TERMS WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2015. ALL TWO, THREE, FOUR, AND FIVE YEAR TERMS WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31 OF SUBSEQUENT YEARS.

MAYOR COOK ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS/ REAPPOINTMENTS:

A. PLANNING BOARD

- * ANTHONY J. AMMIANO – REAPPOINTMENT – CLASS I MEMBER/
MAYOR’S DESIGNEE – 1 YEAR TERM
- * JOHN BAZZURRO - REAPPOINTMENT – CLASS IV MEMBER – 4 YEAR
TERM
- * PATRICK COBURN – NEW APPOINTMENT – ALTERNATE 1 – 2 YEAR TERM
- * LEON BRUNO – REAPPOINTMENT – CLASS IV MEMBER – 4 YEAR TERM
- * ROBERT SHORTMEYER – REAPPOINTMENT – CLASS IV MEMBER/
SECRETARY – 4 YEAR TERM

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

MR. AMMIANO MADE A MOTION, MRS. MCMORROW SECONDED THE MOTION:

- * DAVID M. SALKIN - NEW APPOINTMENT. – CLASS III MEMBER/TOWNSHIP
COMMITTEE MEMBER) – 1 YEAR TERM

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin
and Mayor Cook

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

MAYOR COOK ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS/
REAPPOINTMENTS:

B. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

- * MICHAEL BERMAN - REAPPOINTMENT – CLASS A MEMBER – 4 YEAR TERM.
- * REVEREND EDWARD JAWIDZIK - REAPPOINTMENT – CLASS A MEMBER – 4
YEAR TERM
- * JOSEPH LUONGO - REAPPOINTMENT – CLASS B MEMBER – 4 YEAR TERM
- * KEVIN MARSHALL – REAPPOINTMENT – CLASS A MEMBER – 4 YEAR TERM

C. BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

- * JENNIFER BOUTOTE PATTEN – NEW APPOINTMENT – COMMISSIONER -
UNEXPIRED TERM THRU 12/31/16

D. SHADE TREE COMMISSION

- * TARA MCQUADE - REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER – 5 YEAR TERM
- * JEANNE PATTERSON - REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER - 5 YEAR TERM
- * LESTER A. PRESTON, JR. – NEW APPOINTMENT – TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
LIAISON – 1 YEAR TERM
- * PAUL WITTER – REAPPOINTMENT – ALTERNATE 1 – 5 YEAR TERM

APPOINTMENTS BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

UPON A MOTION BY MRS. MCMORROW, SECONDED BY MR. AMMIANO, THE

FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS ARE MADE:

A. ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

- * THOMAS CAIAZZA - REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER – 4 YEAR TERM
- * JOHN JENNINGS – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER – 4 YEAR TERM

B. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

- * THOMAS L. COOK – REAPPOINTMENT – TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE LIAISON – 1 YEAR TERM
- * NICHOLAS DINICOLAS – REAPPOINTMENT – CHIEF - EAST FREEHOLD FIRE COMPANY – 1 YEAR TERM

- * NEIL DICKSTEIN - REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER/FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS – 2 YEAR TERM
- * MARTIN MEE - REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER/CSMC DIRECTOR OF SECURITY - 2 YEAR TERM
- * ERNEST SCHRIEFER – REAPPOINTMENT – CHIEF OF POLICE – 1 YEAR TERM
- * BRYAN ZUCCARELLI - NEW APPOINTMENT – CHIEF - INDEPENDENT FIRE COMPANY – 1 YEAR TERM

C. FIRE PREVENTION BOARD

- * NICHOLAS DINICOLAS – REAPPOINTMENT – CHIEF - EAST FREEHOLD FIRE COMPANY – 1 YEAR TERM
- * BRYAN ZUCCARELLI - REAPPOINTMENT – CHIEF - INDEPENDENT FIRE COMPANY – 1 YEAR TERM
- * ERNEST SCHRIEFER – REAPPOINTMENT – CHIEF OF POLICE – 1 YEAR TERM

D. CABLE T.V. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- * THOMAS L. COOK – REAPPOINTMENT – TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE LIAISON – 1 YEAR TERM
- * BENJAMIN ANDERSON - REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER – 3 YEAR TERM

E. STREET NAME REVIEW COMMITTEE

- * THOMAS L. COOK – REAPPOINTMENT – TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE LIAISON – 1 YEAR TERM
- * STEPHEN SOLOWEY – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER/EAST FREEHOLD FIRE COMPANY – 1 YEAR TERM

F. RENT CONTROL BOARD

- * DEBRA AURILIA – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER – 3 YEAR TERM
- * SHERRY GAFFEY – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER – 3 YEAR TERM
- * ANTHONY GRAZIANO – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER – 3 YEAR TERM
- * RAUL PEREZ – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER – 3 YEAR TERM

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mayor Cook

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

MAYOR COOK ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS/
REAPPOINTMENTS:

A. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

- * ANTHONY J. AMMIANO - REAPPOINTMENT – COMMISSIONER/TC
MEMBER/PB MEMBER - 1 YEAR TERM
- * THOMAS MOSKAL - REAPPOINTMENT – COMMISSIONER/CHAIRMAN –
3 YEAR TERM
- * DAVID PUCHALSKI – REAPPOINTMENT – COMMISSIONER – 3 YEAR TERM

B. MONMOUTH COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COORDINATORS COUNCIL

- * MARIE BAYERLE – REAPPOINTMENT – ALTERNATE – 1 YEAR TERM
- * PAUL HESSLER – NEW APPOINTMENT – DELEGATE – 1 YEAR TERM

C. GYPSY MOTH COORDINATOR

- * THOMAS RITCHIE DESIGNATED FOR 2015

D. HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

- * BARBARA J. MCMORROW – REAPPOINTMENT – TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REPRESENTATIVE – 1 YEAR TERM
- * IQBAL NAQVI - REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER AT LARGE - 3 YEAR
TERM
- * RABBI BROOKS SUSMAN - REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER/CLERGY – 3 YEAR
TERM
- * DR. STANLEY ZEBROWSKI – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER/COUNSELOR – 3
YEAR TERM

E. MAYOR'S REP. TO GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE

- * JOHN MCGEEHAN – REAPPT. – 1 YEAR TERM

APPOINTMENTS BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

UPON A MOTION BY MR. SALKIN, SECONDED BY MR. PRESTON, THE
FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS ARE MADE:

A. BOARD OF HEALTH

- * EILEEN ALLEN - REAPPOINTMENT – ALTERNATE 2 - 2 YEAR TERM
- * ALENE OPATUT – REAPPOINTMENT – ALTERNATE 1 – 2 YEAR TERM
- * DR. GAIL REILLY – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER/SECRETARY – 3 YEAR
TERM

B. CLEAN COMMUNITIES ADVISORY BOARD

* SCOTT HIGGINS – REAPPOINTMENT – COORDINATOR - 1 YEAR TERM

* FRANK LUCIA – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER/BUSINESS - 1 YEAR TERM

* JOSEPH SALKIN – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER/BUSINESS - 1 YEAR TERM

* PETER VALESİ – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER/GOVERNMENT - 1 YEAR TERM

* ROBERT ZUPA – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER/NON-PROFIT - 1 YEAR TERM

C. LAKE TOPANEMUS COMMISSION

* JIM LAU - REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER – 3 YEAR TERM

* JOSEPH REILLY – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER – 3 YEAR TERM

D. MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE TO PREVENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE

* FRANK DALOTTO – REAPPOINTMENT – CLASS VI MEMBER/CITIZEN - 3 YEAR TERM

* MARYELLEN DYKEMAN – REAPPOINTMENT – CLASS IV MEMBER/CSMC-HEALTH – 3 YEAR TERM

* PATRICIA MEDLEY – REAPPOINTMENT – CLASS IV MEMBER/RELIGIOUS – 3 YEAR TERM

E. TRANSPORTATION BOARD

* ROBERT MILLER - REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER - 3 YEAR TERM

* ROBERT TAGLE - REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER/CHAIRMAN – 3 YEAR TERM

F. YOUTH GUIDANCE COUNCIL

* AMY FITZGERALD – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER – 3 YEAR TERM

* MARY FLAHERTY – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER – 3 YEAR TERM

* CHRISTINE GANZ – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER – 3 YEAR TERM

G. TOWNSHIP PHYSICIANS

* DR. LESLIE SOJKA, MEDICAL DOCTOR - REAPPOINTED FOR 2015

* DR. ROBERT PEDOWITZ, MEDICAL DOCTOR - APPOINTED FOR 2015

* DR. MARK WHITE, PSYCHOLOGIST - REAPPOINTED FOR 2015

H. OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

* THE ASBURY PARK PRESS - REDESIGNATED FOR 2015

* THE NEWS TRANSCRIPT - REDESIGNATED FOR 2015

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mayor Cook

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Note: All matters listed under item designated "Consent Agenda" are considered routine by the Township Committee and will be enacted by one (1) motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired of any item, item will be considered separately.

RESOLUTION - APPOINTING MARY D. TUFANO AS PUBLIC AGENCY
R-15-9 COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR 2015

RESOLUTION - REAPPOINTING TERESA WARNER AS FUTURE
R-15-10 ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER FOR 2015

RESOLUTION - REAPPOINTING MARY D. TUFANO AS COMMUNITY
R-15-11 DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVE AND PETER R.
VALESI AS ALTERNATE FOR 2015

RESOLUTION – REAPPOINTING FRANCIS BOUTOTE AND FRANK
R-15-12 KRAUSE AS CLASS II SPECIAL OFFICERS FOR 2015

RESOLUTION – ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2015
R-15-13

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF FREEHOLD 2015
R-15-14 CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

RESOLUTION – SETTING SALARIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2015
R-15-15 SALARY ORDINANCE

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING HEALTH CARE BENEFITS BUY OUTS
R-15-16 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 47, SUBSECTION 47-26 OF THE
REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF FREEHOLD

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN TAX
R-15-17 SALE CERTIFICATES DURING 2015

RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING VARIOUS ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN
R-15-18 THROUGHOUT 2015 BY THE TAX ASSESSOR AND
TAX COLLECTOR

RESOLUTION - SETTING THE INTEREST RATE ON DELINQUENT TAXES
R-15-19

RESOLUTION - CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT WITH CERTAIN STATE
R-15-20 CONTRACT VENDORS

RESOLUTION - ESTABLISHING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
R-15-21 DATES FOR 2015

Mrs. McMorrow read the Consent Agenda Resolutions and moved them for adoption, seconded by Mr. Salkin.

VOTE: AYES: Mr. Ammiano, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. Salkin and Mayor Cook

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

Mayor Cook read the following Sub-Committee Assignments for 2015.

LEGAL, JUSTICE, ETC.

Township Attorney
Domestic Violence Program
Municipal Court
Magistrate
Prosecutor
Public Defender

CHAIRMAN: D. SALKIN

B. MCMORROW

Gypsy Moth Coordinator
Community Dispute Resolution Program

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

Township Administrator
Tax Collector
Personnel Relations
Labor Relations
Treasurer
Computer Services
Benefits Administration
Environmental Commission

CHAIRMAN: A. AMMIANO
D. SALKIN

Township Clerk
Tax Assessor
Purchasing
Insurance
Auditor
Communications
Parks and Recreation

SOCIAL SERVICES, PUBLIC WORKS, ETC.

Hospital Liaison
Cable T.V.
Street Name Review Committee
Water and Sewer Services
Automotive Services

CHAIRMAN: T. COOK

Streets and Roads Department
Buildings and Grounds
Lake Topanemus Commission
Emergency Management

LAW ENFORCEMENT, SERVICES, ACTIVITIES, ETC.

Human Relations Council
Transportation Board
Public Information Officer
Fire Bureau & Prevention
First Aid
Police Department

CHAIRMAN: B. MCMORROW
A. AMMIANO

Senior Citizens Center
Youth Guidance
Board of Health
Mosquito Control
Animal Control
Municipal Alliance

PLANNING, ZONING, ENGINEERING, ETC.

Planning Board
Engineering
Board of Adjustment
Building Inspections
Master Plan Coordinator
FRHS Liaison
FT Elementary School Liaison

CHAIRMAN: L. PRESTON
T. COOK

Code Enforcement
Historic Preservation Commission
Rent Control Board
Plumbing & Electrical Inspections
Technical Review Committee
Shade Tree Commission

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

P. Valesi

A. Ammiano

B. McMorrow

D. Salkin (Alternate)

Mayor Cook asked for any comments or questions from the public.

There being none, he asked for any comments from the dais.

Mr. Preston stated “As I sit here before you, I find myself thinking about those who have graced this dais before me. Freehold Township has had the good fortune to have been guided by so many talented and committed public officials that it is hard not to be a little intimidated by the legacy that I have been entrusted with. To say that I am honored and humbled would be an understatement.” He thanked his wife Deb, his two daughters, parents, brothers and sisters for all their hard work and assistance during his campaign. He also thanked the Township Committee members for all their support and assistance. He said he has been blessed to have two people that he considers his brothers, our new Mayor Tom Cook and his campaign treasurer John Cerrato, whom he has been friends with for over 40 years. He thanked the residents of Freehold Township for entrusting him with a great responsibility. He said he will work hard to ensure that they are not disappointed.

Mr. Salkin stated “Every year for the past 20 years, I’ve had the honor of being part of this process that we call “Re-Org.” “And while what we do here at the local level is on such a small scale compared to global-reaching federal policies, what we do here does matter. We effect change that touches people right here in their home town, and our decisions are never made lightly.” He said he would like to make a special mention about our Police Department. “As Police Commissioner, I want to personally and publically tell our officers that I’m proud of the job they do, and Freehold Township stands with our officers.” He thanked Mr. Valesi and the Freehold Township staff. He thanked the Township Committee for their constant source of support and wisdom. He thanked his wife, Patty and his family for their support. He lastly thanked the residents of Freehold Township for their show of support in the November Election. He stated, “It’s an honor and privilege to serve as an elected official in one of the best municipalities in the country.”

Mr. Ammiano stated, “It is an honor and a privilege to sit up here for the past 14 years.” He congratulated Mr. Salkin and Mr. Preston on their election in November. He said it will be a good 2015. He congratulated Mayor Cook and said he is one of the best running mates and is so committed to Freehold Township. He thanked Mrs. McMorrow and said she does a fabulous job and she has a passion and commitment to the people of Freehold Township. He thanked Mr. Valesi and the staff for all their hard work. He thanked the residents of Freehold Township because they make this the best town in Monmouth County. He also thanked his wife Maria, and his family and friends. He also thanked our Police Department and the Freehold First Aid.

Mr. Valesi congratulated Mayor Cook and thanked Mr. Salkin for a great job in 2014. He thanked the Freehold Township staff for all their hard work and especially his Executive Secretary, Susan Mladinov. He also thanked the residents of Freehold Township because they are always respectful. He lastly said this town is stable and well run because of the Township Committee we have.

Mrs. McMorrow congratulated Mr. Preston and Mr. Salkin on this election and re-election to the Township Committee. She thanked Mr. Salkin for his service as Mayor and Mr. Ammiano as Deputy Mayor in 2014. She congratulated Mayor Cook on his election as Mayor for 2015. She stated, “As you know, you do not serve alone. We are here for you. Each one of us is always prepared to assist you.” She said, “As we celebrate this evening, and the wheels of democracy turn smoothly along, we should take a moment to thank the men and women serving in our country and around the world who, by their sacrifices, allow us the privilege of participating in the democratic process of electing our officials and serving our community.” “We must also thank, because we

can never thank them enough, the members of our Police, Fire and First Aid Departments. They, too, make sacrifices so that we may enjoy our lives in a safe and secure environment which we often take for granted.” She thanked the Freehold Township staff who are the essence of our municipality, and especially Mr. Valesi. She congratulated Nicole Sonnenblick, our new Municipal Court Judge. Lastly, she thanked her husband, Patrick, for his support.

Mayor Cook welcomed the newest member of the committee, Mr. Preston. He said, “It gives me great pride to welcome him as part of our team here at Freehold Township. I am more than confident that Lester will be a wonderful asset to this committee and our town.” He congratulated and welcomed Nicole Sonnenblick as Freehold Township’s new Judge. He also congratulated Mr. Vecchio on his appointment as the new municipal prosecutor. “I would like to sincerely thank the members of this committee for their continued assistance and guidance since I started two years ago; their professionalism, experience, support and willingness to welcome me as a part of the team from day one has been greatly appreciated.” He also stated, “It isn’t just us five people sitting on the dais tonight, but all the employees of the Township led by Township Administrator Pete Valesi who continues to work diligently for our residents.” “I would like to acknowledge and thank our volunteers in Freehold Township that do so much for our community every day – coaches and administrators in our various youth sports’ programs, our boards and commission members, our scouts, our firemen and women who contribute their time and expertise to our community. I want to also thank the residents who have continued to help those in need, such as Foodstock, Graeme Preston Foundation, Habitat for Humanity and other organizations and individuals that raise money and give their time.” He thanked his wife, Kim, who continues to be patient and supportive given the amount of time I am not home. He also thanked his sons and family and friends. Lastly, “As I close this evening and we begin a new year, I would like to paraphrase the words of Benjamin Franklin: We should all be at war with our vices, at peace with our neighbors, and let this new year find us all better people.”

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Teresa Warner, Township Clerk