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**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017**

The Meeting was called to order at 8:05PM by Council Vice President Sbarra who read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement as prescribed by law. Notice was advertised in The Record on November 3, 2016, and The Ridgewood News on November 11, 2016 stating this meeting would be held in the Council Chambers of the Richard J. Martel Municipal Offices, 475 Corporate Drive, Mahwah, New Jersey on Thursday, January 7, 2017 at 8:00PM.

Notice of this Meeting is posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board. The Minutes of this Meeting shall be available in the Municipal Clerk's Office once they are approved by the Township Council.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR VETERANS AND THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Moment of Silence was observed for those who served and those who are serving in the military both here and abroad. It is because of their valor and bravery that we can hold meetings such as these.

Present: Councilmembers Ariemma, Ervin, Hermansen, Sbarra and Wong

Also present were Mayor William C. Laforet, Township Attorney Brian Chewcaskie, Business Administrator Quentin Wiest, Municipal Clerk Kathrine G. Coviello and Clerical Assistant Carolyn George.

SWEARING IN OF MAYOR WILLIAM LAFORET, COUNCILMEMBER STEVEN SBARRA AND COUNCILMEMBER JAMES WYSOCKI

Sbarra stated the Mayor was sworn in this morning at the Town Hall and he will be sworn in again tonight.

Mr. Lou Rizzo swore in Mayor William C. Laforet. Mayor Laforet's wife, Maureen, held the Bible.

Mr. Rizzo extended his thanks to Ms. Lisa DiGiulio for her many years of service. Mr. Rizzo stated his pleasure to work with the Mayor and the Township for many years and to form a friendship.

Mayor Laforet thanked everyone for their support. He stated he was proud of the Township's AAA Rating, Safe Community standing, and the numerous volunteers for the entire Emergency Services.

Mayor Laforet swore in Councilmember Steven Sbarra witnessed by Miss Nicole Sbarra.

Mayor Laforet swore in Councilmember James Wysocki witnessed by his wife, Dawn, and daughter, Deirdre.

APPOINTMENT FOR COUNCIL VACANCY (EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017)

Sbarra explained Mr. Jonathan Marcus received the most votes in the November election for the Councilmember position. Unfortunately, Mr. Marcus declined to take the seat for personal reasons. Two nominations were made and will be voted on in order of receipt.

Nomination for Mr. David May was voted on. Motion by Hermansen, seconded by Ervin. Roll call vote: Ariemma, abstain; Ervin, yes, Hermansen, yes; Sbarra, yes, Wong, yes, Wysocki, yes. Motion carried.

SWEARING IN OF COUNCILMEMBER

Township Attorney swore in Councilmember David May witnessed by wife, Naomi, and his daughters.

PUBLIC PORTION

On a motion by Hermansen, seconded by Ariemma, the meeting was opened to the public at 8:24PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bergen County Freeholder Amoroso brought Certificates of Commendations from the Bergen County Executive and the Bergen County Freeholders for Councilmember Sbarra and Councilmember Wysocki.

Mrs. Lisa DiGiulio of 6 West Road extended congratulations and best wishes to the new Councilmembers and the rest of the Council.

Ms. Anne Powley of 86 West Crescent Avenue and Ms. Peggy Bost of 121 Deerhaven Road requested some time during a future meeting to present a short Powerpoint Presentation to bring the Township up to date on the Pilgrim Pipeline.

Sbarra stated a Council President will be chosen this evening and the information shall be passed on to them.

Ms. Bost thanked the Council for their support and they look forward to work with the Council. Ms. Powley indicated their group would like to place signs around town for an awareness campaign and possibly add a link for more information on the Township Website. Sbarra said they should contact Administration regarding the Website and a letter requesting permission for erecting signs on the Township Right-of-Way requires Council approval.

Mr. Kem Spencer of 172 Linden Street extended congratulations to Mayor Laforet, Councilmembers Ervin, May, and Wysocki.

On a motion by Hermansen, seconded by Ervin, the meeting was closed to the public at 8:30PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

#001-17: Appointment of Council President

Resolution #001-17 is attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.
Municipal Clerk swore in Councilmember Hermansen as Council President.

#002-17: Appointment of Council Vice President

Resolution #002-17 is attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Laforet swore in Councilmember Wong as Council Vice President.

Sbarra stated he respectively declined the position of Council Vice President citing an effort to bring in new leadership and ideas and personal reasons. Sbarra extended congratulations to the new Council President and Council Vice President explaining the need of unity throughout the Council and to work with the Mayor.

#003-17 Appointment of Planning Board; Class III Member

Resolution #003-17 is attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

#004-17 Appointment of Zoning Board of Adjustment – Alternate II

Resolution #004-17 was carried to the January 12, 2017 Council Meeting.

#005-17 Appointment of Board of Education Liaison

Resolution #005-17 is attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

#006-17 Appointment of Senior Citizens Advisory Board Liaison

Resolution #006-17 is attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

#007-17 Appointment of Pool Commission Liaison

Resolution #007-17 is attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

#008-17 Appointments to Ad-Hoc Committees (Ordinance/Codification, Transportation and Chamber of Commerce)

Resolution #008-17 is attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

#009-17 Appointment of Community Cable Television Committee Liaison

Resolution #009-17 is attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

#010-17 Appointment of Representative and Alternate to Northwest Bergen Community Development

Resolution #010-17 is attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

#010(a)-17 Appointment of Environmental Commission Liaison

Resolution #010(a)-17 was carried to the January 12, 2017 Council Meeting.

#010(b)-17 Appointment of Housing Commission Liaison

Resolution #010(b)-17 is attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

#010(c)-17 Appointment of Access For All Commission Liaison
Resolution #010(c)-17 is attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

- #011-17 Appointment of Township Auditor and Professional Services Agreement
- #012(1)-17 Mayoral Appointment of Department Head; Administration and Finance
- #012(2)-17 Mayoral Appointment of Department Head; Emergency Services
- #012(3)-17 Mayoral Appointment of Department Head; Health
- #012(4)-17 Mayoral Appointment of Department Head; Inspections
- #012(5)-17 Mayoral Appointment of Department Head; Law
- #012(6)-17 Mayoral Appointment of Department Head; Police
- #012(7)-17 Mayoral Appointment of Department Head; Public Works
- #013(2)-17 Mayoral Appointments; Boards and Commissions – Council Consent
- #014(1)-17 Mayoral Appointment and Professional Services Agreement; Bond Counsel
- #014(2a)-17 Mayoral Appointment and Professional Services Agreement; Municipal Engineer
- #014(2b)-17 Mayoral Appointment and Professional Services Agreement; Municipal Utility Engineer
- #014(3)-17 Mayoral Appointment and Professional Services Agreement; Municipal Planner
- #014(4)-17 Mayoral Appointment and Professional Services Agreement; Insurance Agent/Risk Manager
- #014(5)-17 Mayoral Appointment and Professional Services Agreement; Health Benefits Consultant (6 Month Appointment)
- #014(6)-17 Mayoral Appointment and Professional Services Agreement; Township Attorney
- #014(7)-17 Mayoral Appointment and Professional Services Agreement; Township Real Estate Tax Appeal Appraiser Consultant
- #014(8)-17 Mayoral Appointment and Professional Services Agreement; Tax Appeal Attorney
- #014(9)-17 Mayoral Appointment and Professional Services Agreement; Administrative Officer/Zoning Officer
- #015(1)-17 Mayoral Appointment and Professional Services Agreement; Co-Public Defender
- #015(2)-17 Mayoral Appointment and Professional Services Agreement; Co-Public Defender
- #016-17 Mayoral Appointment and Professional Services Agreement; Prosecutor
- #017-17 Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO)/Affirmative Action
- #018-17 Payroll Check Signatures
- #019-17 Rate of Delinquent Taxes, Water/Sewer and Sewer Assessment
- #020-17 Cash Management Plan
- #021-17 Official Newspapers
- #022-17 Public Notice Charges and Exemption to Newspapers
- #023-17 C.D.B.G. Signatory
- #024-17 Authorization for Tax Sale
- #025-17 Resolution to Cancel Small Balances
- #026-17 Fee: Certificate of Redemption
- #027-17 Waiver of Municipal Fees; Township Fire Department, Ambulance Corps. and CERT Personnel
- #028-17 Order of Business (Combined Work Session and Public Meetings)
- #029-17 Award of Various State Contracts Schedules 70 and 84
- #030-17 Award of County Cooperative Pricing Contracts

- #031-17 Authorization to Utilize General Services Administration (GSA) Contracts
#032-17 Authorization to Use National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) Contracts
#033-17 Authorization to Use Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System Contract
#034-17 Authorization to Use Houston Galveston Area Council's Cooperative Purchasing Program (HGAC) Contracts
#035-17 Authorization for Administrative Assistant/QPA to Sign Purchase Orders, Emergency Requests and Sub-Account Transfers
#036-17 Volunteer Tuition Credit Program
#037-17 Adoption of 2017 Temporary Appropriations
- Resolutions #011-17 through #012-17 and #013(2)-17 through #037-17 were voted on together and are attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

#013(1)-17 Mayoral Appointments; Boards and Commissions – Environmental Commission, Planning Board and Senior Citizens Advisory Board
Resolution #013(1)-17 is attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Sbarra asked the Business Administrator for an update on the Garbage Bid. Business Administrator distributed copies of two Resolutions from January 2014 and an amended Resolution from April 2015 providing the current state and cost of the Township's Solid Waste Pick Up. The bid was received and the current contract expires at the end of February. The Township originally awarded the contract in January 2014 for \$794,000 a year based on two times per week pick up from April through September and one time per week from October through March. A second Resolution from April 2015 amending the January 2014 Resolution brought all pickups to two times per week that increased the amount to \$842,000.

Business Administrator explained the bid was advertised on December 29, 2017 and the Township received one bid. The bid included two pickups year round and refrigerants/white goods pickups. The bid received provides three options as follows: One year award for \$1,049,000; Two year award of \$1,060,000 per year; and Three year award of \$1,070,000 per year. The State of New Jersey requires bids for Solid Waste to be advertised for 60 days. Business Administrator stated the Council has three choices concerning the Solid Waste bid. First is whether to make the award, second is how many years for the award and third is deny the bid and go out to bid again.

Ariemma asked if the Township could go and get other bids. Business Administrator stated the bid could be rebid on the same conditions. Township Attorney stated as long as the bid does not exceed what is budgeted.

Sbarra asked if there are provisions in the contract to extend the contract on a monthly rate while the decision is being made. Township Attorney stated the current company might extend for one more bid cycle.

Hermansen asked if a motion could be made to rebid. Township Attorney stated the Council could direct the Business Administrator to readvertise.

Sbarra asked to explore options and extend the bid process. Township Attorney said the Council could instruct the Business Administrator to rebid for the Solid Waste. Business Administrator stated the bid was written having the refrigerants/white goods as an alternate. If the Council decides to rebid, it needs to be determined if the bid remains the same or is changed.

Business Administrator stated there were more aggressive bidders a few years ago but limited interest now.

Hermansen asked for a Straw Poll show of hands to reject and rebid the Solid Waste bid. All hands raised.

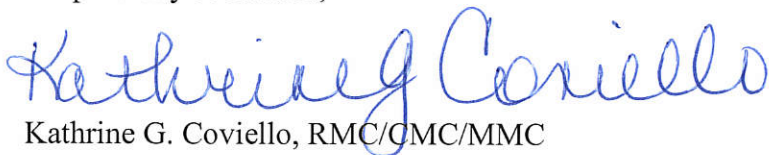
On a motion by Ariemma, seconded by Wong, the Business Administrator was instructed to reject the current bid and rebid using the same parameters. Roll Call vote: Ariemma, yes; Ervin, yes; May, yes; Sbarra, yes; Wong, yes; Wysocki, yes; Hermansen, yes.

Township Attorney stated since the Council is rejecting the bids a Resolution will be written to ratify the act for the January 12 Council Meeting.

Wong asked for an update regarding the orange line. Mayor stated due to inclement weather, the lines are on hold until spring.

On a motion by Sbarra, seconded by Ervin, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathrine G. Coviello, RMC/CMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk