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# **BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO**

## **COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER**

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Mayor Thomas Fromm called the swearing in and appointment of professionals meeting of January 1, 2019 to order at 11:00 a.m. stating that this meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notices were placed in the official publications for the Borough of Swedesboro. Notice was also placed on the Borough Website (historicswedesboro.com). A copy of the notice was posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall.

Mayor Fromm ask for a roll call Mrs. Hale was absent, Mrs. Gahrs, Mr. Weeks, Mr. Flaherty and Mayor Fromm were all present.

### MAYOR OPENING COMMENTS

Mayor Fromm stated that as we all know, 2018 was not a good year for the Borough of Swedesboro, due to the passing of long time clerk Tanya Goodwin, and ask if everyone would keep Tanya and her family in their thoughts and prayers. Mayor wished good luck to Clerk, Lois Elder and Deputy Clerk Lois Yarrington, with carrying on in the New Year. Mayor Fromm asked for a moment of silence, followed by saluting of the flag.

Mayor Fromm called for the Swearing in of Alice O'Blennis and Sam Casella.

Swearing in Alice O'Blennis was Assembly Deputy Speaker, Mr. John Burzichelli.

Mr. Burzichelli wished everyone a Happy New Year from himself, Senator Sweeney, and Adam Taliaferro, and wished that 2019 will be a wonderful, peaceful, and prosperous year for everyone. There should be a lot of optimism, Mayor, because of how wonderful your town is and how nice the town looks.

Mr. Burzichelli read the Oath of Office to Alice O'Blennis.

Swearing in of Salvatore "Sam" Casella was Mayor Thomas Fromm.

Mayor Fromm stated that just the fact that himself and Sam are standing up here together is a testament of people realizing that they can do better things together, than they can do fighting all the time, and it is an honor to swear Sam into office. Mayor Thomas Fromm read the Oath of Office to Salvatore "Sam Casella.

Mayor Fromm asked for a Roll Call; Mr. Casella, Mr. Flaherty, Mrs. Gahrs, Ms. O'Blennis, Mr. Weeks, and Mayor Fromm were all present. Mrs. Hale was absent.

### NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Weeks motioned to open nominations for council president, seconded by Mrs. Gahrs, vote all present Yes. Mr. Weeks moved to nominate Salvatore "Sam" Casella as Council President, seconded by Mrs. Gahrs, all members present voted yes. Mayor Fromm asked if there were any other nominations, and there was none. Mayor Fromm ask for a roll call vote, all present voted yes.

Mr. Casella thanked his colleagues to allow him to serve as council president for 2019 and noted again this is a" We council, not an I council", and looks forward to serving with them all and thanked them all for their support.

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

Clerk did a consent agenda for all resolutions and Mr. Weeks moved to adopt the consent agenda resolutions and read off the titles of the resolutions, seconded by Mr. Casella, Roll Call Vote all members present voted yes.

R-1-2019 (DESIGNATE BOROUGH SOLICITOR, LAW OFFICE OF TRIMBLE AND ARMANO)

R-2-2019 (DESIGNATE BOROUGH ENGINEER, FEDERICI AND AKIN)

R-3-2019 (DESIGNATE BOROUGH AUDITOR, BOWMAN & COMPANY)

R-4-2019 (DESIGNATE BOND COUNSEL, PARKER MCCAY)

R-5-2019 (HEYER, GRUEL & ASSOCIATES)

R-6-2019 (DESIGNATE SPECIAL COAH COUNSEL, JEFFREY R. SURENIAN AND ASSOCIATES)

R-7-2019(DESIGNATE LABOR COUNSEL-BROWN AND CONNERY)

R-9-2019 (RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT-HARDENBERGH)

Mr. Weeks moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Casella, all members present voted yes. Meeting adjourned at 11:40am.

Lois M. Elder, RMC