

**EAST BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP
REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 4, 2021**

1 Jean Walling Civic Center
East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816

7:45 P.M.

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1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence, and Roll Call.

Nennette Perry, Township Clerk called the meeting to order. She asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance which was recited by Ms. Rachel Cohen.

2. Invocation

Father Thomas J Walsh, St. Bartholomew Catholic Church gave the Invocation.

3. Roll Call

Nennette Perry, Township Clerk called the roll:

Present: Councilman McEvoy, Councilwoman Sullivan and Councilman Wendell

Also Present: Michael Baker, Township Attorney;
Joseph Criscuolo, Administrator, Nennette Perry, Township Clerk and
Carol Bellisano, Deputy Clerk

4. Statement of Notice of Publication

The Clerk read the following statement:

At a previous Council meeting, the meeting was disrupted by several callers zoom bombing and shouting out racial and religious slurs in an effort to disrupt the meeting.

Be advised that any future attempts to disrupt an East Brunswick Council meeting will be considered harassment and your IP address or Phone number will be turned over to the East Brunswick Police Department and you will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by specifying time, date, location and to the extent known, the agenda by posting a copy on the Bulletin Board located in the main lobby of the East Brunswick Municipal Building, providing a copy to the Home News Tribune and Sentinel newspapers, posting a copy on the Township's website and by a filing a copy in the office of the Township Clerk which will be entered in the minutes.

The Township is using the telephone meeting format in an effort to mitigate the chance of exposure to COVID-19, as a part of the Township's ongoing effort to slow the rate of transmission and avoid overwhelming our treatment centers. The Dial in Information and Final Agenda have been posted on the Township website and are posted on EBTv for members of the public.

In order to make sure a clear record of the meeting can be made and that all parties are heard in an organized fashion, all members of the public will be muted during the meeting. If a member of the public wishes to speak during any public comment portion, please press *9 (star nine) in order to raise your hand to speak. We will unmute members of the public individually if they have their hand raised. When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a notification that you have been unmuted. It is at that time that you should begin to ask any questions you may have. You will have three minutes to speak, at the conclusion of which you will be muted again, and the council or administration will respond as necessary. Should you have any further comments or questions, the Township Council is always available by email and phone, and you can always call the Mayor's office during normal operating hours. Each member of the public shall only have one opportunity to speak during each public portion. As the technology does not allow us

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to know if there are multiple callers on an individual line, we ask that if you wish to speak, that you dial in on a separate line so that we can recognize you as a separate individual.

Thank you in advance for your patience as we as we implement this new technology to continue to move the Township forward during this Health Emergency.

At this time the sitting Council moved onto the Consent Agenda.

5. Consent Agenda: (Resolutions)

The Township Clerk asked if anyone wished to have any items separated from the Consent Agenda. Councilman McEvoy asked that Item B be separated from the agenda. The Township Clerk read the remaining items on the Consent Agenda.

- A. 16980 Establishing Meeting Schedule for 2021
- C. 16982 Appointing Department Heads
- D. 16983 Appointing Business Administrator
- E. 16984 Adopting the 2021 Cash Management Plan In Accordance With N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14
- F. 16985 2021 Council Committee Appointments

Councilwoman Sullivan moved the adoption of the Consent Agenda Items A, and C to F. Councilman Wendell seconded the motion. There being no further discussion from Council, the Clerk called the roll:

McEvoy - yes, Sullivan - yes, Wendell - yes, and the Consent Agenda Items A and C to F were declared adopted.

The Township Clerk read the following resolution:

- B. 16981 Authorizing Temporary Appropriations for 2021

Councilman Wendell moved the adoption of the resolution. Councilwoman Sullivan seconded the motion. Councilman McEvoy took exception to the language in the 4th Whereas. He made a motion to have the words: "*after years of not keeping up the growth needs*". Councilman Wendell seconded the motion. There being no further discussion from Council regarding the amendment, the Clerk called the roll to amend:

McEvoy - yes, Sullivan - yes, Wendell - yes, and the resolution was amended.

Councilwoman Sullivan made a motion to approve the amended resolution. Councilman Wendell seconded the motion. There being no further discussion the Clerk called the roll:

McEvoy - yes, Sullivan - yes, Wendell - yes, and the resolution was approved.

At this time the Honorable Phil Murphy, Governor State of New Jersey joined the meeting.

6. Certification of Election Results for Township Council

The Clerk read the certification of the November 3, 2020 election results for Brad Cohen, Michael Spadafino and Sterley Stanley.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

A Statement of the determination of the Board of County Canvassers relative to an election held in the County of Middlesex on the third day of November in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty for the Election of:

Mayor

Two Councilman

The said board did determine that at the said Election Brad J Cohen was duly elected Mayor, Michael Spadafino was duly elected Councilman and Sterley Stanley was duly elected Councilman for the Township of East Brunswick, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey. I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct statement of the determination of the Board of County Canvassers as filed in the office of the County Clerk of Middlesex.

Signed Sylvia Engel, Chairman of the Board of County Canvassers and Witnessed by Elaine M Flynn, County Clerk.

7. Administration of Oath

The Honorable Phil Murphy, Governor, State of New Jersey administered the oath of office to Mayor Brad Cohen, Councilman Michael Spadafino and Councilman Sterley Stanley.

8. Speeches

Mayor Brad Cohen, Councilman Michael Spadafino and Councilman Sterley Stanley read a congratulatory statement to the public.

9. Congratulations

David Lonski, representing the East Brunswick Democratic Organization made a presentation to the newly elected Mayor and Councilmen.

10. Nomination for Council President

The Clerk opened the meeting for nominations for the office of Council President for the term of one year. Councilman Wendell nominated Sharon Sullivan, Councilman Stanley seconded. Councilman Wendell moved to close the nominations. Councilman Spadafino seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to close nominations. The Clerk called the roll for Councilwoman Sullivan to serve as Council President for a term of one year.

McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Stanley - yes, Sullivan - yes, Wendell - yes

Council President Sullivan thanked everyone for their support. The meeting was now turned over to Council President Sullivan.

11. Nomination for Council Vice President

Council President Sullivan called for nominations for the office of Council Vice President for a term of one year. Councilman Spadafino nominated Councilman McEvoy. There being no further nominations, Councilman Wendell moved to close the nominations. Councilman Spadafino seconded the motion. Unanimously adopted motion to close nominations. The Clerk called the roll for Councilman McEvoy to serve as Council Vice President for a term of one year:

McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Stanley - yes, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes

Councilman McEvoy thanked Councilman Spadafino for his support and his primary objective for 2021 will be quality of life issues and the distribution of vaccines.

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12. Public Portion:

Council President Sullivan opened the meeting to the public.

Assemblyman Robert Karabinchak thanked the Mayor and Council.

Nancy Pinkin, Middlesex County Clerk offered congratulations to the Mayor and the newly elected Council members.

Senator Patrick Diegnan thanked the Mayor for his kind words.

There being no further discussion, the public portion was closed.

Council President Sullivan invited Rabbi Shlomo Landau from Torah Links of Middlesex County to give the benediction.

13. Adjournment:

Councilman Wendell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Spadafino seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the Clerk called the roll:

McEvoy - yes, Spadafino - yes, Stanley - yes, Wendell - yes, Sullivan - yes and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.


SHARON SULLIVAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


JENNETTE PERRY, MUNICIPAL CLERK