

**MINUTES OF THE WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
JANUARY 7, 2015**

REORGANIZATION MEETING

The Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in the Reorganization Meeting on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 6:11p.m. in the Municipal Complex, Susie B. Boyce Meeting Room, 44 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey.

Township Clerk Patricia DiRocco read the following notices:

“In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was provided on December 10, 2014 by sending written notices to the Echoes Sentinel and Courier News, posting on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building and filing with the Township Clerk”.

“This meeting is to be taped for broadcast on the Access Channel and everyone is required to comply with the policies and procedures governing access programming for the Access Channel. No mention of political affiliation or political advertising shall take place at this meeting or it will be deleted from nay rebroadcast of the meeting”.

Pastor Kenney, Our Lady of the Mount Church delivered the Invocation.

Boy Scout Troop #228 led all in the pledge of allegiance.

Ms. DiRocco administered the Oath of Office to Township Committeemen Michael Marion and George Lazo.

On call of the roll, the following Committee members were present:

Mr. DiNardo
Mrs. Garafola
Mr. Lazo
Mr. Marion

Absent: Mr. Sordillo

Also Present: Mark M. Krane, Township Administrator
Patricia A. DiRocco, Township Clerk
Donald DiFrancesco, Acting Township Attorney

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Ms. DiRocco asked for a nomination for Mayor of the Township of Warren and Chairperson of the Township Committee. Mr. DiNardo nominated Mr. Marion. Mrs. Garafola seconded the nomination. The voice vote was unanimous.

Ms. DiRocco asked for a nomination for Deputy Mayor of the Township of Warren and Vice Chairperson of the Township Committee. Mrs. Garafola nominated Mr. Lazo. Mr. DiNardo seconded the nomination. The voice vote was unanimous.

Ms. DiRocco relinquished the Chair to Mayor Marion.

Mayor Marion recognized visiting dignitaries who briefly spoke and commended the governing body. All spoke highly of Warren Township commenting that the Township is a top notch community.

Mayor Marion stated that he feels a great sense of pride to be selected to represent the Township as Mayor. He noted that there has not been a new Mayor in ten years and today represents a new growth in leadership. Mayor Marion said that he looks forward to working well with his colleagues and will bring new ideas for continued growth in the Township.

Mrs. Garafola commended and highlighted legislative accomplishments of Congressman Lance, Senator Kean, Assemblyman Bramnick and Assemblywoman Munoz. She stated that these Legislators really care about Warren and quality of life. The Township is very fortunate.

Mr. DiNardo thanked all for attending. He commented that the governing body is a wonderful team. He expressed appreciation to the State Legislators and Freeholders for their support.

Mr. Lazo stated that a team environment is significant. He recognized members from the Green Team and Utility Advisory Committee, Township Departments, Mr. Krane and the Police Department.

Mayor Marion read the Planning Board, Board of Health, Office of Emergency Management, Designee to the Library Board and Somerset County Development Committee appointments. A list of these appointments is appended to the official minutes.

The Township Committee Liaison list was approved by the governing body.

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Mr. Lazo introduced and read Resolution No. 2015-01 entitled "MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE", seconded by Mr. DiNardo and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Resolution No. 2015-01 is appended to the official minutes.

Mr. Lazo introduced and read Resolution No. 2015-02 entitled "APPOINTMENTS TO MUNICIPAL OFFICES, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES", seconded by Mrs. Garafola and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Resolution No. 2015-02 is appended to the official minutes.

Mr. DiNardo introduced and read Resolution No. 2015-03 entitled "CONFIRMING ELECTION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS", seconded by Mrs. Garafola and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Resolution No. 2015-03 is appended to the official minutes.

Mr. DiNardo introduced and read Resolution No. 2015-04 entitled "AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS TO FIRE INVESTIGATION UNIT AND FIRE EDUCATION PROGRAM", seconded by Mrs. Garafola and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Resolution No. 2015-04 is appended to the official minutes.

Mrs. Garafola introduced and read Resolution No. 2015-05 entitled "APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONALS FOR THE TOWNSHIP", seconded by Mr. DiNardo and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Resolution No. 2015-05 is appended to the official minutes.

Mr. Marion introduced Resolution No. 2015-06 entitled "AUTHORIZING USE OF CONSENT AGENDA AT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS", seconded by Mr. DiNardo and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Resolution No. 2015-06 is appended to the official minutes.

Mr. Lazo introduced Resolution No. 2015-07 entitled "TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING RULES OF ORDER", seconded by Mrs. Garafola and carried unanimously by voice vote.

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Resolution No. 2015-07 is appended to the official minutes.

Mr. Lazo introduced Resolution No. 2015-08 entitled "SCHEDULE OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS", seconded by Mrs. Garafola and carried unanimously by voice vote.

Resolution No. 2015-08 is appended to the official minutes.

At this time Ms. DiRocco administered a general oath of office to all appointees.

On motion of Mr. DiNardo, second of Mrs. Garafola, Consent Agenda Resolutions No. 2015-09 through No. 2015-30 were adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolutions No. 2015-09 through No. 2015-30 are appended to the official minutes.

On motion of Mrs. Garafola, second of Mr. Marion, the Regular and Executive session minutes of December 11, 2014 were approved. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Garafola introduced and read Resolution No. 2015-31 for the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. Lazo. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2015-31 is appended to the official minutes.

Mayor DiNardo opened the Privilege of the Floor portion of the meeting. No one wished to speak and this portion was closed.

On motion of Mr. Lazo, second of Mr. DiNardo, and unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. DiRocco, RMC
Township Clerk