

M E E T I N G M I N U T E S

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN COUNTY OF OCEAN WARETOWN, N. J.

REORGANIZATION MEETING: January 4, 2022 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: by Municipal Clerk, Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC:

JANUARY 4, 2022 BAULDERSTONE X DODD X LOPARO X

FLAG SALUTE:

INVOCATION/PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR: Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio invited Pastor Dawn R. Corlew, Waretown United Methodist Church, to give the invocation and prayer for the New Year.

STATEMENT: Pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was properly provided by sending copies of the Notice of Meeting to two newspapers The Press of Atlantic City and the Asbury Park Press. The Notice was posted at the office of the Township Clerk and on the bulletin board in the Administration Building.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED:

OATH OF OFFICE to Committeewoman Lydia M. Dodd, who was elected for a three-year term. Lydia M. Dodd is sworn in by Township Clerk Ambrosio.

NOMINATION FOR MAYOR/CHAIRPERSON for the year 2022:

Committeeman Ken Baulderstone nominated Ben LoParo for the office of Mayor/Chairperson for the year 2022. Lydia Dodd seconded the nomination.

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, Dodd: Yes, LoParo: Yes

OATH OF OFFICE administered to Mayor/Chairperson for the year 2022.

Ben LoParo is sworn in by Township Clerk Ambrosio.

MEETING OFFICIALLY turned over to Chairperson/Mayor:

NOMINATION FOR DEPUTY MAYOR/DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON for the year 2022:

Committeewoman Lydia Dodd nominated Ken Baulderstone for the office of Deputy Mayor/Deputy Chairperson for the year 2022. Mayor Ben LoParo seconded the nomination.

Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, Dodd: Yes, LoParo: Yes

OATH OF OFFICE administered to Deputy Mayor/Deputy Chairperson for the year 2022.

Ken Baulderstone is sworn in by Township Clerk Ambrosio.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-1 – Resolution Appointing Christopher J. Dasti as Township Attorney and Morgan Engineering as Special Engineer for the year 2022

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, seconded by Committeewoman Dodd. Roll Call: Baulderstone: Yes, Dodd: Yes, LoParo: No

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio invited Mr. Dasti to join the Committee at the desk as the Township Attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-2 – Resolution appointing Professionals for the year 2022 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:11-1 et. seq.

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, seconded by Committeewoman Dodd.
Roll Call: Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

CONSENT AGENDA

The below listed items are considered to be routine by the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately

2022-3	Resolution authorizing Committeewoman Lydia Dodd as Chairperson/Liaison for Administration, Construction & Zoning, Historical Society Greenbriar Oceanaire Homeowners, Environmental/Green Team, Health Commissioner
2022-4	Resolution authorizing Committeeman Kenneth Baulderstone as Chairperson/Liaison for Department of Public Works, Senior Advisory, Special Events, Fire Department, First Aid, Planning/Redevelopment
2022-5	Resolution authorizing Committeeman Benjamin LoParo as Chairperson/Liaison for Police Department, Municipal Court, Homeowners Association, Municipal Alliance, Recreation, School District
2022-6	Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, providing dates of the Township Committee Meetings and designating official newspapers for the year 2022
2022-7	Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC – Redevelopment Secretary, Election Officer, Employee Insurance Rep/Affordable Care Act Coordinator
2022-8	Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC – Public Agency Compliance Officer
2022-9	Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC, and Jeanne Broadbent Keepers of the Poor
2022-10	Michele Giardino – Deputy Clerk, Board of Health Secretary, Employee Insurance Rep and Animal Licensing Official
2022-11	Michele Damato - Administrative Assistant, Special Events and Environmental Commission Recording Secretary
2022-12	Marleen Miller – Treasurer/Payroll
2022-13	Mary Blood – Certified Qualified Purchasing Agent
2022-14	Mary Blood – Payroll
2022-15	Mary Ellen Brown – Part-Time Accounting Clerk/Purchasing
2022-16	Amber L. Bird – Principal Billing Clerk
2022-17	Jeanne Broadbent – Recreation Director- Shared Service Barnegat Township of Ocean Municipal Alliance Coordinator, Secretary to Senior Advisory Committee
2022-18	Lorraine Clune – Zoning Officer, Secretary, Planning Board, Code Enforcement Officer
2022-19	Ashley Harper – Administrative Assistant Construction/Zoning
2022-20	Stephine Capaccio –Technical Assistant, Secretary Board of Adjustments
2022-21	Charles Hood– Part Time Electrical Sub code
2022-22	Ronald J. Piszar – Part Time Fire Sub code
2022-23	Elizabeth Copio – Police Records Clerk

2022-24	Mariann Siciliano –Police Administrative Assistant
2022-25	Police Telecommunicators appointments
2022-26	Matt Ambrosio – Superintendent of Public Works, Certified Recycling Coordinator, Community Forestry Clean Communities Coordinator and Storm Water Management Coordinator
2022-27	Daniel Kehoe – Foreman Department of Public Works, Community Forestry
2022-28	Shane Gederberg – Foreman Department of Public Works/Utility and Operator of Record
2022-29	Department of Public Works appointments
2022-30	Steve Millette, Court Administrator, Alexa Eppolito- Deputy Court Administrator, Mariann Carricarte, Court Recorder
2022-31	School Crossing Guard – Warren R. Schmidt, Assistant Crossing Guard – Walter Mankowski
2022-32	Raymond Hall – Part-Time -Field Inspector - Tax Assessor’s Office
2022-33	Martin Lynch – COAH Officer, Laurie Clune, COAH Officer and Township Housing Liaison
2022-34	Diane Ambrosio Fund Commissioner for the Ocean County JIF
2022-35 for the	Appointing a fill-in Plumbing and Electrical Sub code for the Township of Ocean year 2022
2022-36	Resolution appointing Diane B. Ambrosio and Michelle Damato as Right-to-Know Officers
2022-37	Resolution authorizing Policies and Procedures for areas of OSHA
2022-38	Resolution authorizing Recording Secretary Salaries for 2022
2022-39	Resolution authorizing fixing salaries for the year 2022
2022-40	Resolution authorizing Finance Department and Municipal Clerk to work in accordance with the Township of Ocean’s Cash Management Plan
2022-41	Resolution authorizing Finance Department and Municipal Clerk to work in accordance with the Township of Ocean’s Auditors to re-establish the Township’s escrow accounts
2022-42	Resolution authorizing Finance Department and Municipal Clerk to work in accordance and authorize money held in trust accounts with New Jersey qualified banks/depositories
2022-43	Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to utilize TD Bank for all money collected
2022-44	Resolution authorizing the Finance Department and Municipal Clerk to authorize resolutions and signature cards required by depositories
2022-45	Resolution authorizing CMFO, Comptroller, Treasurer of the Township of Ocean to establish escrow account throughout the year
2022-46	Resolution authorizing Home Depot procurement cards
2022-47	Resolution authorizing electronic transfers to NJ Div. of Pensions
2022-48	Resolution authorizing petty cash funds for the year 2022 as approved by New Jersey Division of Local Government Services
2022-49	Resolution authorizing an agreement with certain approved state contracts for the year 2022
2022-50	Resolution authorizing house vendor accounts for the year 2022
2022-51	Resolution authorizing Walmart procurement cards
2022-52	Resolution authorizing Lowes’s procurement cards
2022-53	Resolution authorizing Tractor Supply account
2022-54	Resolution authorizing Shop Rite account
2022-55	Resolution authoring electronic procurement with Fedex, UPS, Amazon, State of NJ

2022-56	Resolution authorizing change accounts for the year 2022
2022-57	Resolution authorizing fixed assets
2022-58	Resolution authorizing fixing the rate of interest to be charged on delinquent taxes of assessments to include new provisions of the law
2022-59	Resolution authorizing tax receivership pursuant to N.J.S.A 54:4-123
2022-60 of	Resolution authorizing Tax Collector N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-17 allows for the cancellation property tax refunds or delinquent amounts in the amounts of less than \$10.00
2022-61	Resolution authorizing the hiring of temporary personnel
2022-62	Resolution authorizing the prompt payment of bills and other mandatory expenses
2022-63	Resolution authorizing the appointments of Municipal Registrar, Diane B. Ambrosio and Deputy Registrar, Michele Giardino
2022-64	Resolution establishing Rules and Regulations for Meetings of the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean
2022-65	Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey Adopting Procedures for remote public meetings held during a declared emergency
2022-66	Resolution authorizing the Township Tax Assessor or the Township Attorney as agents in filing petitions of appeal/complaints to the Ocean County Tax Board
2022-67	Resolution authorizing Jason Worth as Assistant Zoning Officer and Bulkhead Engineer for Calendar year 2022
2022-68	Resolution authorizing James Oris as a consultant for Construction/Zoning/Department of Public Works for Calendar year 2022
2022-69	Resolution authorizing the appointments to the Board of Health
2022-70	Resolution authoring the appointments of the Environmental Commission
2022-71	Resolution authorizing the appointments of the Green Team
2022-72	Resolution authorizing the appointments of the Senior Advisory
2022-73	Resolution authorizing the appointments of the Economic Development Committee
2022-74	Resolution authorizing the appointments of the Municipal Alliance
2022-75	Resolution authorizing the appointments to the Board of Adjustment
2022-76	Resolution authorizing the appointments to the Planning Board
2022-77	Resolution authorizing the appointments to the Special Events Committee
2022-78	Resolution approving new signature cards for bank accounts
2022-79	Resolution appointing members to the Pinelands Municipal Council
2022-80	Resolution authorizing the Township of Ocean to participate in the Defense Logistics Agency Law Enforcement Support Office, 1033 program to enable the Township of Ocean to request and acquire excess Department of Defense Equipment
2022-81	Resolution authorizing the Township Municipal Clerk to advertise for an Administrative Assistant
2022-82	Resolution to affirm the Township of Ocean civil rights policy with respect to all officials, appointees, employees, prospective employees, volunteers, independent contractors, and members of the public that come into contact with municipal employees, officials, and volunteers
2022-83	Resolution of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey urging Governor Murphy, New Jersey Turnpike Authority and South Jersey Turnpike Authority to reconsider the increase in tolls to the Garden State Parkway, the New Jersey Turnpike and Atlantic City Expressway
2022-84	Resolution authorizing the hiring of Ryan Parks as a part-time training Telecommunicator starting January 13, 2022

2022-85 Resolution authorizing the appointments to the Plan Endorsement Advisory Committee for 2022

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Resolutions 2022-3 through 2022-85

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, seconded by Committeewoman Dodd.
Roll Call: Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-86 authorizing the hiring of part-time employees

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, seconded by Committeewoman Dodd.
Roll Call: Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Abstain

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-87 authorizing the 2022 Temporary Operating Budget for the Current and Utility operating budgets

Motion to approve was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, seconded by Committeewoman Dodd.
Roll Call: Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE:

Due to an abundance of caution in keeping the meeting and people together in this room for the shortest amount of time today, the Township Committee members will not be giving reports today.

The Police Oath Ceremony for new Sgt. Matelski and Police Officer North will take place on January 18th.

Mayor LoParo thanked Deputy Mayor Baulderstone and Committeewoman Dodd for nominating him as Mayor. It is appreciated.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion to open Public Comment was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, seconded by Committeewoman Dodd.

Roll Call: Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Ken Fekete, 58 Beacon Drive, discussed he was appointed to the Environmental Commission a few months ago and was told he would be reappointed and inquired who the liaison is to the Environmental Commission and what is the Environmental Commission planning for this year.

Committeewoman Dodd discussed she is the liaison to the Environmental Commission.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed Environmental Commission meetings are the Monday before the first Thursday of the monthly Planning Board meetings. The Environmental Commission could not meet in January due to the first Monday before the first Thursday is before the Reorganization Meeting of the Planning Board. The Township will reach out to Don Lippincott, the last Chairperson, and all the members to see when everyone can meet.

Mr. Fekete discussed there has not been an Environmental Commission meeting since 2019. There are enough issues that need to be addressed and considered, Barnegat Bay Lagoons, Ocean Wind Farms, Forked River Power Plant status, the Shade Tree Commission, Grants and the Lantern Fly.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed that is correct, due to COVID and restrictions.

Township Attorney Dasti discussed the Commission is a separate Board. The Township Committee does not tell them when or not to meet. They set their own schedule. The Environmental Commission can decide not to meet if a quorum cannot be met.

Mr. Fekete discussed the radar speed sign on Wells Mills Road has not been functioning for a year or two.

Committeewoman Dodd discussed the Township is addressing it.

Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio discussed the Township obtained a reasonable price from a company for the radar speed sign. As soon as the budget is online, the Township Committee has authorized the purchase of the sign.

John Petrosilli, Bay Haven, congratulated Committeewoman Dodd for being re-elected and congratulated Mayor LoParo and Deputy Mayor Baulderstone on their nominations. Have a good year.

Joan Tredy, 131 Englewood Avenue, congratulated and thanked Mayor LoParo, Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, Committeewoman Dodd and Township Administrator/Clerk Ambrosio for all they manage to do in the amount of time they are given to do it and especially how innovative they have to be. God Bless.

Motion to close Public Comment was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, seconded by Committeewoman Dodd.

Roll Call: Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

RESOLUTION 2022-88

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING RYAN R. NORTH AS FULL_TIME PATROL OFFICER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-88 was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, seconded by Committeewoman Dodd.

Roll Call: Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

RESOLUTION 2022-89

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING MICHAEL D. MATELSKI AS SERGEANT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-89 was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, seconded by Committeewoman Dodd.

Roll Call: Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Next Scheduled Meetings – Township Committee

Tuesday – January 18, 2022 – 6:00 PM
Thursday – February 3, 2022 – 10:00 AM
Tuesday, February 15, 2022 – 6:00 PM

Mayor LoParo welcomed Ryan North to the Ocean Township Police Department and congratulated Sgt. Matelski on his promotion.

ADJOURN REORGANIZATION MEETING

Motion to adjourn was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone, seconded by Committeewoman Dodd.
Roll Call: Dodd: Yes, Baulderstone: Yes, LoParo: Yes

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date