

REORGANIZATION MEETING

January 2nd, 2012

The 2012 Reorganization Meeting was called to Order by Ewing Township Clerk, Kim Macellaro.

Ms. Macellaro then led the Invocation followed by the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk read Open Public Meetings Statement.

The notice requirements provided for in the "Open Public Meetings Act" have been satisfied. Notice of this Reorganization meeting was properly transmitted to the Times of Trenton and the Trentonian, filed with the Clerk of the Township of Ewing and posted in the Ewing Township Municipal Complex, all on the 15th day of December, 2011.

The Clerk then formally presented the Ewing Township Council for 2012.

ROLL CALL

- Councilman Kevin Baxter
- Councilwoman Hilary Hyser
- Councilman Joe Murphy
- Councilman Les Summiel
- Councilwoman Kathy Wollert

The Clerk announced that nominations were open for Council President for 2012; Ms. Hyser nominated Ms. Wollert, seconded by Mr. Summiel.

ROLL CALL	Mr. Baxter	YES
	Ms. Hyser	YES
	Mr. Murphy	YES
	Mr. Summiel	YES
	Ms. Wollert	YES

The Clerk swore in Ms. Wollert. Ms. Wollert then recognized and thanked the many dignitaries in the audience; *Congressman* Rush Holt, *Freeholders* Lucy Walter, Andrew Koontz, John Cimino, Pat Colavita and Anthony Carabelli, *County Clerk* Paula Sollami-Covello and *Democratic Municipal Chair* Bob Dorio. She thanked Mr. Summiel for a job well done and commented that she looked forward to working with Administration and accomplishing what we need to as a governing body.

The Council President announced that nominations were open for Council Vice President. Ms. Wollert nominated Ms. Hyser, seconded by Mr. Baxter.

ROLL CALL	Mr. Baxter	YES
	Ms. Hyser	YES
	Mr. Murphy	YES
	Mr. Summiel	YES
	President Wollert	YES

The Clerk swore in Ms. Hyser as Vice President who offered everyone best wishes for 2012. She thanked the residents for their support and said she has heard very good ideas from them. She commented that she believes Ewing's best days are ahead of us.

President Wollert then relinquished the floor to Ewing Township Mayor, Bert Steinmann.

Mayor Steinmann started by saying that he looks forward to working with Council President Wollert and Council Vice President Hyser as we move forward in the upcoming year. He commented that about a year ago the township inherited a 6 million dollar deficit and today he is proud to say that that hole is now closed. He thanked the State of New Jersey for their help in closing the gap. He thanked the people of Ewing for embracing the changes that have been made. He looks forward to moving in a positive direction with new technology and better communication for our residents. Communication is the key to all prosperity. He expressed his excitement about the new building being erected on Route 31, the new home of Church and Dwight (a/k/a Arm & Hammer). They will employ between 750 to 1000 people and collect rateables of approximately \$425,000. He commented that the GM site is now in full swing of being remediated. He was very proud to say that Ewing is on the uphill slope and hand in hand we can get Ewing Township where it needs to be – one of the premier towns in New Jersey.

President Wollert thanked Mayor Steinmann for his comments. She commented that in listening to the Mayor's speech a few things came to mind. The Township of Ewing 50-60 years ago was primarily an agricultural small town that has significantly changed over the years. The change has provided jobs, cultural activity and diversity. She wants to hear from the residents of the town as what their vision is and commented that the governing body and the Mayor and his Administration need to have residents' input. She believes that the best type of communication is personal. It's the voice to the neighbor, to the friend, to the business owner and the response you get back from that, is going to make the most difference. She commented that she will be instituting a new procedure for public comment portion of the meeting. She ended by saying that Council will be doing their best to do what this town needs, to work with the Mayor and Administration and all departments in town hall and she hoped that the residents will let Council know of any concerns or changes they think need to happen.

Vice President Hyser wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year for 2012. She thanked the residents of Ewing for their support during her first year on Council. She had a chance to meet with many residents and heard a lot of good ideas. She expressed to the Mayor that she was happy to hear that he planned to make technology improvements a part of his agenda. Improved communication is certainly on the wish list of many of our residents. She continues to be hopeful that we can have a more synergistic relationship with the College of New Jersey because she feels that it is a very important, yet underutilized asset for the members of the community. She looks forward to working with Mayor Steinmann and his Administration, President Wollert and all the other members of Council and she thanked all the very talented, hard working individuals who donate their energy and time to serve on our Boards and Commissions.

Councilman Murphy started by saying that this is his 9th year on Council. He has loved doing things for the town and for the people. He wants to make sanitation more accessible, more convenient and cheaper. He wants to improve the relationship between the residents, town government and the College of New Jersey. He thanked everyone for coming and wished them the best in the New Year.

Councilman Baxter wished everyone well in 2012 and stated that he cannot believe that a whole year has passed since he has been on Council. He encouraged the residents to continue to comment and make suggestions for our town. He would love to find a place for the younger generation to go. He commented that he is available and willing to listen. He thanked everyone for coming and believes that he has earned the public's trust and that he has done the right thing with it.

Councilman Summiel started by congratulating Ms. Wollert and Ms. Hyser on their newly elected positions. He commented that the New Year always gives opportunity to forecast some new challenges and he looks forward to the challenges and having a very productive and progressive 2012.

AGENDA

1. The Clerk read (**Resolution #12R-01**) A Resolution setting observance of holidays in 2012. Mr. Murphy moved the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Summiel.

ROLL CALL	Ms. Hyser	YES
	Mr. Baxter	YES
	Mr. Murphy	YES
	Mr. Summiel	YES
	President Wollert	YES

2. The Clerk read (**Resolution #12R-02**) A Resolution of meeting dates for Township Council and various Township boards and commissions for 2012. Mr. Baxter moved the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Hyser.

ROLL CALL	Ms. Hyser	YES
	Mr. Baxter	YES
	Mr. Murphy	YES
	Mr. Summiel	YES
	President Wollert	YES

3. The Clerk read (**Resolution #12R-03**) A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Ewing Township Cash Management Plan for 2012. Mr. Summiel moved the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Baxter.

ROLL CALL	Ms. Hyser	YES
	Mr. Baxter	YES
	Mr. Murphy	YES
	Mr. Summiel	YES
	President Wollert	YES

4. The Clerk read (**Resolution #12R-04**) A Resolution adopting procedures for the conduct of Council, 2012. Ms. Hyser moved the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

ROLL CALL	Ms. Hyser	YES
	Mr. Baxter	YES
	Mr. Murphy	YES
	Mr. Summiel	YES
	President Wollert	YES

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

1. The clerk read (**Resolution #12R-05**) A Resolution authorizing the appointment of Kathy Wollert to the Planning Board as a Class III member, term expiring December 31, 2012.

Ms. Hyser moved the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Baxter.

ROLL CALL	Ms. Hyser	YES
	Mr. Baxter	YES
	Mr. Murphy	YES
	Mr. Summiel	YES
	President Wollert	YES

2. The Clerk read (Resolution #12R-06) A Resolution consenting to the reappointment of members to the Redevelopment Agency. They are as follows:

David P. Schroth for a term expiring December 31, 2016

Mr. Murphy moved the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Summiel.

ROLL CALL	Ms. Hyser	YES
	Mr. Baxter	YES
	Mr. Murphy	YES
	Mr. Summiel	YES
	President Wollert	YES

3. The Clerk read (Resolution #12R-07) A Resolution consenting to the reappointment of members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. They are as follows:

Mary Corrigan for a term expiring December 31, 2015

Mr. Baxter moved the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Murphy

ROLL CALL	Ms. Hyser	YES
	Mr. Baxter	YES
	Mr. Murphy	YES
	Mr. Summiel	YES
	President Wollert	YES

4. The Clerk read (Resolution #12R-08) A Resolution consenting to the reappointment/appointment of members to the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission: They are as follows:

Appointing Don Cox, to fill an unexpired term of John Welling, expiring December 31, 2013

Reappointing Delores Sebasto for a term expiring December 31, 2014

Reappointing Don Apai for a term expiring December 31, 2014

Reappointing June Bailey for a term expiring December 31, 2014

Reappointing Linda Solinski for a term expiring December 31, 2014

Appointing Mildred Russell for a term expiring December 31, 2014

Mr. Murphy moved the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Hyser

ROLL CALL	Ms. Hyser	YES
	Mr. Baxter	YES
	Mr. Murphy	YES
	Mr. Summiel	YES
	President Wollert	YES

5. The Clerk read (Resolution #12R-09) A Resolution consenting to the reappointment of members to the Recreation Advisory Board. They are as follows:

Reappointing Bruce Angebranntdt for a term expiring December 31, 2014

Reappointing Mark Hazzard for a term expiring December 31, 2014

Mr. Summiel moved the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Murphy

ROLL CALL	Ms. Hyser	YES
	Mr. Baxter	YES
	Mr. Murphy	YES
	Mr. Summiel	YES
	President Wollert	YES

6. The Clerk read (Resolution #12R-10) A Resolution consenting to the reappointment/appointment of members to the Board of Condemnation. They are as follows:

Reappointing Joe Bedford for a term expiring December 31, 2016

Ms. Hyser moved the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Summiel

ROLL CALL	Ms. Hyser	YES
	Mr. Baxter	YES
	Mr. Murphy	YES
	Mr. Summiel	YES
	President Wollert	YES

7. The Clerk read (Resolution #12R-11) A Resolution consenting to the reappointment/appointment of members to the Cable Television Advisory Committee. They are as follows:

Reappointing Chris Miller for a term expiring December 31, 2013
Appointing John Maloney for a term expiring December 31, 2013

Mr. Summiel moved the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Baxter

ROLL CALL	Ms. Hyser	YES
	Mr. Baxter	YES
	Mr. Murphy	YES
	Mr. Summiel	YES
	President Wollert	YES

8. The Clerk read (Resolution #12R-12) A Resolution consenting to the reappointment of members to the Arts Commission. They are as follows:

Cynthia H. Michalak for a term expiring December 31, 2014
Bill Ullrich for a term expiring December 31, 2014

Mr. Baxter moved the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Hyser

ROLL CALL	Ms. Hyser	YES
	Mr. Baxter	YES
	Mr. Murphy	YES
	Mr. Summiel	YES
	President Wollert	YES

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS NOT REQUIRING ADVICE AND CONSENT OF COUNCIL (NO COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED)

PLANNING BOARD

1. Bert H. Steinmann, Mayor, Class I with a term to expire December 31, 2012
2. William Erney, Class II, with a term to expire December 31, 2012
3. William P. Hill, Sr., Alt No. 2, with a term to expire on December 31, 2013

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

1. Dr. James Kostinas for a term expiring December 31, 2014
2. Raul Calle for a term expiring December 31, 2014
3. Gilda Picerno for a term expiring December 31, 2014

FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

1. Chief Ralph Brandmaier for a term expiring December 31, 2012
2. Chief John Conti for a term expiring December 31, 2012
3. Chief Jeffrey Lenarski for a term expiring December 31, 2012
4. Douglas Brower for a term expiring December 31, 2012
5. Brian Fischberg for a term expiring December 31, 2012
6. Mike Anderson for a term expiring December 31, 2012
7. Todd Roundtree for a term expiring December 31, 2012
8. Paul Rulkiewicz with a term expiring December 31, 2012
9. Sam Gaylord with a term expiring December 31, 2012
10. James P. McManimon with a term expiring December 31, 2012
11. Mayor Bert Steinmann with a term expiring December 31, 2012

ANIMAL ADVOCATE COMMITTEE

1. Dr. Georgia Arvanitis for a term expiring December 31, 2012
2. Annemarie DeAngelo for a term expiring December 31, 2012
3. Ted Forst for a term expiring December 31, 2012
4. Mark Phillips for a term expiring December 31, 2012
5. George Steward for a term expiring December 31, 2012
6. Mayor Bert Steinmann

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

1. Joe Schmeltz (Alt No. 1), filling the unexpired term of Van Cotter, term expiring December 31, 2012.
2. Mark Wetherbee (Alt No. 2), filling the unexpired term of Joseph-Mark Mirabella, term expiring December 31, 2012
3. Barbara C. Treacy, filling the unexpired term of Ann Farnham, term expiring December 31, 2013
4. Reappointing Lee Farnham for a term expiring December 31, 2014
5. Reappointing Peter J. Boughton for a term expiring December 31, 2014
6. Reappointing John Hoegl for a term expiring December 31, 2014

SUSTAINABLE EWING GREEN TEAM

1. John Hoegl for a term expiring December 31, 2012
2. Peter Boughton for a term expiring December 31, 2012
3. Elizabeth McManus for a term expiring December 31, 2012
4. Tom Elder for a term expiring December 31, 2012
5. Victoria Schewmelia for a term expiring December 31, 2012
6. Lisa Grega for a term expiring December 31, 2012
7. Annette DiDonato for a term expiring December 31, 2012
8. Anthony Mack for a term expiring December 31, 2012

STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Bob Dorio commented that in observing the dais, he is very proud of the diversity in our township and is proud to be a resident of Ewing. In the 17 years, he does not believe there have been 2 women leading Council as President and Vice President and he congratulated both of them for being “trailblazers” for our community and he also thanked Mr. Summiel for a great job as Council President last year. Freeholder Pat Colavita applauded the Mayor on his energy, the passion and the vision and to the commitment to his community.

There being no further business, President Wollert called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Murphy so moved seconded by Ms. Hyser.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Kathleen Wollert, Council President

Kim Macellaro, Municipal Clerk