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**12:00 P.M.**

Kimberly Johnson, Municipal Clerk called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM in the Mullica Township Municipal Building, read the following statement and led the flag salute.

**IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 231 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1975, NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN BY NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE ATLANTIC CITY PRESS AND EGG HARBOR & HAMMONTON NEWS ON DECEMBER 9, 2010 AND POSTED AT TOWNHALL.**

**INVOCATION:** Reverend Robert W. Hagaman and Reverend Robert Surace gave the invocation.

**OATH OF OFFICE TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS ELECT JIM BROWN AND LARRY RIFFLE:** The Honorable Assemblyman John Amodeo administered the Oaths of Offices and stated it was an honor to administer to Mr. Brown and Mr. Riffle and wished them the best of luck.

**ROLL CALL: Present:** Jim Brown, Anthony Gabris, William Kennedy, Susan Polk, Larry Riffle.

**NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR/Resolution 1-2011:** Ms. Johnson called for nominations for Mayor. Mr. Kennedy nominated Jim Brown seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mr. Brown.

**OATH OF OFFICE TO MAYOR:** The Honorable Assemblyman John Amodeo administered the Oath of Office to Jim Brown.

**NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTY MAYOR/Resolution 2-2011:** Mr. Kennedy nominated Larry Riffle seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION RELATING TO AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR/Resolution 3-2011:** Mr. Riffle nominated Keith Davis, Esquire of Nehmad, Perillo & Davis, seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution 4-2011 establishing Township Committee members as Municipal Department Heads:** Mr. Kennedy so moved to the following: Administration Susan Polk; Revenue & Finance, Jim Brown; Public Safety, William Kennedy; Public Works, Larry Riffle; Development & Housing, Anthony Gabris seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR/Resolution 5-2011:** Mr. Kennedy moved to appoint Elaine Frick, Esquire seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL ENGINEER/ Resolution 6-2011:** Mr. Kennedy moved to appoint Dave Wood, Marathon Engineering, seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

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**APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL SURVEYOR/Resolution 7-2011:** Mr. Kennedy moved to appoint Mr. Ed Clay, seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AUDITOR/Resolution 8-2011:** Mr. Kennedy moved to appoint Kenneth Moore of Schwartz & Company, LLC, seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER/Resolution 9-2011:** Mr. Graebener moved to appoint Jim Swift, Esquire, seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**APPOINTMENT OF BOND COUNSEL/Resolution 10-2011:** Mr. Kennedy moved to appoint Joel Fleishman, Fleishman & Daniels, seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**APPOINTMENT OF RENT CONTROL HEARING OFFICER/Resolution 11-2011:** Mr. Kennedy moved to appoint John Murray seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution 12-2011/Interest on Taxes:** Mr. Kennedy so moved to adopt seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution 13-2011/Mailed notices of meetings & cost for copies:** Mr. Kennedy moved to adopt seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution 14-2011/Mileage reimbursement:** Mayor entertained motion to approve mileage reimbursement of 51 cents; so moved by Mr. Kennedy seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution 15-2011/Official depositories & signatures:** Mr. Kennedy moved to adopt seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution 16-2011/Official newspapers:** Designates the Egg Harbor and Hammonton News and the Atlantic City Press. Mr. Kennedy moved to adopt seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution 17-2011/Meeting Schedule:** Mayor entertained a motion to set Committee Meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month at 7pm; so moved by Mr. Kennedy seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution 18-2011/Temporary Budget:** Mr. Kennedy so moved to adopt seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution 19-2011/JIF & MEL FUND Commissioner:** Mr. Kennedy moved to appoint Dawn Stollenwerk seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution 20-2011 /Appointment of Risk Management Consultant:** Mr. Kennedy moved to appoint, Eugene Siracusa, Siracusa-Kaufman Insurance Company seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

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**Resolution 21-2011/Adopting Cash Management Plan:** Mr. Kennedy so moved to adopt seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution 22-2011/Assessor's Appeals 2011:** Mr. Kennedy moved to adopt seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution 23-2011/Petty Cash Fund:** Ms. Polk made a motion to adopt seconded by Mr. Kennedy. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution 24-2011 / State Contract Vendors:** Mr. Kennedy moved to adopt seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution 25-2011 / Zoning Officer:** Mayor entertained a motion to appoint Tom Sandman for a two year term; so moved by Mr. Kennedy seconded by Mr. Riffle. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Nays: Mr. Gabris, stated because we have an opportunity to appoint an individual with greater experience, a cost savings and unbiased decision making, Ms. Polk.

**Appointment of Claims Coordinator:** Mr. Kennedy moved to appoint Kimberly Johnson seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Appointment of Safety Coordinator:** Ms. Polk moved to appoint Dawn Stollenwerk seconded by Mr. Kennedy. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Appointment of Township Physician:** Ms. Polk appointed Advocare seconded by Mr. Kennedy. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Appointment of Mid-Atlantic Representative and Alternate:** Mayor entertained appointment of Mr. Kennedy as Representative and himself as Alternate; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Kennedy. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Appointment of MTRC Administrator:** Mr. Kennedy made a motion to appoint Ann Lupinetti seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Nomination for Township Committee Member to Planning Board:** Mayor entertained nomination of Anthony Gabris, so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Kennedy. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Mayor appoints Planning Board Members:** Mayor appointed the following: Class I Member, Jim Brown; Class II Member Tom Sandman; Class IV Member, Jon Malkin and Carmen Merlino; Alternate #2, Ron Smolen, Alternate #4, Edward Hagaman.

**Mayor appoints Environmental Commission Members:** Mayor appointed the following 3 year terms; Jon Malkin and Gary Franklin.

**Mayor appoints Environmental Commission Chairperson:** Mayor Brown appointed Jon Malkin.

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**Resolution 26-2011 / Mayor appoints Emergency Management Coordinator:** Mayor appointed John Thompson. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution 27-2011 / Mayor appoints Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator:** Mayor appointed Pete Berenato. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Resolution 28-2011 / Mayor appoints Emergency Management Council:** Mayor appointed, John Thompson, Pete Berenato, Chief Register, William Kennedy, Jerry Critelli, Robert Cirillo, Gary Franklin, Carmen Merlino, Anthony Tomasco, Randy Ficken, Louis Critelli, Ted Johnson, John Holroyd, Brian Zeck, and Ryan Jensen. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Mayor appoints Affirmative Action members:** Mayor appointed the following 3 year terms, Zoe Acevedo, Elba Perez, Kimberly Johnson. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Mayor appointed 1 year term, Committee member, Susan Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Mayor appoints Economic Advisory Commission Members:** Mayor entertained a motion to hold these appointments until we reach out to the current members regarding their interest. Mayor stated this is an important committee which has not met in a very long time and would like to speak to the current appointees. Mr. Kennedy so moved to hold appointments seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Mayor appoints Senior Citizen Advisory Committee:** Mayor appointed Rita Triola, Joan Jones, Louise Mazetis, Adrian Thibault and Francis Paulsgraf. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Mayor Appoints Recycling Coordinator:** Mayor Brown appointed Peter Berenato. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Appoint Clean Communities Coordinator:** Ms. Polk appointed Peter Berenato seconded by Mr. Kennedy. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Public Discussion:** None.

**Mayor's Address:** Mayor Brown thanked Ms. Johnson for her dedication to her job and her ability to plan and organize, thanked Reverends Hagaman and Surace for participating in the meeting, thanked Assemblyman Amodeo for administering the Oaths, thanked his fellow Committee members and thanked the following for attending: Assemblyman Polistina, Folsom Mayor Ballistreri, Egg Harbor City Mayor Kuehner and Judge Chris Brown. Mayor stated last year was tough for the Governing Body and stated this Committee has more challenges before them which will require tough decision making. Mayor Brown thanked everyone who was in attendance, for their interest in Mullica and encouraged everyone to voice their opinions. Mayor stated his goal is to establish a new means of communication to all residents and wished everyone a Happy New Year!

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to adjourn seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson, Municipal Clerk