

# FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION MINUTES

JANUARY 4, 2019  
6:30 PM

At 6:30 P.M. Mayor Ammiano called the Reorganization Meeting to order.

Mayor Ammiano read the following statement:

“In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, (c. 231 P.L. 1975), this meeting was announced on October 26, 2018 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.”

## MOMENT OF SILENCE/SALUTE TO FLAG

Mayor Ammiano asked for a moment of silence and a salute to the flag.

## APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

Mr. Cook nominated Peter Valesi to serve as Temporary Chairman, seconded by Mr. Preston

**VOTE:** **AYES:** Mr. Cook, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston, Mr. and Mayor Ammiano  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** Mr. Salkin  
**ABSTAIN:** 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, Committeeman Thomas L. Cook, Committeeman Lester A. Preston, Jr, Committeewoman Barbara J. McMorrow.

Absent: Committeeman Salkin

Also present: Robert Munoz, Township Attorney, Peter Valesi, Township Administrator, Sanabel Abouzeina, Deputy Township Clerk and Theresa Patino, Township Clerk.

Chairman Valesi called for the Oath of Office to be administered to Committeemen Ammiano and Cook for their reelection at the last General Election to a three-year term on the Township Committee

Freeholder Director, Thomas A. Arnone administered the Oath of Office to Anthony Ammiano.

Monmouth County Clerk, Christine Hanlon administered the Oath of Office to Thomas Cook.

## ELECTION OF MAYOR

Chairman Valesi called for nominations to fill the Office of Mayor for 2019.

Mr. Ammiano nominated Barbara J. McMorrow to serve as Mayor of Freehold Township in 2019, seconded by Mr. Preston. There were no other nominations.

**VOTE:**   **AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mrs. McMorrow, Mr. Preston  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** Mr. Salkin  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO MAYOR**

Honorable Judge Andrea Marshall administered the oath of office to Mayor Barbara J. McMorrow

Mayor McMorrow presented Mr. Ammaino with a special album with all the events and memories for the 2018 year that he was serving as a mayor. Mr. Ammiano thanked Mayor McMorrow also thanked his wife. Mayor McMorrow thanked everyone for coming tonight and welcomed many of the Dignitaries, Board of Education members, and various other members of boards and commissions and officials that were attending the meeting.

**ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Mayor McMorrow called for nominations to fill the Office of Deputy Mayor for 2019.

Mr. Cook nominated Mr. Preston to serve as Deputy Mayor in 2019, seconded by Mr. Ammiano. There were no other nominations.

**VOTE:**   **AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr.Cook, Mr. Preston, and Mayor McMorrow  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** Mr. Salkin  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO DEPUTY MAYOR**

Sheriff Shaun Golden, administered the oath of office to Deputy Mayor Preston.

R-19-1           REAPPOINTING ANTHONY J. VECCHIO, ESQ. AS MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR

Mr. Ammiano read Resolution R-19-1 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Cook.

**VOTE:**   **AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mr. Preston, and Mayor McMorrow  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** Mr. Salkin  
**ABSTAIN:** None

R-19-2           APPOINTING LORRAINE NIELSON, ESQ. AN PAUL GRANICK, ESQ. AS ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTORS

Mr. Preston read Resolution R-19-2 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Cook

**VOTE:**   **AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mr. Preston, and Mayor McMorrow  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** Mr. Salkin  
**ABSTAIN:** None

R-19-3           APPOINTING RAYMOND S. SANTIAGO, ESQ. AS MUNICIPAL COURT PUBLIC DEFENDER

Mr. Ammiano read Resolution R-19-3 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Preston.

**VOTE:** **AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mr. Preston, and Mayor McMorrow  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** Mr. Salkin  
**ABSTAIN:** None

R-19-4 REAPPOINTING CATHERINE M. CAMPBELL AS TOWNSHIP TREASURER

Mr. Preston read Resolution R-19-4 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Ammiano

**VOTE:** **AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mr. Preston, and Mayor McMorrow  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** Mr. Salkin  
**ABSTAIN:** None

R-19-5 REAPPOINTING CATHERINE M. CAMPBELL AS QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT

Mr. Cook read Resolution R-19-5 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Preston

**VOTE:** **AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mr. Preston, and Mayor McMorrow  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** Mr. Salkin  
**ABSTAIN:** None

R-19-6 REAPPOINTING PAUL VITALE AS CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL

Mr. Ammiano read Resolution R-19-6 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Cook.

**VOTE:** **AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mr. Preston, and Mayor McMorrow  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** Mr. Salkin  
**ABSTAIN:** None

R-19-7 AUTHORIZING 2019 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

1. Davison, Eastman, Munoz, Lederman & Paone, P.A. - Township Attorney and Labor Counsel
2. Holman Frenia Allison, P.C. - Auditor
3. Antonides and Simone, CPA's - Fee Accountant
4. Acacia Financial Group, Inc. - Financial Advisor
5. NW Financial Group, LLC- Financial Advisor
6. Brown & Brown Metro, LLC -Insurance Broker - Property & Casualty
7. Francis C. Accisano, Attorney at Law - Planning Board Attorney
8. Gibbons, PC - Bond Counsel
9. Gluckwalrath LLP - Bond Counsel
10. DiFrancesco, Bateman, Kunzman, Davis, Lehrer & Flaum, P.C. - Real Estate and Tax Appeal Legal Counsel

11. McLaughlin Stauffer & Shaklee - Special Counsel - General
12. F. Clifford Gibbons, Attorney at Law, LLC - Special Counsel - Bankruptcy
13. Jeffrey R. Surenian & Associates, LLC - Special Counsel - Affordable Housing
14. CGP&H, LLC - Affordable Housing Administrator
15. Guy J. Renzi & Associates - Court Reporter
16. Phillips Preiss Grygiel LLC - Planner to Township Committee and Planning Board
17. Thomas Planning Associates - Planner to Township Committee and Planning Board
18. Mott MacDonald – Consulting Engineer to Township Committee & Planning Board; General Engineering Consultant to the Utilities Department, Water and Sewer Consultant to the Utilities Department
19. T&M Associates – Consulting Engineer to Township Committee and Planning Board; Shade Tree Consultant; and Environmental Engineering Consultant
20. Allied Control Services, Inc. - Utilities Instrumentation Programming
21. Spiezle Architectural Group, Inc. - Architect
22. Shropshire Associates, LLC - Traffic Engineer
23. DRD Appraisals, LLC d/b/a Stuart Appraisal Company - Appraisal Services
24. Gagliano & Company - Appraisal Services
25. Skyline Environmental, Inc. - Safety, Health, PEOSHA, OSHA & Labor-Related Services

Mr. Cook read Resolution R-19-7 and moved it for adoption, seconded by Mr. Preston

**VOTE:**   **AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mr. Preston, and Mayor McMorrow  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** Mr. Salkin  
**ABSTAIN:** None

MR. PRESTON MOVED THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICIALS FOR 2019:

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

MR. AMMIANO - SECONDED THE MOTION

**VOTE:**   **AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mr. Preston, and Mayor McMorrow  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** Mr. Salkin  
**ABSTAIN:** None

MR. AMMIANO MOVED THE FOLLOWING AUTHORIZATIONS FOR 2019:

LESTER A. PRESTON, JR – TO SIGN CHECKS IN THE ABSENCE OR DISABILITY OF THE MAYOR

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

MR. COOK- SECONDED THE MOTION

**VOTE:**   **AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mr. Preston, and Mayor McMorrow  
          **NAYS:** None  
          **ABSENT:** Mr. Salkin  
          **ABSTAIN:** None

### **APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR**

**FOR THE RECORD:** ALL ONE YEAR TERMS WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2019. ALL TWO, THREE, FOUR, AND FIVE YEAR TERMS WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31 OF SUBSEQUENT YEARS.

**MAYOR MCMORROW** ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS/ REAPPOINTMENTS:

#### **A. PLANNING BOARD**

- \* JOHN BAZZURRO – REAPPOINTMENT – CLASS IV MEMBER – 4 YEAR TERM
- \* LESTER A. PRESTON, JR. – NEW APPOINTMENT – CLASS I MEMBER – 1 YEAR TERM
- \* ROBERT SHORTMEYER – REAPPOINTMENT - CLASS IV MEMBER- 4 YEAR
- \* LEON BRUN, JR- REAPPONTMENT – CLASS IV MEMBER- 4 YEAR TERM

#### **B. BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS**

- \* CHRISOPHER NOVELLA - REAPPOINTMENT – COMMISSIONER - 5 YEAR TERM

#### **C. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

- \* MICHAEL BERMAN- REAPPOINTMENT – CLASS A MEMBER – 4 YEAR TERM
- \* ERIN BEUKA – REAPPOINTMENT – CLASS B MEMBER – 4 YEAR TERM
- \* JOSEPH LUONGO- REAPPOINTMENT- CLASS B MEMBER- 4 YEAR TERM
- \* KEVIN MARSHALL – REAPPOINTMENT – CLASS A MEMBER- 4 YEAR TERM

### **APPOINTMENTS BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**MR. COOK** MOVED THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS/ REAPPOINTMENTS:

#### **A. PLANNING BOARD**

- \* ANTHONY J. AMMIANO – NEW APPOINTMENT – CLASS III MEMBER/TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER - 1 YEAR TERM
- \* BARBARA MCMORROW. – NEW APPOINTMENT – CLASS I MEMBER/MAYOR– 1 YEAR TERM
- \* KEVIN ASADI – REAPPOINTMENT – ALTERNATE 2 – 2 YEAR TERM
- \* APRYL KURTZ – REAPPOINTMENT – ALTERNATE 1 – 2 YEAR TERM
- \* JASON LEVY- REAPPOINTMENT – ALTERNATE 3 – 1YEAR TERM

#### **B. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

- \* THOMAS L. COOK- REAPPOINTMENT – TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE LIAISON- 1 YEAR TERM
- \* NEIL DICKSTEIN- REAAPPOINTMENT – FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS- 2 YEAR TERM
- \* MICHAEL MURRAY – REAPPOINTMENT –CHIEF- EAST FREEHOLD FIRE COMPANY 1 YEAR TERM
- \* RALPH REIFER – REAPPOINTMENT – CHIEF – INDEPENDENT FIRE COMPANY – 1 YEAR TERM

- \* STEVEN SCHWARTZ – REAPPOINTMENT – INT’L. VITAMIN FACILITY/ SAFETY MANAGER – 2 YEAR TERM
- \* STEPHEN SOLOWEY – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER AT LARGE – 2 YEAR TERM
- \* DANIELLE VAN WERT – REAPPOINTMENT – CSMC SAFETY OFFICER – 2 YEAR TERM

C. FIRE PREVENTION BOARD

- \* MICHAEL MURRAY – REAPPOINTMENT – CHIEF – EAST FREEHOLD FIRE COMPANY – 1 YEAR TERM
- \* KEN LUCAS – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER – 4 YEAR TERM
- \* RALPH REIFER - REAPPOINTMENT – CHIEF – INDEPENDENT FIRE COMPANY – 1 YEAR TERM
- \* ERNEST SCHRIEFER - REAPPOINTMENT – CHIEF OF POLICE – 1 YEAR TERM
- \* LAWRENCE STORY – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER – 4 YEAR TERM

D. CABLE T.V. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- \* THOMAS L. COOK – REAPPOINTMENT – TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE LIAISON – 1 YEAR TERM
- \* NATHAN ROSEN – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER – 3 YEAR TERM
- \* MICHAEL SCHIFF – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER – 3 YEAR TERM

E. STREET NAME REVIEW COMMITTEE

- \* THOMAS L. COOK – REAPPOINTMENT – TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER – 1 YEAR TERM
- \* PATRICIA KONDRUP – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER – 3 YEAR TERM
- \* JASON LEVY – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER/PLANNING BOARD – 3 YEAR TERM
- \* THOMAS MCGOWAN – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER/POLICE – 1 YEAR TERM
- \* LESTER A. PRESTON, JR. – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER/PLANNING BOARD – 1 YEAR TERM
- \* STEPHEN SOLOWEY – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER/CHAIRMAN/EAST FREEHOLD FIRE COMPANY – 1 YEAR TERM

F. SHADE TREE COMMISSION

- \* WILLIAM BRASH – REAPPOINTMENT – COMMISSIONER – 5 YEAR TERM
- \* LESTER A. PRESTON, JR. – REAPPOINTMENT - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER - 1 YEAR TERM
- \* THOMAS RITCHIE – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER/CHAIRMAN – 5 YEAR TERM

**MR. AMMIANO SECONDED THE MOTION**

**VOTE:**    **AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mr. Preston, and Mayor McMorro  
                  **NAYS:** None  
                  **ABSENT:** Mr. Salkin  
                  **ABSTAIN:** None

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR**

**MAYOR MCMORROW ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS/ REAPPOINTMENTS:**

A. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

- \* ANTHONY J. AMMIANO – REAPPOINTMENT – TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER/PLANNING BOARD – 1 YEAR TERM
- \* BRIAN DOUGHERTY - REAPPOINTMENT – COMMISSIONER – 3 YEAR TERM

B. MONMOUTH COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COORDINATORS COUNCIL

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

C. GYPSEY MOTH COORDINATOR

- \* THOMAS RITCHIE DESIGNATED FOR 2019

D. HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

- \* STEVEN BOYCE – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER/BUSINESS – 3 YEAR TERM
- \* DON CRUZ – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER/MINORITIES – 3 YEAR TERM
- \* BARBARA J. MCMORROW – REAPPOINTMENT – TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE – 1 YEAR TERM

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

- \* JOHN MCGEEHAN – REAPPOINTMENT. – 1 YEAR TERM

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**MR. PRESTON MOVED THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS/ REAPPOINTMENTS:**

A. BOARD OF HEALTH

- \* EILEEN ALLEN – REAPPOINTMENT – ALTERNATE 1 – 2 YEAR TERM
- \* ANTHONY J. AMMIANO – REAPPOINTMENT – TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER – 2 YEAR TERM
- \* DR. FABIO APOLITO - REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER - 3 YEAR TERM
- \* MICHAEL CHUDKOWSKI – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER – 3 YEAR TERM
- \* LISA PORTH – REAPPOINTMENT – ALTERNATE 2 – 2 YEAR TERM

B. CLEAN COMMUNITIES ADVISORY BOARD

- \* SCOTT HIGGINS – REAPPOINTMENT – COORDINATOR - 1 YEAR TERM
- \* FRANK LUCIA – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER/BUSINESS - 1 YEAR TERM
- \* ROBERT MCDAID - NEW APPOINTMENT – MEMBER/BUSINESS - 1 YEAR TERM
- \* PETER VALESİ – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER/GOVERNMENT - 1 YEAR TERM
- \* ROBERT ZUPA – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER/NON-PROFIT - 1 YEAR TERM

C. MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE TO PREVENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE

- \* KATHLEEN ANDREJCO - REAPPOINTMENT – CLASS V MEMBER/FTHS COUNSELLOR - 3 YEAR TERM
- \* MARY COZZOLINO - REAPPOINTMENT – CLASS III MEMBER/BOARD OF EDUCATION – 3 YEAR TERM
- \* MARGARET JAHN – REAPPOINTMENT – CLASS VI MEMBER/CITIZEN – 3 YEAR TERM
- \* JOHN MCGEEHAN – REAPPOINTMENT – CLASS VI MEMBER/CSMC – 3 YEAR TERM
- \* BARBARA J. MCMORROW – REAPPOINTMENT – CLASS I MEMBER TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE – 3 YEAR TERM

D. TRANSPORTATION BOARD

- \* JEFF KERNIS - REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER – 3 YEAR TERM
- \* MICHAEL TUCKER – REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER – 3 YEAR TERM

E. YOUTH GUIDANCE COUNCIL

- \* CATHERINE RUPNER - REAPPOINTMENT – MEMBER - 3 YEAR TERM

F. TOWNSHIP PHYSICIANS

- \* DR. LESLIE SOJKA, MEDICAL DOCTOR - REAPPOINTED FOR 2019
- \* DR. ROBERT PEDOWITZ, MEDICAL DOCTOR - REAPPOINTED FOR 2019
- \* DR. MARK WHITE, PSYCHOLOGIST - REAPPOINTED FOR 2019

G. OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

- \* ASBURY PARK PRESS - REDESIGNATED FOR 2019
- \* NEWS TRANSCRIPT - REDESIGNATED FOR 2019

**MR. AMMIANO SECONDED THE MOTION**

**VOTE:**   **AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mr. Preston, and Mayor McMorrow  
          **NAYS:** None  
          **ABSENT:** Mr. Salkin  
          **ABSTAIN:** None

CONSENT AGENDA - Note: Matters listed under the items of “Consent Agenda” are required to conduct the day to day operations of the Township, 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, that item will be considered separately.

**MR. PRESTON MOVED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS –**

- R-19-8     APPOINTING ANDREA DIGIOVANNI AS PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR 2019
- R-19-9     APPOINTING THERESA PATINO AS FUTURE ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER FOR 2019
- R-19-10    APPOINTING ANDREA DIGIOVANNI AS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVE AND PETER R. VALES I AS ALTERNATE FOR 2019
- R-19-11    APPOINTING FRANCIS BOUTOTE, CHRISTOPHER BRUNNER, LOREZO FELIX AND FRANK KRAUSE AS CLASS II SPECIAL OFFICERS FOR 2019
- R-19-12    APPOINTING ADRIENNE KARON AND KENNETH S. KLEINMAN AS CLASS III SPECIAL OFFCERS FOR 2019
- R-19-13    ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2019
- R-19-14    AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF FREEHOLD 2019 CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN
- R-19-15    SETTING SALARIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2019 SALARY ORDINANCE
- R-19-16    AUTHORIZING HEALTH CARE BENEFITS BUY OUTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 47, SUBSECTION 47-26 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FREEHOLD
- R-19-17    AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN TAX SALE CERTIFICATES DURING 2019
- R-19-18    AUTHORIZING VARIOUS ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN THROUGHOUT 2019 BY THE TAX ASSESSOR AND TAX COLLECTOR
- R-19-19    SETTING THE INTEREST RATE ON DELINQUENT TAXES
- R-19-20    AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH BROWN & BROWN METRO, INC. FOR RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT SERVICES



R-19-21 CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT WITH CERTAIN STATE CONTRACT VENDORS

R-19-22 ESTABLISHING TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR 2019

**MR. COOK** SECONDED THE MOTION

**VOTE:** **AYES:** Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Cook, Mr. Preston, and Mayor McMorrow  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** Mr. Salkin  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**MAYOR MCMORROW** READ THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

LEGAL & JUSTICE

CHAIRPERSONS: David Salkin & Barbara McMorrow

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

CHAIRPERSONS: Anthony Ammiano & David Salkin

SOCIAL SERVICES & PUBLIC WORKS

CHAIRPERSONS: Thomas Cook & Lester Preston

LAW ENFORCEMENT, SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

CHAIRPERSONS: Barbara McMorrow & Anthony Ammiano

PLANNING, ZONING & ENGINEERING

CHAIRPERSONS: Lester Preston & Thomas Cook

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

P. Valesi  
A. Ammiano  
B. McMorrow  
D. Salkin (Alternate)

Mayor McMorrow opened the meeting to the public and asked for any comments or questions. There being none,

The Committee decided to give their speeches to the Municipal Clerk to be recorded in the minutes.

Mayor McMorrow gave the following speech:

Good Evening, ladies and gentlemen and thank you for coming to our reorganization meeting.

Let me begin by thanking Judge Andrea Marshall for swearing me into office this evening. Two years ago, I promised Andrea that I would attend her swearing-in as Judge of the Superior Court. Sadly, I was too ill and could not attend. You can understand, then, why her being here tonight means so much to me.

I congratulate Anthony and Tom on their re-election to another 3-year term on the Committee. I congratulate Lester Preston on being elected Deputy Mayor this year. We all work and govern so well together that even when we disagree (and every occasionally, that does happen), we remain respectful of each other. I also thank (I think) my colleagues on the Township Committee for electing me to the position of Mayor. I will let you know how it goes in 362 days.

I always thank my husband at reorganization. This year, although my colleagues will thank their wives themselves, I also want to thank them. Maria Ammiano volunteers at both our camp and our Senior Center. When her picture came up on the screen at our annual camp counselors' dinner, she received a loud round of applause. Kim Cook comes home from work and bakes for us before every meeting. Believe me when I tell you that everyone looks forward to her culinary treats. Debbi Preston hit the ground running when she joined our Alliance to Prevent Substance Abuse by taking on our biggest fundraiser and succeeding beyond our wildest dreams. When David Salkin could not attend a special event due to an out-of-state commitment, his wife, Patti, stepped up to the plate and worked at Freehold Township Day.

Back to the First Gentleman of Freehold Township, Patrick McMorrow, who always understands when our personal lives revolve around my public schedule. He attends most of the events and activities throughout the year, and he never complains. That's because I have a "honey do" list ready for him if he decides to stay home. My love and thanks to my running mate of over 40 years.

Many of my friends are here this evening, and I thank them for their understanding when I cannot go with them to events or meet them for dinner or share a special occasion because of my schedule. I am blessed by so many dear friends.

Why do we take this opportunity to thank everyone? Because it really needs to be done in public to acknowledge their hard work and to remember who makes us a family town.

On our dais:

Susan Mladinov, our administrative assistant, is the glue that holds us together as a Committee taking our calls, creating our proclamations, keeping our schedules, putting together our agendas and so many other duties. She handles it all with her usual style and grace.

Terri Patino, our Township Clerk, making sure that minutes are taken, working to ensure that all I's are dotted and t's are crossed with the agenda, having notices published, issuing licenses and permits and so much more while always looking cheerful.

Sanabel Abouzeina, our deputy clerk, working with Terri to ensure the smooth flow of our meetings and handling so much of the paperwork (in print as well as on the computer) generated as well as received by the office. She always has a smile.

Bob Munoz, our attorney, consistently offering sound legal counsel and providing good advice when we need it and even when think that we don't. His sage wisdom is always welcome. He is always the consummate gentleman.

Peter Valesi, our administrator, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Township, following up with our residents' concerns, working with outside contractors, answering the never-ending questions of the five members of the governing body. As a bonus, he gets to work with me as Mayor again this year.

Samantha Widmer, our photographer, whose life revolves around our schedules, takes pictures that always make us look good. (How she can take ten pounds and ten years off me in the photos is pure magic!) She is such a delight.

We are thankful for the members of our police department, our firefighters and our first aid members for their dedication to protecting, serving and saving the lives of our residents. They are not usually in public view, but they are where we need them when we need them in times of emergencies or tragedies. At a recent meeting, we recognized our police who ran into a burning building to save a resident.

To all our employees in each of our departments from supervisors to part-time employees, thank you for your dedication to serving our residents. You keep us running on a daily basis in your areas of specialty, and we appreciate you.

To our volunteers who serve on our boards, commissions and committees, thank you for your tireless service to our residents. Each of you brings your expertise and your energy to serving our residents. There is always a wonderful event or activity going on in the Township. I could be out every night trying to attend them all. Wait, I am.

I would be remiss if I did not comment on how proud I am of the close relationship that we have with our schools...both the elementary and high school districts. In fact, Superintendent Neil Dickstein was one of my students. (No one on this dais is surprised.)

Each member of the Committee is liaison to one of the boards, committees or commissions. We each could go on about the achievements and accomplishments, but I promised to be brief. However, I will mention that the Mayor's Wellness Committee had its inaugural Organic Shared Box program that was a resounding success, that our Health Officer received State recognition and that Recreation won a state award.

The words in the oath of office that is said at each swearing-in ceremony, are a promise that we make to our residents. So, I conclude by reiterating my promise to faithfully, impartially and justly perform the duties of Mayor according to the best of my ability so help me G-d.

There is so much more that I could say, but I won't as the hour grows late and dinner awaits. Please join us for dinner at the Southgate Manor.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

### **Mr. Cook's Speech:**

Good evening everyone and thank you all for coming to tonight's re-organization.

This is my seventh re-org and I remain truly honored to be a member of this group of dedicated public servants I have said this in prior years and it remains true today - our number one priority continues to be to serve our community and work diligently and tirelessly, for the people of Freehold Township. I would like to congratulate last year's Mayor and my running mate, Anthony, on our re-election. I am honored to continue to serve with you. It is said each year, but it cannot be said enough - I would like to acknowledge my appreciation for the dedication and service of all the Township employees to the residents; they do a wonderful job. As always, a thank you to our police department, first aid and fire companies who have a very difficult job in a challenging environment, and they all do it well.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank, Pete Valesi, who continues to do an excellent job for the residents of Freehold Township; Susan Mladinov who keeps the wheels moving in town, and Terry Patino and the Clerk's office who continue to provide exceptional support to the governing body and the residents. Finally, I would like to acknowledge our professionals who continue to do an outstanding job providing support and assistance to Freehold Township, especially Bob Munoz who continues to provide excellent guidance and advice.

Congratulations to Barbara on being Mayor this year and Lester on being Deputy Mayor----Freehold Township, once again we will be in good hands.

Lastly, but most importantly, I would like to thank my wife Kim. I sincerely appreciate all that you do for me and our family and I appreciate your patience which affords me the time needed for the township committee.

On behalf of my wife and I, we feel truly blessed, most importantly to be starting our New Year off with our first grandchild's arrival in a few weeks and another son getting married, but we would especially like to extend our best wishes for a happy new year filled with peace, joy, success and good health to you and your families

### **Mr. Preston's Speech:**

I would like to start by offering my congratulations to Mr. Ammiano and Mr. Cook, on their reelection and to Mrs. McMorrow on her appointment as Mayor for 2019. Personally, I look forward to serving once again as deputy mayor and I want the mayor to know how much I appreciate her personal commitment to me that we will have a happy and healthy 2019! I had some kind words for Mr. Salkin but since he's not here, I'll save them for next time.

As we transition from the old year into the new, it's only natural to pause to "look back" as we furiously move full steam ahead. In looking back, freehold had more than our share of successes. There were notable achievements in athletics, academics, civics and in the professional arena. When you look at

how diverse and talented our residents are, it's not surprising to see how often our citizens are recognized for their achievements.

We are also fortunate to have a dedicated team of professionals working for our town. Starting with Peter Valesi all the way down to whoever is selected mayor for the year, the commitment of each of those individuals is incredible. It would be impossible to recognize everyone individually but they are a few I'd like to recognize.

In March, Sue McGough and the Recreation Commission received the NJRPA (New Jersey Recreation and Parks Association) Excellence in Design Award for "My Playground" at Michael J. Tighe Park. "My Playground" is a universally integrated playground for all ages and abilities. Congratulations to Sue and her team and to the Recreation Commission members (Alan Walker, Chris Novella, Chad Cagen, John Cerrato, Maureen Fasano, Alissa Keegan, Linda Molee O'Brien, Jennifer Patten and Ray Santiago) for your commitment to our community.

In September, Debra Preston was recognized by the State of New Jersey and the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse as the 2018 Monmouth County Municipal Alliance Volunteer of the Year for her work on the Ray Kershaw Memorial Golf Tournament. The tournament raised over \$30,000 that will be used to provide educational programs to the parents and school children of Freehold Borough and Freehold Township.

I'd like to recognize our emergency service personnel, our police, fire fighters and first aid responders. You are the forgotten heroes who selflessly respond in our time of need.

Finally, when I joined the Township Committee the first thing everyone told me was to never forget to recognize your wife! Deb, Thank you for your never-ending love and support. On behalf of my entire family, I would like to extend my very best to each of you and yours for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year and may God bless all of us. Thank you.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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Theresa Patino, Township Clerk