

**VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING**

January 1, 2008

The Reorganization Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon was convened at 12:04 p.m. on Tuesday, January 1, 2008 in the Vernon Municipal Center, Church Street, Vernon, New Jersey by Deputy Mayor Neil Desmond.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the public and the press on December 12, 2007, by delivering to the press and posting at the Municipal Building. The purpose of this meeting is for reorganization only.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Deputy Mayor led the assemblage in the salute to the flag.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Municipal Prosecutor, Alicia Ferrante, read the Statement of Determination and administered the Oath of Office to Councilmen Richard Carson and Glenn McLaughlin.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

The roll call of members was called and Richard Carson, Neil Desmond, Glenn McLaughlin, and Austin Carew answered the call. Also present were Melinda Carlton, Township Manager, and Michael Witt, Township Attorney. Deputy Mayor Desmond stated that James Oroho notified the office in advance that he could not attend today's meeting.

CALL FOR BALLOT FOR POSITION OF MAYOR

Deputy Mayor Neil Desmond called for ballots for the position of Mayor.

Neil Desmond nominated Austin Carew for the position of Mayor and Richard Carson seconded the nomination.

A roll call vote was taken. Richard Carson, yes; Neil Desmond, yes; Glenn McLaughlin, yes; Austin Carew, abstained.

CALL FOR BALLOT FOR POSITION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor Austin Carew called for ballots for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Neil Desmond nominated Glenn McLaughlin for the position of Deputy Mayor and Richard Carson seconded the nomination.

A roll call vote was taken. Richard Carson, yes; Neil Desmond, yes; Glenn McLaughlin, yes; Austin Carew, yes.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO MAYOR

The Township Prosecutor administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Austin Carew.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO DEPUTY MAYOR

The Township Prosecutor administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Mayor Glenn McLaughlin.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Neil Desmond stated that Councilman James Oroho asked him if he could read into record some comments on his behalf. *Due to personal conflicts Mr. Oroho was unable to attend today's reorganization meeting and is looking forward to getting sworn in on January 10th so the township could get started with a new leadership and most importantly a new direction for the community. He thanked everyone who supported him. Mr. Oroho stated his goals are to look at Vernon as a business; the need for reliable and timely financial information to monitor the finances of the community; and most importantly to have good transparency around the township's financial reporting so that the council has relevant information to make informed intelligent decisions and that the community has the same information available to them when the council is making the decisions. He further stated it is critical that the township has a new manager and this council focus on the present and future while leaving the identification of the past violations to the outside professionals and state officials.* Mr. Oroho stated while he is in office that he would continue to bring a financial discipline mindset to the town, view it as a business and ensure the accountability for every dollar received and spent.

Neil Desmond stated in 2007 that there were a variety of things going on for him. On council level, he was able to see some things get done, kept his promise to the residents, and to counterbalance that he had to watch his mom battle lung cancer for six years. Mr. Desmond stated his goals for 2008 are to finish Phase II of Maple Grange Park and have the council consider pairing any money left over from the original bond with the grant money the township currently has available so a community center could be done at the park; present to the council at the January 10th meeting a draft which is similar to those in other Sussex County municipalities that bans sexual offenders from living inside the borders of the municipality; revisit the property maintenance code ordinance and the abandoned structures code ordinance; and finally, to begin moving the council in a forward direction. Mr. Desmond suggested the council needs to be proactive and not reactionary.

Richard Carson said the town is poised to become a shining landmark, with many exciting projects including the Town Center and Mountain Creek. In addition, Maple Grange Park is still in progress, and the Appalachian Trail offers some of the most breath-taking views and challenging terrain in the Northeast. Mr. Carson stated these are exciting times for Vernon. He firmly believes the town should campaign strongly to unite our existing businesses and civic groups, which have served as the backbone of our community for many years. The council needs to be cognizant of the redevelopment plans. This includes the lake communities, which have a lot to offer and are a well-known entity in the Township of Vernon. Mr. Carson said he would be greatly remiss if he did not acknowledge and support the volunteers in this community who devote their time to various civic groups in order to provide a wonderful quality of life and inspire our young people and senior citizens. He supports Vernon's police, fire, and EMS with heartfelt vigor. The township owes their gratitude to these people, who unselfishly respond to our times of critical need. Mr. Carson extends a warm welcome to the new township manager, Melinda Carlton, who he described as bright, articulate, and professional. He thanked everyone who supported him.

Glenn McLaughlin thanked everyone who supported him. He said the council must restore the residents' trust and ensure that this type of behavior comes to an end. He said that the township employees need to include themselves in restoring the community's faith and that it begins with them. Mr. McLaughlin reiterated his commitment to the town council, which he said should be dedicated to transparency, accountability, and the ability to work together as a team.

Austin Carew thanked the volunteers, the municipal staff, and board members for their hard work. Without them, the town functions would not be what they are today. He thanked Andrea Cocula for her help with the political caucuses; she worked as a secretary and gave up so much of her time. He also thanked Ira Weiner and Patrolman David Hering, who helped the council fulfil their goals. In addition, he thanked the council for putting their trust in him and selecting him as Mayor for the next two years. Messrs. Carew and Desmond were selected by the council to facilitate the search for a new township manager; they interviewed 27 applicants. Greg Fehrenbach and James Oroho discovered many course overruns that were not authorized by the council. The council is going to request that the DCA fully investigate all aspects of the change orders, course overruns, and anything of importance. A committee, which is totally independent

of the council, would be formed to study all aspects of Vernon Township's Municipal Government and report at all public hearings. The council will try to recover any money that was misappropriated by anyone in Vernon Township. Greg Fehrenbach assisted the council in selecting a new township manager, Melinda Carlton. Mayor Carew stated Melinda Carlton was the best person to fill the position as manager. During the past year, the residents have seen many new modifications (i.e. creation of a new park, ball fields, bike paths, walking trails, picnic areas) to enhance Vernon. The full council voted to allow Neil Desmond to shepherd these projects. At the Sussex County Planning Award Dinner, Vernon won a recognition award for its outstanding projects. The council mentioned that the many road projects going on in Vernon will eventually come to an end. Mayor Carew thanked many past Council people (Janet Morrison, Ira Weiner, Neil Desmond, and many others) for their input in creating a new Town Center. The council feels they will be able to get things resolved with the county for the ongoing road construction on Route 515. In addition, the sewer system will be up and running to allow additional businesses to come into town and hook up to the system. The council plans to create an Economic Development committee. Currently, it is uncertain at this time if the committee will contain a council member(s), township staff member, member of the Chamber of Commerce, business community at large and perhaps someone from the community at large. He suggests that the council create a beautification committee. Tourists need to see this township as a special place that they would want to visit on a regular basis and raise a family. Mayor Carew stated the meetings have been changed to the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The agenda will be slightly changed to accommodate the public for any comments/suggestions that they may have so these statements can be addressed earlier in the evening rather than waiting till late at night. He supports the National Park Service, and also advocates the ordinances and policies that help and support the local businesses.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Carew stated there are no changes at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION #08-01; DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR 2008

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:53-1 and Section 3D of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 requires that certain notices of meetings be submitted to two (2) newspapers, one of which shall be the official newspaper, and;

WHEREAS, the second newspaper designated by this body must be one of which has the greatest likelihood of informing the public within the jurisdictional boundaries of this body of such meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The New Jersey Herald/Sunday Herald are hereby designated to receive all notices of meetings as required under the Open Public Meetings Act.
2. It is the opinion of this body that The New Jersey Herald/Sunday Herald has the greatest likelihood of informing the public within the jurisdictional area of this body of such meetings.
3. The official newspapers of the Township of Vernon are hereby designated as: The New Jersey Herald/Sunday Herald.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION #08-02: FIXING THE SUM OF NOTICES OF MEETINGS FOR 2008

WHEREAS, Section 14 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the public body to fix a reasonable sum to be charged to persons who request that notice of meetings as required under the Act be mailed to them individually, and;

WHEREAS, said sum is to cover the costs of providing such notice, and;

WHEREAS, said section further permits the public body to provide such notices free of charge to news media who so request;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Each person who requests that individual notice as required under the Act, be mailed to him shall pay annually to the Township of Vernon the sum of \$125.00 to cover the costs thereof.
2. Requests for such individual notice made by news media shall be granted without charge.
3. The sum herein designated is subject to change upon adoption of a superseding resolution by this public body.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION #08-03: SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2008

WHEREAS, Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 requires certain public bodies to comply with the provisions of Section 13 of said Act;

IT IS NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Vernon as follows:

1. The regularly-scheduled meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month in the Vernon Municipal Center located on Church Street, Vernon, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

January 10, 24, 2008	July 10, 24, 2008
February 14, 28, 2008	August 14, 28, 2008
March 13, 27, 2008	September 11, 25, 2008
April 10, 24, 2008	October 9, 23, 2008
May 8, 22, 2008	November 13, 2008
June 12, 26, 2008	December 1*, 11, 2008

*The second meeting in November falls on Thanksgiving Day and is therefore being scheduled for Monday, December 1, 2008.

2. A copy of this resolution shall be posted on the Municipal Center Bulletin Board reserved for that purpose.
3. Copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the following:
 - a. The official newspaper, namely; The New Jersey Herald/Sunday Herald.
 - b. The Newark Star Ledger.
 - c. The Advertiser/News.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION #08-04: AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL TAX ASSESSOR AND THE MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY TO DEFEND THE TOWNSHIP BEFORE THE SUSSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION FOR TAX APPEALS

BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Township of Vernon that the Municipal Assessor and Municipal Attorney be and they are hereby authorized to defend before the Sussex County Board of Taxation and Tax Court of the State of New Jersey all contested appeals and to initiate municipal appeals to correct the Township of Vernon tax list including but not limited to rollback complaints, added and omitted assessment complaints, and such other appeals as are necessary to correct the assessments for the Township of Vernon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Assessor and Municipal Attorney be and are hereby designated as the agents of the Township of Vernon for the purpose of signing settlements of the foregoing matters by stipulation.

**RESOLUTION #R08-05: AUTHORIZING INTEREST ON TAXES
AND ASSESSMENTS FOR 2008**

WHEREAS, the following resolution is necessary for the efficient and uninterrupted operations of the business of the Tax Collector;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that;

1. That no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made within ten (10) days after date upon which the same became payable.
2. That the rate of interest to be charged for nonpayment of taxes or assessments on or before they would become delinquent shall be eight percent (8%) per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and eighteen percent (18%) per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00.
3. That a penalty of six percent (6%) on delinquent taxes as defined and provided by N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 shall be charged on all charges and interest in excess of \$10,000.00 that are not paid prior to the end of the fiscal year.
4. That the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Vernon is hereby authorized to make investments for the Township of Vernon.
5. This resolution shall take effect according to law.

**Resolution # - R08-06: TO ADOPT A CASH MANAGEMENT
PLAN**

Be it resolved by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, that for the year 2008, the following shall serve as the cash management plan of the Township of Vernon.

1. Cash Management and Investment Objectives

The Township of Vernon has the following objectives.

- A. Preservation of capital.
- B. Adequate safekeeping of assets.
- C. Maintenance of liquidity to meet operating needs.
- D. Investment of assets in accordance with State and Federal Laws and regulations.
- E. Maximize Yield.

2. Designation of Official Depositories

The following Government Unit Protection Act approved banks are authorized depositories for deposit of funds:

Sussex Bank
Valley National Bank
Highlands State Bank
Lakeland Bank
Summit Bank
Chase Manhattan Bank
PNC Bank
Fleet Bank

3. Cash Management

- A. All funds shall be deposited within 48 hours of receipt in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.

B. The Chief Financial Officer shall minimize the possibility of idle cash accumulating in accounts by assuring that any excess amounts not needed to cover expenses or in excess of negotiated compensating balances are kept in interest bearing accounts or promptly swept into the investment portfolio.

C. Investment decisions shall be guided by the cash flow projections prepared by the Chief Financial Officer.

D. Facsimile signatures for the Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Clerk, and Assistant Municipal Clerk are approved for all checks issued by the Township.

4. Permissible Investments

- A. Certificates of Deposits
- B. Savings and Loan Associations and Saving Bank Accounts
- C. New Jersey Cash Management Plan
- D. MBIA Municipal Investors Service Corporation CLASS

5. Authority for Investment Management

The Chief Financial Officer is authorized and directed to make investments on behalf of the Township. All investment decisions shall be consistent with this plan and all appropriate regulatory constraints.

6. Reporting

The Chief Financial Officer shall report to the Township Council investments in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-15.2.

7. Audit

The Cash Management Plan shall be subject to annual audit conducted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-14.

8. Disposition of Abandoned Property

The Chief Financial Officer shall escheat to the State of New Jersey checks which remain outstanding for more than twelve months after the date of issuance.

Resolution #08-07: APPOINTING TOWNSHIP MANAGER AS ADA COORDINATOR

WHEREAS, every municipality is required to designate an ADA Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the ADA Coordinator's role is to ensure compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that the Township Manager is hereby appointed as the ADA Coordinator for Vernon Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

Resolution # 08-08

**Township of Vernon
Temporary Budget - 2008**

APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN "CAPS"		S/W		O/E
ENVIRONMENTAL COMM.	10519500	270.00	10519520	125.00
HISTORIC PRESERVATION	10519900	780.00	10519920	700.00
FIRE SAFETY	10534000	17,000.00	10534099	900.00

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			10535020	5,000.00
OFFICE OF RECYCLING			10553120	28,084.78
EXECUTIVE	10570100	72,500.00	10570120	45,000.00
MAYOR & COUNCIL	10570200	4,000.00	10570220	800.00
PERSONNEL	10570300	37,800.00	10570320	3,000.00
CLERK	10570400	36,000.00	10570420	6,000.00
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	10570500	34,000.00	10570520	10,000.00
AUDIT			10570620	8,650.00
ASSESSMENT OF TAXES	10571000	40,000.00	10571020	8,000.00
COLLECTION OF TAXES	10570800	50,000.00	10570820	7,200.00
LEGAL SERVICES			10571220	49,050.00
ENGINEERING SERVICES	10571500	62,500.00	10571520	1,500.00
PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	10577200	10,784.00	10577220	18,287.50
PLANNING BOARD	10572000	17,600.00	10572020	10,000.00
ZONING BOARD	10572200	40,000.00	10572220	10,000.00
GROUP INSURANCE			10573320	536,000.00
OTHER INSURANCE			10573520	425,000.00
WORKERS COMP. INSURANCE			10573620	97,000.00
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE			10573720	10,000.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT	10574500	700,000.00	10574520	60,000.00
VOLUNTEER EMER. SERVICES			10575220	40,000.00
INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS	10572500	90,000.00	10572520	4,000.00
RADIO & COMMUNICATIONS	10574600	85,000.00		
MUNICIPAL COURT	10575500	39,500.00	10575520	4,000.00
TOWNSHIP PROSECUTOR			10575720	6,250.00
ROAD REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	10576500	375,000.00	10576520	150,000.00
FLEET MANAGEMENT	10576700	72,000.00	10576720	45,000.00
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	10578500	130,340.00	10578520	4,500.00
UTILITIES			10582020	100,000.00
MAINTENANCE OF PARKS	10579400	16,000.00	10579420	8,900.00
RECREATION COMMITTEE	10579500	20,360.00	10579520	8,000.00
SENIOR CITIZEN	10578200	1,700.00	10578220	15,550.00
DOG REGULATION	10578800	48,000.00	10578820	2,500.00
SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM			10563020	150,000.00
MUNICIPAL SERVICES ACT			10580820	25,000.00
TOTALS		<u>2,001,134.00</u>		<u>1,903,997.28</u>
TOTAL TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN CAPS				3,905,131.28
APPROPRIATIONS EXCLUDED FROM "CAP"				
PFRS			10691320	597,736.00
PERS			10691420	287,184.00
9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS	10680100	28,250.00	10680120	3,000.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND			10685086	200,000.00
TOTALS		28,250.00		1,087,920.00
TOTAL TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS EXCLUDED FROM CAPS				1,116,170.00
TOTAL TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS 2008 (40A: 4-19)				5,021,301.28
ADD BOND PAYMENT				
PRINCIPAL		10690020	331,610.00	
INTEREST		10690220	299,062.00	
ADD B.A.N PAYMENT				
PRINCIPAL		10690020	243,820.00	

INTEREST

10690320

497,920.23

TOTAL TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS - 2008

6,393,713.51

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Vernon that the above Temporary Budget be approved for the year 2008 in accordance with 40A: 4-19.

RESOLUTION #08-09: APPOINTING A PURCHASING AGENT AND AUTHORIZING PURCHASES UNDER NJSA 40A:11-3 FOR 2008

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:11-3 authorizes the Township Council to appoint a Purchasing Agent and to permit the award and execution of contracts without public bid by the Purchasing Agent when said contracts do not exceed \$17,500.00 in aggregate for the contract year; and

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:11-3 permits the general delegation of the power to negotiate and award such contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council finds it is in the interest of the Township to make such appointment and delegate such power.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Melinda Carlton, Township Manager, is hereby appointed as the purchasing agent for Vernon Township for the year 2008.
2. The purchasing agent shall have those powers conferred by NJSA 40A:11-3, including but not limited to, the power to negotiate and enter into contracts for which the total during the contract year does not exceed \$17,500.00 in the aggregate, without public bid.
3. Such contracts as may be awarded under this Resolution shall comply with all other applicable laws, including but not limited to, certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer where required.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

Resolution #08-10: AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO SIGN PURCHASE ORDERS IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

WHEREAS, there exists a need for authorization and payment of bills in the absence of the Chief Finance Officer; and

WHEREAS, in such instances when the CFO is unavailable to sign such Purchase Orders, the CFO desires to authorize a designee in her absence; and

WHEREAS, the CFO recommends that the Township Manager be authorized as designee to sign in the absence of the CFO to approve Purchase Orders.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to appoint the Township Manager as designee to sign Purchase Orders in the absence of the Chief Finance Officer.

A motion was made by Glenn McLaughlin to approve the resolution and the motion was seconded by Richard Carson.

A roll call vote was taken. Richard Carson, yes; Neil Desmond, yes; Glenn McLaughlin, yes; Austin Carew, yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING SEPARATE ACTION

RESOLUTION #08-12: APPOINTING JOSEPH J. RAGNO, JR., ESQ. AS A LEGAL CONSULTANT FOR VERNON, NEW JERSEY FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 1 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2008 OR AS SAME MAY BE EXTENDED BY MUTUAL CONSENT OF THE PARTIES

WHEREAS, the Vernon Township Council has a need for the legal services for Vernon Township for the month of January 2008; and

WHEREAS, Joseph J. Ragno, Jr., Esq. has agreed to provide said services pursuant to the terms of an agreement to be entered by the parties; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council determined to retain the services of Joseph J. Ragno, Jr., Esq. for said term and he has agreed to accept employment as a legal consultant for Vernon Township pursuant to the terms and conditions of a contract to be entered by Joseph J. Ragno, Jr., Esq. and Vernon Township; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Joseph J. Ragno, Jr., Esq. is hereby retained as a legal consultant to Vernon Township for in accordance with the terms and provisions set forth in the attached contract. The contract payment for January 2008 shall not exceed \$20,000.00.
2. Joseph J. Ragno, Jr. shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations relating to said appointment, including but not limited to those regulations relating to Professional Services Contracts and Pay to Play Legislation for contracts entered without Requests for Proposal or Public Bid.
3. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract by and between the parties.
4. The Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

At this time, the Mayor opened the meeting to the public for any questions and/or comments to the above resolutions. There being no questions and/or comments the Mayor closed the meeting to the public.

Neil Desmond stated Joseph Ragno will not be retained as Township Attorney. He thanked Mr. Ragno for his years of service to the township.

A motion was made by Glenn McLaughlin to approve the above resolution and the motion was seconded by Richard Carson.

A roll call vote was taken. Richard Carson, yes; Neil Desmond, yes; Glenn McLaughlin, yes; Austin Carew, yes. Motion carried.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

The Mayor appointed the following:

Municipal Attorney – Mayor Carew stated this appointment will be tabled to a date uncertain.

Public Defender – Mayor Carew stated this appointment will be tabled to a date uncertain.

Municipal Prosecutor – Alicia Ferrante

Municipal Auditor – Christopher Lynch

Bond Counsel - Robert Bienfield

Tax Collector – Terrance M. Whelan

A motion was made by Glenn McLaughlin to appoint the following for Professional Services and the motion was seconded by Neil Desmond.

A roll call vote was taken. Rich Carson, yes; Neil Desmond, yes; Glenn McLaughlin, yes; Austin Carew, yes. Motion carried.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Alicia Ferrante.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - A motion was made by Glenn McLaughlin to nominate the following to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the motion was seconded by Rich Carson.

Andrea Cocula - 4-yr. term expiring 12/31/11
Brad Sparta – Alternate #1 2-yr. term expiring 12/31/09
Robin Barons - 4-year unexpired term expiring 12/31/09

A roll call vote was taken. Rich Carson, yes; Neil Desmond, yes; Glenn McLaughlin, yes; Austin Carew, yes. Motion carried.

PLANNING BOARD - A motion was made by Glenn McLaughlin to nominate Austin Carew to a 2-year Class 1 term, expiring 12/31/09 and the motion was seconded by Rich Carson.

A motion was made by Glenn McLaughlin to nominate the following:

Vacant - Class II - 1- yr term expiring 12/31/09
Neil Desmond - Class III - 1-yr. term expiring 12/31/08
Richard Spoerl – Class IV 4-yr. term expiring 12/31/11
Sam Lewin - Alternate #1 - 2-yr. term expiring 12/31/09

A roll call vote was taken. Rich Carson, yes; Neil Desmond, yes; Glenn McLaughlin, yes; Austin Carew, yes. Motion carried.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION - A motion was made by Rich Carson to nominate the following to the Environmental Commission and the motion was seconded by Neil Desmond.

Dan Boltz - 3-yr. term expiring 12/31/10
Barry Beaver - 3-yr. term expiring 12/31/10

A roll call vote was taken. Rich Carson, yes; Neil Desmond, yes; Glenn McLaughlin, yes; Austin Carew, yes. Motion carried.

BOARD OF RECREATION - A motion was made by Rich Carson to nominate the following to the Board of Recreation and the motion was seconded by Neil Desmond.

Art Sinfield - 5-yr. term expiring 12/31/12

A roll call vote was taken. Rich Carson, yes; Neil Desmond, yes; Glenn McLaughlin, yes; Austin Carew, yes. Motion carried.

SENIOR CITIZEN COMMITTEE - A motion was made by Neil Desmond to nominate the following to the Senior Citizen Committee and the motion was seconded by Glenn McLaughlin.

Margaret Sullivan - 3-yr. term expiring 12/31/10
Jacqueline Reich - 3-yr. term expiring 12/31/10
Marilyn Turansky - 3-yr. unexpired term expiring 12/31/09

A roll call vote was taken. Rich Carson, yes; Neil Desmond, yes; Glenn McLaughlin, yes; Austin Carew, yes. Motion carried.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION - A motion was made by Neil Desmond to nominate the following to the Historic Preservation Commission and the motion was seconded by Glenn McLaughlin.

Richard Wetzel - Class B - 4-yr. term expiring 12/31/11
Vacant - Class B - 4-yr. term expiring 12/31/08
Charles Blessing – Class C - Alternate #1 – 2 yr. term expiring 12/31/09
Sharon Cheadle – Class C – Alternate#2 – 2 yr. term expiring 12/31/09

A roll call vote was taken. Rich Carson, yes; Neil Desmond, yes; Glenn McLaughlin, yes; Austin Carew, yes. Motion carried.

BOARD OF HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION – A motion was made by Glenn McLaughlin to nominate the following to the Commission and the motion was seconded by Neil Desmond.

Tom Barron – 4 - yr. term expiring 12/31/11

PAC/SWAC - Eleanor Mensonides

MANAGER’S APPOINTMENTS –

Mrs. Carlton appointed the following:

Township Planner - Fred Suljic
Emergency Management Coordinator - Roy Wherry
Special Police Officers - Robert Helmrich, Larry Kacmarcik, Larry Pettigano, Kurt Reinhardt, Michael Sauer, Sandra VanDyke, James Vette, Douglas Vince, Roger Titus
Statistical Records Registrar – MaryAnn Preste

OLD BUSINESS

The council at this time had no comments/questions.

NEW BUSINESS

The council at this time had no comments/questions.

OPEN THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

At this time, the Mayor opened the meeting to the public for any comments and/or questions and there being none the Mayor closed the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Melinda Carlton stated there was no business to discuss in executive session at this time.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to those present who were appointed to various positions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business on the Reorganization Meeting agenda, a motion was made by Neil Desmond to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Rich Carson, with all in favor.

The Reorganization Meeting of the Township Council was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Lycosky, R.M.C.
Township Clerk

Presiding Officer