

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023**

Mayor Tagliarini called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and stated that notice of this meeting has been posted and published in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. The next meeting of the Township Council will be held on January 18, 2023.

Present: Councilman Gregory Cannon  
Councilman Arthur Hirsch  
Councilman Joe Martucci  
Councilwoman Margaret Montone  
Councilman Robert Swindle  
Deputy Mayor Connie Kelley  
Mayor Fred Tagliarini

Also Present: Bryan Russell, Township Manager  
Joe Decotiis, Township Attorney

MOMENT OF SILENCE & SALUTE TO THE FLAG Mayor Tagliarini wished everyone a Happy New Year. He paid tribute to the men and women in uniform who protect us and asked everyone to take a moment for any personal intentions.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS – Agenda Items only. None.

REORGANIZATION - CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-1: BE IT RESOLVED that firm DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP be and is hereby appointed Township Attorney for the year 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-2: BE IT RESOLVED that Matthew D. Jessup, Esq. of the firm McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC be and is hereby appointed Bond Counsel for the year 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-3: BE IT RESOLVED that William G. McGuinn, Esq. of the firm Hoagland, Longo, Moran Dunst & Doukas, LLP be and is hereby appointed Municipal Prosecutor for the year 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-4: BE IT RESOLVED that Ray Raya, Esq. be and is hereby appointed Public Defender for the year 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-5: BE IT RESOLVED that Matthew R. Goode, Esq. of the firm Arbus, Maybruch & Goode, LLC be and is hereby appointed Tax Appeals/ Foreclosures Attorney for the year 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-6: BE IT RESOLVED that Mark A. Tabakin, Esq. of the Firm Weiner Law Group LLP be and is hereby appointed as Labor Attorney for the year 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-7: BE IT RESOLVED that Netta Architects is hereby appointed as Township Architect for the year 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-8: BE IT RESOLVED that Robert Swisher of the firm Suplee, Clooney & Company be and is hereby appointed as Municipal Auditor for the year 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-9: BE IT RESOLVED that Zach Edelman of Fairview Insurance Agency Associates, Inc. be and is hereby appointed as Risk Manager for the year 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10: BE IT RESOLVED that Douglas J. Bacher of the firm NW Financial Group be and is hereby appointed as Financial Advisor for the year 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-11: BE IT RESOLVED that Robert Parisi of RD Parisi Associates be and is hereby appointed as Health Insurance Broker for the year 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-12: BE IT RESOLVED that Associated Appraisal Group, Inc. be and is hereby appointed as Township Appraiser for the year 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-13: BE IT RESOLVED that Ronald H. Gordon, Esq. of the firm Rainone Coughlin Minchello, LLC be and is hereby appointed Special Legal Counsel for the year 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-14: BE IT RESOLVED that the 2023-2024 Township of Aberdeen Employee Manual is hereby adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-15: BE IT RESOLVED that the following appointments are hereby made to the Aberdeen Township Planning Board: Duane Patterson, Margaret Montone, Akin Awofolaju and Vincent Vinci.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-16: BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is designated as the person who shall make official certificates of searches for municipal improvements.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-17: BE IT RESOLVED that Adriana Panetta is hereby appointed as Recycling Coordinator.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-18: BE IT RESOLVED that the Asbury Park Press and Home News Tribune are hereby designated as the official publications of the Township of Aberdeen for the year 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-19: BE IT RESOLVED that the following procedures for compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act are hereby adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-20: BE IT RESOLVED that the schedule of Council meetings for the year 2023 is hereby established.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-21: BE IT RESOLVED that depositories, accounts custodian and authorized signatures are hereby designated for Township accounts.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-22: BE IT RESOLVED that official depositories are hereby designated by this Rider.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-23: BE IT RESOLVED that Columbia Savings Bank is designated as the depository for funds of the Municipal Court, and authorized signatures are hereby designated.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-24: BE IT RESOLVED that the interest rate for delinquent taxes, assessments, municipal charges and water and sewer rents is hereby established.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-25: BE IT RESOLVED that a fee of \$100 will be charged for each duplicate Tax Sale Certificate.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-26: BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby granted discretion for cancellation of property tax refunds or delinquent amounts of \$10.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-27: BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to charge \$25.00 for tax sale mailings in lieu of advertisement.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-28: BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to conduct an electronic tax sale.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-29: BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to impose a service charge of \$20.00 for a check or other written instrument returned for insufficient funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-30: BE IT RESOLVED that Bryan A. Russell is hereby authorized to execute all sewer and water utility state permit applications.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-31: BE IT RESOLVED that Bryan A. Russell is hereby appointed as Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Representative and Eric Walker as Alternate.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-32: BE IT RESOLVED that Bryan A. Russell is hereby appointed Public Agency Compliance Officer of the Township of Aberdeen.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-33: BE IT RESOLVED that it hereby authorizes the Cash Management Plan for 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-34: BE IT RESOLVED that Bryan A. Russell is hereby appointed as Monmouth County Community Development Representative and Jacklyn Struble as Alternate.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-35: BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council hereby approves the 2023 Temporary Budget.

Motion: Councilman Cannon

Second: Councilman Martucci

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cannon, Hirsch, Martucci, Montone, Swindle, Deputy Mayor Kelley and Mayor Tagliarini

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION Personnel, Litigation, Contractual

Motion: Councilman Cannon

Second: Deputy Mayor Kelley

With all in favor, Council moved into Executive Session at 7:34 pm

Motion: Councilman Hirsch

Second: Councilman Swindle

With all in favor, Council returned to Regular Meeting at 7:52 pm.

### **MAYOR, COUNCIL AND MANAGER REPORTS**

Deputy Mayor Kelley shared upcoming changes to the Library Services and potential increase in hours. Councilman Cannon shared the upcoming roads and other improvements that will be done in 2023. Councilman Martucci shared the plans that BOE and Township have for Guisti Park. Councilwoman Montone reviewed accomplishments of 2022 and plans for Parks in 2023.

### **MINUTES**

Special Meeting Minutes and Executive Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2022

Motion: Councilman Hirsch

Second: Councilman Deputy Mayor Kelley

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cannon, Hirsch, Martucci, Montone, Swindle, Deputy Mayor Kelley and Mayor Tagliarini

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Workshop, Regular and Executive Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2022

Motion: Councilman Hirsch

Second: Councilman Martucci

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Hirsch, Martucci, Swindle, Deputy Mayor Kelley and Mayor Tagliarini

Nays: None

Abstain: Cannon, Montone

Absent: None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ORDINANCE 1-2023 – INTRODUCTION**

Deputy Mayor Kelley made a motion to introduce Ordinance no. 1-2023 on first reading by title and to order the same to be published by summary in the January 9, 2023 issue of the Asbury Park Press, together with notice of its introduction and passage on first reading by title, and that it will be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting of the Township Council to be held on January 18, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Second: Councilman Swindle

Clerk: *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES AND WAGES AND FRINGE BENEFITS OF VARIOUS OFFICIALS, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN*

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cannon, Hirsch, Martucci, Montone, Swindle, Deputy Mayor Kelley and Mayor Tagliarini

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-36: Resolution requesting a six (6) month extension of time to award the contract in support of the FY21 Municipal Aid Grant for Van Brackle Road in the amount of \$240,000.00.

Motion: Councilwoman Montone

Second: Councilman Swindle

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cannon, Hirsch, Martucci, Montone, Swindle, Deputy Mayor Kelley and Mayor Tagliarini

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-37: Resolution approving Place-to-Place transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License issued to Lovely Lita LLC located at 1055 B & C Route 34, Aberdeen, NJ.

Motion: Councilman Swindle

Second: Councilman Hirsch

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cannon, Hirsch, Martucci, Montone, Swindle, Deputy Mayor Kelley and Mayor Tagliarini

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-38: Resolution to adopt the investigation report regarding an affirmative action complaint filed on September 9, 2022

Motion: Councilman Martucci

Second: Councilman Hirsch

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cannon, Hirsch, Martucci, Montone, Swindle, Deputy Mayor Kelley and Mayor Tagliarini

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS/CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Martucci

Second: Councilman Cannon

With all in favor, the reorganization meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.