

SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 23, 2011

**REGULAR MEETING
September 23, 2011
2:00 P.M.**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. read the following statement and led the flag salute:

NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN BY NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE ATLANTIC CITY PRESS, AND IN THE EGG HARBOR AND HAMMONTON NEWS ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2011 AND POSTED AT TOWN HALL.

Roll Call:

Committee Present: Anthony Gabris, Susan Polk, Larry Riffle, Mayor Brown

Municipal Clerk: Kimberly Johnson

Solicitor: Elias Manos

Public Discussion Relating to Agenda Items: None.

Old Business:

Appoint Township Committee Member: Mayor reported what transpired at the previous Committee Meeting regarding this appointment: *Municipal Clerk read the correspondence as submitted by the Mullica Township Democratic County Committee submitting three nominees to be appointed by the Governing Body to fill the vacancy. Mr. Bernard Graebener was nominated by Ms. Polk and Ms. Beth Schroeder Buonsante was appointed by Mr. Riffle; however there was not a quorum for either nominee. Mr. Gabris argued Ms. Buonsante was inexperienced and that is why he voted no. Mayor stated for the record he voted for Ms. Buonsante for her experience as Chief Aide to Senator Whelan, who represents our district, daughter of Atlantic County Freeholder, who represents our district, PTA Treasurer, and was selected by the Democratic County Committee to fill the vacancy. Mayor called for nominations. Ms. Polk nominated Mr. Graebener, noting out of the three candidates he is highly qualified and has most interest in the position; Mr. Gabris seconded the motion. Mr. Gabris stated Ms. Buonsante is extremely busy with her profession and family life and stated Mr. Graebener knows the Township Ordinances thoroughly and has the most experience to fill the short-term vacancy. Mr. Gabris stated Mr. St. Amour would be his first choice, however, he felt it would be counter protective as Mr. St. Amour and the Mayor do not see eye to eye. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk. Nays: Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Mr. Riffle nominated Elizabeth Schroeder Buonsante seconded by Mayor Brown. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown. Nays: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk. Mayor stated the appointment will be up to the Democratic County Committee. Mr. Manos asked for the record if there were any nominations for Mr. St. Amour. No nominations were made.*

New Business:

Approve Coin Drop / Elwood Volunteer Fire Company / October 1, 2011: Mayor entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

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Approve Coin Drop / Weekstown Volunteer Fire Company / October 16, 2011: Mayor entertained a motion to approve; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Gabris. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Public Discussion: None.

Mayor closed public portion and entertained a motion to adjourn; so moved by Mr. Riffle seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson, RMC