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Ferrera, Former Mayor, Tapped to Fill Administrator Vacancy *Borek to Become Acting Municipal Clerk*

The Hillsborough Township Committee has opted for the unique combination of significant private sector and local government experience in naming former two term Mayor Anthony Ferrera as Township Administrator, replacing Michael Merdinger who announced in June that he would be stepping down at the end of August.

Mayor Carl Suraci stated in selecting Ferrera, "Hillsborough gains the best of both worlds. Anthony knows our local government and issues intimately, having served seven years on the Township Committee, while he also brings high level management experience and skills developed in the private sector and from his recent assignment with the State Labor Department.

The Mayor added, "This choice makes great sense for both the Township Government and our residents. There will be an easy transition and he can hit the ground running for our residents and taxpayers. And, by the way, Anthony is also a Hillsborough resident and taxpayer."

Ferrera holds a Masters in Business Administration from Stevens Institute of Technology, currently serves as the Director of the Division of Workforce Portfolio and Contract Management, in the New Jersey Department of Labor, which followed a 20-year professional career at AT&T.

Deputy Mayor Gloria McCauley said, "Anthony's experience in Hillsborough puts him ahead of the curve. He comes to the position already knowing the importance of open space and farmland preservation to our community, he knows the Township's goals in regard to economic development, and he knows that our primary mission is to keep spending down while delivering necessary services."

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Ferrera served on the Township Committee from 2004 to 2011, serving as Mayor in 2007 and 2008. He has served on the Planning Board, the Business and Economic Development Commission, the Recreation Commission, the Cultural Arts Commission, as Police Committee Chairman, Finance Committee Chairman, and as Deputy Mayor.

Long an advocate and volunteer for special needs adults and children, Ferrera is on the Board of Directors of the Organization of Autism Research, has volunteered with special needs programs for over thirty years, and was instrumental in the development of Hillsborough's Inclusive Recreation Program.

Ferrera stated, "The Administrator's position is all about ensuring that the municipal operations run efficiently and effectively, like a business, for the people of Hillsborough. My time in the private sector has prepared me for that kind of responsibility and my past community service as Mayor, on the Township Committee, and on our other Boards and Commissions gives me the insight to know that Hillsborough is a special place. It is an honor to have this opportunity in my hometown."

Additionally, Pamela Borek, current Deputy Clerk was appointed Acting Municipal Clerk and Mr. Ferrera was appointed Acting Deputy Clerk both effective September 1st.

Committeeman DelCore said, "Pam has been serving as the Deputy Clerk and back up to the Acting Clerk for some time now; it is appropriate to appoint her as Acting Clerk, upon Mr. Merdinger's departure."

"Given the complexities of the role and the attention required, it is suitable at this time to appoint a full-time person to the position of Acting Municipal Clerk," added Mayor Suraci.
