

CALL TO ORDER

Brandon E. Umba, Township Administrator/ Deputy Municipal Clerk called the Meeting to order at 7:00PM.

INVOCATION

Reverend Kim Crutchfield, Pastor of the Broad Street United Methodist Church offered his invocation to the Township Committee and public present.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Umba asked everyone to stand and led the flag salute.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Mr. Umba introduced Tonya Roth James, a resident of Lumberton and the cousin of Committeeman Dinneen.

Tonya Roth James sang National Anthem.

MEETING NOTICE STATEMENT:

“Notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with law by: Posting a copy of the agenda on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex, filing a copy of the agenda in the office of the Township Clerk at the Municipal Complex, mailing a copy of the agenda to the Burlington County Times, mailing written notice to each person that has requested copies of the regular meeting schedule. All of the above filing and mailing having taken place on the 29th day of December 2016.

OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED COMMITTEE PERSONS

Mr. Umba read the Official Certificate of Election for James Conway Jr.

Mr. Freeholder Deputy Director Kate Gibbs administered the Oath of Office to Mr. James Conway Jr. Mr. Conway’s family was present and held the bible as he was sworn in.

Mr. Umba read the Official Certificate of Election for Michael Mansdoerfer.

Freeholder Deputy Director Kate Gibbs administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Michael Mansdoerfer. Mr. Mansdoerfer’s family was present and held the bible as he was sworn in.

Mr. Umba then called the Official Roll of the 2016 Lumberton Township Committee

- Committeeman Conway – Present
- Committeeman Dinneen – Present
- Committeeman Earlen - Present
- Committeeman Jackson – Present
- Committeeman Mansdoerfer – Present

NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF MAYOR

Mr. Umba then opened the floor was opened for nominations for Mayor. Committeeman Jackson nominated Sean Earlen. Committeeman Mansdoerfer seconded the nomination. Being

no other nominations, the floor was closed and a roll call vote was taken on the nomination of Sean Earlen as Mayor for 2016. All Committee Members voted in favor of Sean Earlen's nomination as Mayor of Lumberton.

OATH OF OFFICE TO MAYOR

Sean Earlen was sworn in as Mayor for 2016 by Freeholder Deputy Director Kate Gibbs. Mayor Earlen's family was present and held the bible as he was sworn in.

Mr. Umba officially turned the meeting over to Mayor Earlen.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor Earlen opened the floor to nominations for Deputy Mayor. Committeeman Mansdoerfer nominated Michael Dinneen, Committeeman Conway seconded the nomination. Being no further nominations, Mayor Earlen closed the floor to nominations and requested a roll call vote on the nomination of Michael Dinneen as Deputy Mayor for 2016. . All Committee Members voted in favor of Michael Dinneen's nomination as Deputy Mayor of Lumberton.

OATH OF OFFICE TO DEPUTY MAYOR

Michael Dinneen was sworn in as Deputy Mayor for 2016 by Freeholder Deputy Director Kate Gibbs. Deputy Mayor Dinneen's family was present and held the bible as he was sworn in.

Mayor Earlen thanked Freeholder Deputy Director Kate Gibbs for coming out this evening to perform the swearing in services.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING – TITLE ONLY

Ordinance 2016-001 “An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance O-2011-03-003 in its Entirety and Replacing with the Foregoing Ordinance Establishing Emergency Medical Services within the Township”

On motion by Committeeman Mansdoerfer, seconded by Committeeman Conway and carried by unanimous favorable voice roll call vote, the Township Committee introduced Ordinance 2016-001.

Ordinance 2016-002 “An Ordinance Establishing the Emergency Services Commission”

On motion by Committeeman Mansdoerfer, seconded by Deputy Mayor Dinneen and carried by unanimous favorable voice roll call vote, the Township Committee introduced Ordinance 2016-002.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2016-001

“A Resolution Appointing Mayor and Deputy Mayor”

Resolution 2016-002

“A Resolution Making Various Township Official and Board Appointments”

Resolution 2016-003

“A Resolution Setting Annual Meetings of the Lumberton Township Committee”

Resolution 2015-1-004

“A Resolution Delegating Administrative Duties And Powers Over Municipal Departments to Standing Committees of the Governing Body”

Resolution 2016-005

“A Resolution Appointing An OEM Coordinator for Lumberton Township”

Resolution 2016-006

“A Resolution Making Various Professional Appointments”

Resolution 2016-007

“A Resolution Authorizing the Assessment of A \$100 Fee for Duplicate Tax Sale Certificates”

Resolution 2016-008

“A Resolution of The Township of Lumberton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, Fixing the Rate of Interest to be Charged on Delinquent Taxes of Assessments”

Resolution 2016-009

“A Resolution Appointing A Tax Search Officer And A Municipal Improvement Search Officer”

Resolution 2016-010

“A Resolution Appointing An Animal Control Officer For The Township of Lumberton”

Resolution 2016-011

“A Resolution Authorizing A Ten Day Grace Period On Quarterly Tax Payments”

Resolution 2016-012

“A Resolution naming An Official And Secondary Newspaper For The Township of Lumberton”

Resolution 2016-013

“A Resolution Authorizing The Tax Assessor the Authority To File Tax Appeals And Tax Complaints”

Resolution 2016-014

“A Resolution Setting A Fee Schedule For Copies of Various Documents”

Resolution 2016-015

“A Resolution Authorizing State Contract And County Contract Use For Purchases For The Year 2016”

Resolution 2016-016

“A Resolution Appointing A Public Agency Compliance Officer”

Resolution 2016-017

“A Resolution Authorizing Off-Duty Security-Related And/Or Traffic Control Services By Police Personnel”

Resolution 2016-018

“Appointing A Fund Commissioner For The Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund”

Resolution 2016-019

“A Resolution Appointing A Risk Management Consultant (Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund)”

Resolution 2016-020

“A Resolution Appointing A Risk Management Consultant (Burlco Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund)”

Resolution 2016-021

“Resolution Authorizing A Service Charge For Collection of Delinquent Sewer Accounts”

Resolution 2016-022

“A Resolution Providing For the Disposition of Overpayment Of Taxes”

Resolution 2016-023

“Resolution Adopting A Cash Management Plan”

Resolution 2016-024

“A Resolution Authorizing The Tax Collector To Cancel Certain Tax Balances”

Resolution 2016-025

“A Resolution Setting Mileage Reimbursement Rate”

Resolution 2016-026

“A Resolution Authorizing Participation In The Burlington County Shared Services Forum”

Resolution 2016-027

“A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of A Municipal Solid Waste Service Contract With The County of Burlington For The Provision of Solid Waste Services”

Resolution 2016-028

“A Resolution Naming Financial Depositories”

Resolution 2016-029

“Resolution Redirecting Annual Committee Person Salary For Lewis Jackson”

Resolution 2016-030

“A Resolution Appointing Hazard Mitigation Committee”

Resolution 2016-031

“A Resolution Appointing Crossing Guards For The Township of Lumberton For The Year 2016”

Resolution 2016-032

“A Resolution Adopting An Official Open Public Records Request Form Adopted By The Township Clerk As the Custodian of Records”

Resolution 2016-033

“A Resolution Establishing A Memorial Day Committee For Lumberton Township

Resolution 2016-034

“A Resolution Creating A Subcommittee For The New Emergency Services Building Project”

Resolution 2016-035

“Resolution Recognizing Pastor Erik Jarvis As The Lumberton Police Department and Fire Department Chaplain”

Resolution 2016-036

“Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Service Agreement with the Township of Hainesport for Fire Official Services”

Resolution 2016-037

“Resolution Authorizing a 2016 Temporary Budget Pursuant to NJSA 40A:4-19”

Resolution 2016-038

“Resolution Appointing a Fund Commissioner for the Southern New Jersey Regional Employee Benefits Fund”

The above Resolutions were adopted on motion by Committeeman Jackson, seconded by Committeeman Mansdoerfer and carried by favorable voice roll call vote with Committeeman Conway abstaining from the Appointment of Environmental Resolutions and CME Associates and voting no on Parker McCay for Bond Counsel, all under 2016-006, Committeeman Mansdoerfer abstaining from 2016-019, 2016-020 and Committeeman Dinneen abstaining from 2016-028.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Thomas Polinski, 654 Main Street, stated that he knows how hard it is to be an elected official and he would like to thank the Committee Members for their service to the Community. Mr. Polinski,

also asked if the Township could work on putting up a plaque with all the former Mayors of the Township on it and possibly add Township Committee Members to that plaque.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Mayor Earlen offered the Floor to Committeeman Jackson the floor to give an outgoing Mayor's speech. The following is the transcript of Committeeman Jackson's speech;

"Looking back over the last two years I'd like to think that most people would say it's been relatively quiet here in Lumberton.

In fact, I suspect that there are a good number of people in town who wouldn't be able to tell you who the mayor was for the last two years. I am not at all upset or unhappy by that situation. Attendance at meetings, with a few exceptions, was probably lower than in any of the other five years I've spent on the committee. Again, while one could look at that in a negative light, I prefer to see it as a positive.

I had a different philosophy about the position of Mayor, but the same goals as everyone else who's had the job in the last 10 years or so. The goals were to supply stable, competent leadership and provide for the basic needs of a Township for government services without breaking the backs of our taxpayers to pay for it. The philosophy was that it was not necessary to attract a lot of attention to myself in doing so. That may be why we did not have a lot of people turning out for meetings, but I would like to think that it was because people were happy and satisfied with what we were doing and what we were not doing as a governing body.

When people did come out to meetings they were encouraged to come to the microphone and tell us what was on their mind. And we listened. I can think of no better example of this than when we were forced to make a change on Chestnut Street that required a decision to either eliminate parking or make it a one-way street. We invited everyone to come to several meetings so we could discuss our limited options and most people made thoughtful comments and suggestions. Those suggestions actually impacted the decision that was ultimately made. I think that was clearly an example of local government doing something the right way.

You can call it shunning the spotlight if you want, but I believe we have lots of talented people sitting on this committee and employed in our municipal government, in addition to lots of volunteers who should be entitled to some of that attention. Our fire department, EMS and the LYA, are just a few of the volunteer organizations that help to make Lumberton special. Every winter I get compliments about the job our public works department does in clearing the roads after a snowfall, mostly from people who live in other towns. Not to mention the job they do in their day-to-day routine of maintaining public areas and providing the other services in a professional manner on a day-to-day basis. Our police department, under the leadership of chief Tony Diloreto and Lieut. Ed Begolly, continues to not only provide the services that could be described as typical, but go out of their way to organize and participate in community activities such as, National Night out and the recent toy drive. Their efforts on National Night Out were recognized as being tendon the nation this year and I know they're shooting for single digits next year. The upcoming start of a 'Coffee With a Cop' program shows how they won't stop in their efforts to effectively communicate with our community.

I also want to take the opportunity we have this many people in the room to restate things I've said over the past two years. First, we are lucky to have group of people that are sitting up with me on the podium today. Each one of us brings a unique background and set of talents to our position on the committee. That's probably the main reason we were able to function as well as we did without a full-time administrator, a situation we have now rectified by hiring Brandon Umba. I look forward to continuing to work with him as we move forward.

Last year, if anyone remembers, I highlighted the need we have for a new emergency services building at our reorganization meeting. I'm happy that we were able to take the first step in a process by removing the former municipal facilities across the street, which should become an eyesore and a hazard, in order to make way for a new building. And yes, I really enjoyed swinging a sledgehammer to put first hole in the building.

So, as I step aside from the position of Mayor and resume the position of committeeman, there are three things that I would like to mention which I will miss. First, is the ability to perform wedding ceremonies. Over the past several years I've had the privilege of performing a dozen or so wedding ceremonies. I'm proud to say that, despite the fact that before each one of them I advised the participants that they had the chance to run out the door and back out of their commitment, no one did. Second, I've had the privilege of making presentations at about a half dozen Eagle Courts of Honor. Maybe it's because I was a Boy Scout myself, but I left each one of those optimistic about the future of our country.

Finally, I was going to say that I will miss working with the people I have already mentioned, but I will continue to be working with them, just in a different capacity. I also believe it is better to look forward then backward. When we do that, I think Lumberton has a very bright future. The person who now has the job as mayor is incredibly well prepared to take us forward. Sean Earlen has talent, experience and temperament to take on the job of being mayor and make us all proud to help him achieve his vision and lead this community into the future."

Mayor Earlen then took the floor to thank everyone for coming out to tonight Reorganization Meeting. Mayor Earlen offered his congratulations to Committeeman Mansdoerfer on his reelection to his 5th term, starting on the Township Committee back in 2004. Similarly Mayor Earlen offered Committeeman Conway Congratulations on his reelection to his 4th term, starting on the Township Committee back in 2007. Mayor Earlen congratulated Fire Official Pat Bigoss on his appointment as the Burlington County Fire Coordinator. Mayor Earlen thanked Mr. Umba for his help this past year and wished him luck as he starts his first full year with the Township. Mayor Earlen announces that the Township will be beginning its search for a Municipal Clerk during the month of January. Mayor Earlen thanked the Police Department and the Public Works Department for their service to the Township. He highlighted that the Police Department would be holding a "Coffee with a Cop" on January 26, 2016. Mayor Earlen also highlighted the various capital projects that are in the development process or are in the process of being worked on. Lastly, Mayor Earlen offered his thanks to all the outside organizations that work to ensure that programs like our sports programs are running efficiently.

Committeeman Mansdoerfer offered his thanks to all the residents for their faith in him to be reelected to the Township Committee. Committeeman Mansdoerfer also thanked his family for their support.

Deputy Mayor Dinneen, congratulated Committeeman Mansdoerfer and Conway on their reelections and for their mentorship. Deputy Mayor Dinneen also thanked former Mayor for his service as Mayor of the Township. He thanked all the volunteers and workers of the Township for all they do for our residents. Lastly Deputy Mayor Dinneen wished Mayor Earlen the best of luck as he begins his tenure as Mayor of Lumberton Township.

Committeeman Conway echoed the sentiments shared by all the other Committee Members. Committeeman Conway also thanked his family for their love and support as he begins his new term. Lastly Committeeman Conway thanked the staff for all their hard work when the township did not have an Administrator and for their continued hard work going forward.

BENEDICTION

Reverend Kim Crutchfield offered the Benediction to the Committee and those present.

ADJOURNEMENT

Being no other business to come before the Township Committee, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:56PM on motion by Committeeman Jackson, seconded by Committeeman Mansdoerfer and carried by unanimous favorable voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Brandon E. Umba
Township Administrator/Deputy Municipal Clerk