

**MINUTES
WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 1, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Administrator/Clerk Jane DiBella who welcomed everyone and wished them a happy new year.

Mrs. DiBella noted the presence of former Mayor Samuel Maccarone Jr. and asked those present to show their appreciation to him.

She further noted the Mayor's wall of fame displayed in the courtroom, as well as a perpetual plaque naming Woolwich Township Mayors from 1844 onward. She then read those names and years of service to the Township. A moment of silence was then held to honor the former Mayor's who have passed on.

The Administrator/Clerk made the following statement under the Open Public Meetings Act:

Adequate notice of this meeting, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, was given by posting the Reorganization Meeting notice on the municipal bulletin board and township website, filing with the Clerk and delivery to the designated newspapers of Woolwich Township.

Those present saluted the American Flag.

The Oath of Office was administered to Committeeman Elect John Carleton by Mark Shoemaker, Esq.

Committeeman Carleton was congratulated.

Mr. Shoemaker administered the Oath of Office to Committeeman Elect Jordan Schlump.

Committeeman Schlump was congratulated.

Mrs. DiBella conducted a roll call"

Committeeman Carleton: PRESENT Committeewoman Cavallaro: PRESENT

Committeeman Schlump: PRESENT Committeeman Rizzi: PRESENT

Committeeman Schwager: PRESENT

Mrs. DiBella called for nominations of Mayor for 2016.

Committeeman Rizzi nominated Alan Schwager. Committeeman Carleton seconded. There were no further nominations.

The Administrator/Clerk presented resolution **R-2016-01 Resolution Appointing a Mayor for the Township of Woolwich for the Year 2016** naming Alan Schwager.

Roll Call: Carleton: YES, Cavallaro: NO, Schlump: YES, Rizzi: YES, Schwager: YES

The Oath of office was administered to Mayor Schwager by Mike Aimino, Esq.

Mayor Schwager was congratulated and took his seat at the dais.

Mayor Schwager called for nominations for Deputy Mayor for the year 2016.

Committeeman Schlump nominated Committeeman Rizzi as Deputy Mayor. Committeeman Carleton seconded.

Mayor Schwager then presented resolution **Resolution R-2016-02 Resolution Appointing a Deputy Mayor for the Township of Woolwich for the Year 2016** naming Frank Rizzi.

Roll Call: Carleton: YES, Cavallaro: NO, Schlump: YES, Rizzi: YES, Schwager: YES

The Oath of Office was administered to Deputy Mayor Rizzi by Gloucester County Freeholder Lyman Barnes.

Deputy Mayor Rizzi was congratulated.

Mayor Schwager administered the Oath of Office to Police Chief Richard Jaramillo.

The new Police Chief thanked the Mayor, Administrator and Committee saying he is honored and humbled to be the third Chief of Police within the department. He added that he hopes to meet and exceed the expectations, noting that his appointment is about change, and that change is one of transition that will give a different direction over time. He said that he hopes to foster a partnership with the Committee and the residents that he serves, maintaining mutual respect, quality and dignity within the department and township. He added that 2016 begins that change and he challenges all to work along side of him in fostering that change. He promised to serve with honor, integrity, service and knowledge.

Mayor Schwager requested a motion to approve a consent agenda with the exception of resolutions **R-2016-03 Resolution Designating a Solicitor for the Township of Woolwich** and **R-2016-20 Resolution Making Committee Liaison Appointments.**

So moved: Rizzi Second: Carleton All were in favor

Mayor Schwager then requested a motion on resolution **R-2016-03 Resolution Designating a Solicitor for the Township of Woolwich** naming Mark Shoemaker.

So moved: Carleton Second: Schlump

Roll Call: Carleton: YES, Cavallaro: NO, Schlump: YES, Rizzi: YES, Schwager: YES

Mayor Schwager then requested a motion on resolution **R-2016-20 Resolution Making Committee Liaison Appointments.**

So moved: Schlump Second: Rizzi

Roll Call: Carleton: YES, Cavallaro: NO, Schlump: YES, Rizzi: YES, Schwager: YES

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Rizzi and seconded by Committeeman Carleton to approve the following resolutions as the consent agenda:

- R-2016-04** Resolution Designating the Auditors for the Township of Woolwich
- R-2016-05** Resolution Designating Engineers for the Township of Woolwich
- R-2016-06** Resolution Designating the Prosecutor for the Township of Woolwich
- R-2016-07** Resolution Designating a Planning Consultant/COAH Planner for the Township of Woolwich
- R-2016-08** Resolution Designating Deputy Court Administrators for the Township of Woolwich
- R-2016-09** Resolution Appointing Members and Alternate Members to the Woolwich Township Joint Land Use Board
- R-2016-10** Resolution Designating Public Defender for the Township of Woolwich

- R-2016-11** Resolution Making Appointments to the Parks and Recreation Committee
 - R-2016-12** Resolution Designating Dates for Regular Meetings of the Woolwich Township Committee for the Year 2016 and Directing the Township Clerk to Provide Notice Thereof Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act
 - R-2016-13** Resolution Authorizing Cash Management Plan Within the Township of Woolwich and Designating Depositories for Funds of the Township of Woolwich
 - R-2016-14** Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Making Appointments to Yearly Positions
 - R-2016-15** Resolution Designating Newspapers Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act
 - R-2016-16** Resolution Authorizing Petty Cash Fund for Use by the Township Clerk, Construction Code Office and Police Department
 - R-2016-17** Resolution Authorizing Change Fund for Use in the Office of the Clerk for the Issuance of Dog Licenses
 - R-2016-18** Resolution Fixing Interest Rate on Delinquent Taxes
 - R-2016-19** Resolution Appointing Risk Management Consultant for Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
 - R-2016-21** Resolution Making Appointments to the Open Space Committee
 - R-2016-22** Resolution Making Appointments to the Woolwich Township Business Development Advisory Committee
 - R-2016-23** Resolution Making Appointments to the Swedesboro/Woolwich Joint Environmental Commission
 - R-2016-24** Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Appointing the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Township of Woolwich for the Year 2016
 - R-2016-25** Resolution of the Township of Woolwich Reappointing Kim Jaworski as Woolwich Township Tax Collector
 - R-2016-26** Resolution Appointing Conflict Engineers
 - R-2016-27** Resolution Appointing Conflict Solicitor
 - R-2016-28** Resolution Appointing Fund Commissioner and Alternate Fund Commissioner to Represent the Township of Woolwich in the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
 - R-2016-29** Resolution Awarding Professional Services Appointment-Labor Attorney
 - R-2016-30** Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Contract for Special Counsel (COAH Matters)
 - R-2016-31** Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Appointment for Bond Counsel
 - R-2016-32** Resolution Endorsing National Restoration and Directing the Fire Chief to Contact Gloucester County Dispatch and Request National Restoration to Handle Woolwich Township Fire Restoration Services
 - R-2016-33** Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Appointment for Special Counsel-TDR Expert
 - R-2016-34** Resolution Adopting a Temporary Budget for Year 2016-NJSA 40A:4-19
- Roll Call: Carleton: YES, Cavallaro: YES, Rizzi: YES, Schlump: YES, Schwager: YES**

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Rizzi and seconded by Committeeman Carleton to open the meeting to public comment. All were in favor.

Samuel Maccarone Jr. of 145 Laurel Trail approached the Committee. He offered

congratulations to Committeemen Carleton and Schlump saying that they have a lot to learn, but will bring refreshment to the Committee. He asked them to make a difference for Woolwich. He congratulated Mayor Schwager and said he was glad to have had the opportunity to work together with him. He thanked the Administrator/Clerk for her work and for facilitating the Mayor's Wall. He noted that together with Matt Blake, Director of Community Development, they will continue to take the Township to the next level. He added congratulations to Chief Jaramillo and said that he is proud to have been a part of the process of selecting a new Chief.

With no further public comment, the public portion closed upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Rizzi and seconded by Committeeman Schlump. All were in favor.

Mayor Schwager thanked his wife Donna and sons for their support and presence on this special day. He promised to make great strides on the behalf of the Township. He thanked the Administrator/Clerk and Director of Community Development and all employee's and township professionals for their work on behalf of the Township. He acknowledged the work of former Mayor Maccarone and Committeeman Jon Fein for their years of service to the Township. He also thanked the members of the Woolwich Fire Company for their support and for putting their lives on the line. Lastly he welcomed Chief Jaramillo to the position of Police Chief.

Deputy Mayor Rizzi thanked all those in attendance. He noted that upon his second year as a member of the Committee he is looking to accomplish more, but take one step at a time in moving the township forward. He congratulated Chief Jaramillo on his appointment. He noted that he is happy to serve the residents and looks forward to moving progress forward.

Committeeman Schlump wished everyone a happy new year. He stated that last year he would have never dreamed that he would be sitting in this seat, but that once he witnessed the service of the Committee he decided to step forward. He is happy and honored to have been elected to represent the residents. He acknowledged that it will be a learning experience, but that he is eager and willing through teamwork with his fellow Committee to work to develop a safe, resourceful, harmonious and thriving community. He stated that he would not be there without the support of his running mate Committeeman Carleton, and the guidance and support of the voters, his friends and his family. He gave special thanks to his wife and daughter for attending.

Committeeman Carleton thanked everyone for being present and for their support. He thanked his wife for keeping him grounded. He said he is honored and privileged and excited to be a part of his fellow committee who he respects and admires. He acknowledged that he is blessed and looks forward to getting to work. He wished all a happy new year.

Committeewoman Cavallaro wished all a happy new year. She welcomed Committeemen Carleton and Schlump to their Committee seats saying they will be great assets to the team. She stated that she has learned along the way that varying opinions and great debate yield to the greatest results. She noted that Mayor Schwager has big shoes to fill, and that former Mayor Sam Maccarone was truly a leader. She noted that despite a rocky start, she hopes the Committee will be able to embrace Maccarone's same values and work together as a team.

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Rizzi and seconded by Committeeman Carleton to adjourn

the meeting. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane DiBella
Administrator/Clerk

Minutes not verbatim
Audio recording on file