

APPROVED: February 5, 2014

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
INAUGURATION AND REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 1, 2014

INAUGURATION
12 Noon

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Young, Township Clerk, called the meeting to order at noon.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Ms. Young led the salute to the flag.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

This is to advise that the notice requirement provided for in the "Open Public Meetings Act" has been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given and transmitted to The Times and Princeton Packet; filed with the Clerk of the Municipality; and posted in the West Windsor Township Municipal Building at North Post and Clarksville Roads on December 17, 2013.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS

Ms. Young read the results of the November 5, 2013 Municipal Election.

Dr. Shing-Fu Hsueh was certified as elected Mayor as a result of that election.

Ms. Linda Geever and Mr. Peter Mendonez, Jr. were certified as elected Councilpersons as a result of that election.

OATH OF OFFICE - SHING-FU HSUEH

Ms. Young asked Dr. Hsueh to come forward to be sworn in. Ms. Young administered the Oath of Office. Dr. Hsueh was joined by members of his family. Ms. Young presented an official copy of the Certification of Election to Dr. Hsueh.

OATH OF OFFICE - LINDA GEEVERS

Ms. Young asked Ms. Geever to come forward to be sworn in. Ms. Young administered the Oath of Office. Ms. Geever was joined

by members of her family. Ms. Young presented an official copy of the Certification of Election to Ms. GeEVERS.

OATH OF OFFICE - PETER MENDONEZ, JR.

Ms. Young asked Mr. MendoneZ, Jr. to come forward to be sworn in. Ms. Young administered the Oath of Office. Mr. MendoneZ was joined by members of his family. Ms. Young presented an official copy of the Certification of Election to Mr. MendoneZ, Jr.

Ms. GeEVERS made comments and thanked those who supported her in her re-election as Council Member.

Mr. MendoneZ made comments and thanked those who supported him in his election as Council Member.

Mayor Hsueh provided a short speech and slide presentation.

Ms. Young noted that Council would take a short break before beginning the Township Council Reorganization Meeting.

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REORGANIZATION MEETING
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CALL TO ORDER: Township Clerk Young convened the Reorganization Meeting at 12:27 p.m.

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ATTENDEES: Council: Borek; Geevers, Maher, Mendonez, Samonte, Mayor: Hsueh; Business Administrator: Schmid; Township Attorney: Herbert; Township Clerk: Young

ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2014

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Ms. Young called for nominations for Council President.

Ms. Geevers nominated Mr. Maher to serve as Council President.
Mr. Mendonez seconded the nomination.

Ms. Young asked for any further nominations.

Motion to close nominations: Geevers

Second: Mendonez

RCV: NAY Borek
aye Geevers
aye Maher
aye Mendonez
NAY Samonte

Ms. Young called for a vote to confirm the election of Mr. Maher as Council President.

RCV: NAY Borek
aye Geevers
aye Maher
aye Mendonez
NAY Samonte

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mr. Maher, with his wife by his side, was sworn in by Ms. Young.

Ms. Young turned the meeting over to the new Council President.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT

President Maher called for nominations for Council Vice-President.

Mr. Mendonez nominated Ms. Geevers to serve as Council Vice-President.

Mr. Maher seconded the nomination.

Motion to close nominations: Mendonez

Second: Maher

RCV: NAY Borek

aye Geevers

aye Mendonez

NAY Samonte

aye Maher

President Maher called for a vote to confirm the election of Ms. Geevers as Council Vice-President.

RCV: NAY Borek

aye Geevers

aye Mendonez

NAY Samonte

aye Maher

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT

Ms. Geevers, with her husband and daughters by her side, was sworn in by Ms. Young.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER TO SERVE ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

President Maher called for nominations for Member on the Affordable Housing Committee

Ms. Geevers nominated Ms. Samonte to serve as Member on the Affordable Housing Committee.

Mr. Borek seconded the nomination.

Motion to close nominations: Geevers

Second: Borek

RCV: aye Borek
aye Geevers
aye Mendonez
aye Samonte
aye Maher

President Maher called for a vote to confirm the election of Ms. Samonte as Member on the Affordable Housing Committee.

RCV: aye Borek
aye Geevers
aye Mendonez
aye Samonte
aye Maher

SWEARING IN OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBER

Ms. Samonte came forward and was sworn in by Ms. Young.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PLANNING BOARD CLASS III MEMBER

President Maher called for nominations for Planning Board Class III member.

Mr. Mendonez nominated Ms. Geevers to serve as Planning Board Class III Member.

President Maher seconded the nomination.

Motion to close nominations: Mendonez

Second: Maher

RCV: aye Borek
aye Geevers
aye Mendonez
aye Samonte
aye Maher

President Maher called for a vote to confirm the election of Ms. Geevers as Planning Board Class III member.

RCV: aye Borek
aye Geevers
aye Mendonez
aye Samonte
aye Maher

SWEARING IN OF PLANNING BOARD CLASS III MEMBER

Ms. Geevers and her daughter came forward and was sworn in by Ms. Young.

SELECTION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LIAISON

President Maher called for nominations for the Emergency Management Liaison.

Ms. Samonte nominated Mr. Borek to serve as the Emergency Management Liaison.

Ms. Geevers seconded the nomination.

Motion to close nominations: Samonte

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Borek

aye Geevers

aye Mendonez

aye Samonte

aye Maher

President Maher called for a vote to confirm the selection of Mr. Borek as Emergency Management Liaison.

RCV: aye Borek

aye Geevers

aye Mendonez

aye Samonte

aye Maher

NOMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION LIAISON

President Maher called for nominations for Environmental Commission Liaison.

Ms. Geevers nominated Mr. Mendonez to serve as Environmental Commission Liaison.

Ms. Samonte seconded the nomination.

Motion to close nominations: Geevers

Second: Samonte

RCV: aye Borek
aye Geevers
aye Mendonez
aye Samonte
aye Maher

President Maher called for a vote to confirm the selection of Mr. Mendonez as Environmental Commission Liaison.

RCV: aye Borek
aye Geevers
aye Mendonez
aye Samonte
aye Maher

NOMINATION OF PARKING AUTHORITY LIAISON

President Maher called for nominations for Parking Authority Liaison.

Ms. Geevers nominated Ms. Samonte to serve as Parking Authority Liaison.

Mr. Borek seconded the nomination.

Motion to close nominations: Geevers

Second: Borek

RCV: aye Borek
aye Geevers
aye Mendonez
aye Samonte
aye Maher

President Maher called for a vote to confirm the selection of Ms. Samonte as Parking Authority Liaison.

RCV: aye Borek
aye Geevers
aye Mendonez
aye Samonte
aye Maher

NOMINATION OF SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON

President Maher called for nominations of School Board Liaison.

Ms. Geevers nominated Mr. Mendonez to serve as the School Board Liaison.

Mr. Borek seconded the nomination.

Motion to close nominations: Geevers

Second: Borek

RCV: aye Borek

aye Geevers

aye Mendonez

aye Samonte

aye Maher

President Maher called for a vote to confirm the selection of Mr. Mendonez as School Board Liaison.

RCV: aye Borek

aye Geevers

aye Mendonez

aye Samonte

aye Maher

NOMINATION OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT LIAISON

President Maher called for nominations for Zoning Board of Adjustment Liaison.

Ms. Geevers nominated Mr. Maher to serve as Zoning Board of Adjustment Liaison.

Ms. Samonte seconded the nomination.

Motion to close nominations: Geevers

Second: Samonte

RCV: aye Borek

aye Geevers

aye Mendonez

aye Samonte

aye Maher

President Maher called for a vote to confirm the selection of himself as Zoning Board of Adjustment Liaison.

RCV: aye Borek
aye Geever
aye Mendonez
aye Samonte
aye Maher

Mr. Maher requested that the public have an opportunity to comment before Council Comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, congratulated the newly elected and re-elected members of Council. He spoke about Mr. Herbert's appointment and professional services agreement, and asked that this action be pulled.

Mr. Pete Weale, 144 Fisher Place, spoke about the municipal compensation of the legal representation, and the information received from his recent Open Public Records Requests.

Mr. Marshall Lerner, 3 Sapphire Drive, congratulated the elected officials and noted that it is the first time for the opportunity to have serious dialogue among Council members. He addressed additional concerns.

Ms. Virginia Manzari, 28 Berkshire Drive, advised that 2014 will be a fresh start for West Windsor Township. She congratulated the elected officials.

Ms. Janet Lerner, 67 Rainflower Lane, noted that good things will happen in the upcoming year.

COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mr. Borek congratulated all the elected officials. He advised that party affiliation should be kept outside the Council chambers. Mr. Borek suggested that business of the Township be done in a respectful manner.

Mr. Mendonez congratulated Mr. Maher and Ms. Geever on their election to Council office. He noted that he looks forward to serving on the Environmental Commission and as liaison to the School Board.

Ms. Samonte congratulated Mr. Maher and Ms. Geevers and advised that she is looking forward to working collaboratively with them in 2014.

Ms. Geevers advised that decisions should be made on what is best for the community. She noted that communication is important and the Council will be holding Work Sessions to discuss issues before they appear on an agenda for consideration.

President Maher thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as Council President. He advised that the meeting should flow more smoothly by having the opportunity to discuss items in a Work Session before consideration at a Business Session. President Maher explained that openness in discussion has not been present in the past between Council and Administration.

ACTIONS

Resolutions:

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| <u>2014-R001</u> | <u>Regular Meetings for Calendar Year 2014</u> |
| <u>2014-R002</u> | <u>Legal Newspapers for West Windsor Township</u> |
| <u>2014-R003</u> | <u>Establishing Procedural Guidelines for the Council of West Windsor Township</u> |
| <u>2014-R005</u> | <u>Cash Management Plan Authorization for West Windsor Township</u> |
| <u>2014-R006</u> | <u>Appointment of Carl Van Dyke to Zoning Board of Adjustment</u> |
| <u>2014-R010</u> | <u>Re-appointment of Tom Crane to the West Windsor Parking Authority</u> |

Motion to approve Resolutions 2014-R001 through 2014-R003, 2014-R005, 2014-R006 and 2014-R010: Borek

Second: Samonte

RCV: aye Borek
aye Geevers
aye Mendonez
aye Samonte
aye Maher

2014-R004 Municipal Holidays for the Calendar Year 2014

President Maher spoke about the recent approval of several Union contracts not being "best practices" when compared with what is happening in the private sector.

Motion to approve: Borek

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Borek

aye Geevers

aye Mendonez

aye Samonte

aye Maher

2014-R007 Appointment of Gary Zohn to Zoning Board of Adjustment

2014-R008 Appointment of Hemant Marathe to Zoning Board of Adjustment

Mr. Borek advised that Council is the authority for appointing members to the Zoning Board. He confirmed that Council has not had any discussion about these appointments.

Ms. Geevers suggested that Council go into closed session to discuss the appointments. She advised that these appointments were handled with the same procedure as they were in past appointments.

Ms. Samonte agreed with Mr. Borek's comments and recommended that Council go into closed session.

President Maher explained that he has never been advised of any of the appointments in the past two years.

Ms. Geevers suggested that appointments should be discussed in December prior to the Reorganization Meeting.

Discussion ensued over a process for appointing volunteers to Boards and Committees.

President Maher suggested that a procedure be in place for all future appointments and a procedure will be discussed and agreed upon at the next Council meeting.

Motion to approve Resolutions 2014-R007 and 2014-R008: Mendonez

Second: Geevers

RCV: NAY Borek

aye Geevers

aye Mendonez

NAY Samonte

aye Maher

2014-R009 Appointment of Eric Payne to Site Plan Review Advisory Board (SPAB)

Resolution 2014-R009 was deferred until the January 6, 2014 Business Session.

2014-R011 Authorizing the Reappointment of Michael W. Herbert of Herbert, Van Ness, Cayci & Goodell as Township Attorney for the Period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 - \$243,920

Ms. Geevers advised that the Township's legal services and the auditor's service have not gone out for Request for Proposals (RFPs). She noted that it is part of the Township's "Best Practices" and should be made part of the process. She noted that it was brought to Administration's attention before Thanksgiving that Council wanted to put out RFPs for these services.

Mr. Borek reminded Council that back in 2007 Council agreed that the Township Attorney was the Mayor's appointment. He noted that Princeton Township that went out for an RFP for legal services has a different form of government.

Ms. Samonte reminded Council that Township Attorney is a statutory position and must be filled at all times. She noted that the Township is the client and not the Mayor or Council.

Mr. Mendonez said the numbers are simple. He explained that the attorney fees are one percent of the budget and rising. Mr. Mendonez recommended that the services be put out to an RFP.

President Maher explained that the appointment is with the advice and consent of Council. He advised that the Mayor and Administration were asked to send out an RFP before Thanksgiving. President Maher urged the Mayor and Administration to follow Best Practices and put the services out to an RFP.

Ms. Geevers reminded everyone that the Township still has legal representation per the Township Code. She urged the Executive Branch to send out an RFP for legal services.

Motion to approve: Samonte

Second: Borek

RCV: aye Borek

NAY Geevers

NAY Mendonez

aye Samonte

NAY Maher

Resolution 2014-R011 was not approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Janet Lerner, 67 Rainflower Lane, spoke about the West Windsor Township form of government and the lack of collaboration. She advised that she did not understand some of the terms that were being used during the meeting.

Mr. Marshall Lerner, 3 Sapphire Lane, said that he looked forward to an inspiring 2014. He advised Council that the issue at the reorganization meeting in 2007 was a different issue because Mr. Morgan had requested separate legal representation for Council.

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, spoke about Council's voting in the past and the decisions that were made. He also spoke about the meaning of "with the advice and consent of Council".

Mr. Pete Weale, 144 Fisher Place, commented on the OPRA requests that were not properly responded to.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Borek

Second: Geevers

RCV: all ayes

Meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Sharon L. Young
Township Clerk
West Windsor Township