

TOWNSHIP OF STILLWATER
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
JANUARY 6, 2015
RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Municipal Clerk Lynda Knott. Ms. Knott stated that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided according to the Open Public Meetings Act, Assembly Bill 1030. Notice was sent to the New Jersey Herald on January 9, 2014 and was placed on the Official Bulletin Board at the Municipal Building.

Ms. Knott led the public in the salute to the American Flag.

Ms. Knott invited Pastor Timothy Florence of Stillwater Presbyterian Church to provide an invocation.

Jeffrey M. Parrott, Sussex County Clerk, was present to read the Statement of Determination and announced that at the last general election, Ms. Lisa Chamblings was duly elected to the Township Committee for a three-year term. Mr. Parrott administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Chamblings, congratulating her and wishing her well.

Roll Call indicated the following members present: Ms. Chamblings, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Gross, Mrs. Straway, Mr. Scott, and Attorney Angelo Bolcato.

Election of Mayor/Chairperson:

Ms. Knott called for nominations for Mayor. Mr. Fisher nominated Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Gross. Ms. Chamblings nominated Mrs. Straway, seconded by Mrs. Straway. There were no other nominations so nominations were closed. Ms. Chamblings thanked Mr. Scott for his years of service but expressed her opinion that while Mr. Scott has served well during his many terms being Mayor she feels that Mrs. Straway could be a needed change of view. Mr. Fisher voiced his concerns regarding change and gave his support to Mr. Scott. Mrs. Straway expressed her reasons why she feels she is a good candidate for mayor. Mr. Gross noted the position of mayor is difficult and how important it is that the mayor be available during the hours Town Hall is open. **A motion by Ms. Chamblings** was made by, seconded by **Mrs. Straway** to close discussion. **Roll Call Vote for Mr. Scott's nomination as Mayor:** Ms. Chamblings, no, Mr. Fisher, yes, Mr. Gross, yes, Mrs. Straway, no, Mayor Scott, yes

Mr. Scott accepted the position of Mayor of Stillwater Township for 2014.

The meeting was turned over to Mayor Scott. Mayor Scott noted the importance of elected officials attending the League of Municipalities Elected Official Course

Election of Deputy Mayor:

A motion was made by **Mrs. Straway** to nominate Ms. Chamblings as Deputy Mayor. Ms. Chamblings respectively declined. **A motion** was made by **Mayor Scott** to nominate Mr. Fisher as Deputy Mayor, seconded by Mr. Fisher. **A motion** was made by **Ms. Chamblings** to nominate Mrs. Straway as Deputy Mayor. Mrs. Straway respectfully declined. **A motion** by **Mrs. Straway**, seconded by **Ms. Chamblings** to nominate Ms. Chamblings as Deputy Mayor. Mayor Scott made a motion to close nominations seconded by Anita Straway and unanimously accepted by the Township Committee. **Roll Call Vote for Mr. Fisher:** Ms. Chamblings, no, Mr. Fisher, yes, Mr. Gross, no, Mrs. Straway, no, Mayor Scott, yes – the motion was defeated. **Roll Call Vote for Ms. Chamblings:** Ms. Chamblings, yes, Mr. Fisher, no, Mr. Gross, no, Mrs. Straway, yes, Mayor Scott, no – the motion was defeated.

Mayor Scott re-opened nominations for deputy mayor.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Scott to nominate Mr. Gross for Deputy Mayor, seconded by Mr. Gross. Mayor Scott made a **motion** to close nominations, seconded by Mrs. Straway. **Roll Call Vote for Mr. Gross:** Ms. Chammings, no, Mr. Fisher, no, Mr. Gross, yes, Mrs. Straway, no, Mayor Scott, yes – the motion was defeated.

Ms. Chammings stated her reasoning behind her no vote. Ms. Chammings said she nominated Mrs. Straway for Mayor and she was not selected and Ms. Chammings feels Mrs. Straway should be Deputy Mayor because she has served well for five years on the Township Committee and this may be her last year too. Ms. Chammings continued by saying she respected Mr. Fisher and complimented him on his past service as Deputy Mayor but nominated Mrs. Straway because she sees it as a move forward in a different direction.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Chammings to nominate Mrs. Straway for Deputy Mayor, seconded by Mr. Gross. Mrs. Straway once again respectfully declined the nomination. Ms. Chammings asked Mr. Gross as the swing vote who he felt was the strongest candidate for Deputy Mayor. Mr. Gross stated he nominated Mrs. Straway for her experience and her availability.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Fisher to nominate himself as Deputy Mayor, seconded by Mayor Scott. A **motion** was made by Ms. Chammings to nominate herself as Deputy Mayor, seconded by Mrs. Straway.

Mrs. Fisher voiced her concerns and frustrations from the audience.

Roll Call Vote for Mr. Fisher: Ms. Chammings, no, Mr. Fisher, yes, Mr. Gross, yes, Mrs. Straway, no, Mayor Scott, yes – the motion was successful and Mr. Fisher accepted as Deputy Mayor for Stillwater Township for 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ALL MATTERS LISTED BELOW ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE IN NATURE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF ANY DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT PARTICULAR ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPERATELY ON THE REGULAR AGENDA.

Resolutions

- 2015-001 Adopting Schedule of 2015 Meetings
- 2015-002 Designating the Official Newspapers
- 2015-003 Authorizing Awards of Non-Fair and Open Contracts for Professional Services
- 2015-004 Authorizing the Cancellation of Tax Overpayment or Delinquent Amounts
- 2015-005 Setting Property Tax Due Dates, Delinquency Charges and Year-End Penalty
- 2015-006 Temporary Budget
- 2015-007 Establishing Mileage Reimbursement
- 2015-008 Adopting Cash Management Plan for 2015
- 2015-009 Authorizing the CFO to Invest Idle Funds
- 2015-010 Authorizing the CFO to sell Bond Anticipation Notes and Bonds
- 2015-011 Establishing 2015 Holiday Schedule
- 2015-012 Supporting Participation in Sustainable Jersey Municipal certification program
- 2015-013 Approving Mayor's Appointments of Township Officers with Committee Concurrence
- 2015-014 Approving Appointments of Boards and Commissions with Committee Concurrence
- 2015-015 Authorizing the CFO or Tax Collector to impose service charge for checks returned
- 2015-016 Appointing Tax Assessor and Attorney to Represent Township before County Tax Board
- 2015-017 Striking the 2015 tax rate for funding Open Space Trust Fund

2015-018 Authorizing Signatures on Checks
2015-019 Renewing Membership in Statewide Insurance Fund
2015-020 Appointing Risk Management Consultant

Mrs. Straway made a **motion** to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by **Mr. Fisher**.

Roll Call Vote: Ms. Chamblings, yes, Mr. Fisher, yes, Mr. Gross, yes, Mrs. Straway, yes, Mayor Scott, yes

Open Public Session:

The meeting was opened to the public. There being no members of the public wishing to speak this portion of the meeting was closed.

Mr. Fisher noted the Recycling Center shed is mostly complete and ready to keep the employees warm and dry.

There being no further business, **Mr. Straway** made a **motion** to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting, seconded by **Mr. Gross**. In a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Knott, RMC