

MEETING MINUTES

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

REORGANIZATION MEETING: January 1, 2019 12:00 pm

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

JANUARY 1, 2019 BAULDERSTONE X DODD X LOPARO X

FLAG SALUTE: Southern Regional High School – JR ROTC
- Under the supervision of Technical Sargeant Vasquez

INVOCATION/PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR: Township Clerk Ambrosio invited Reverend Dale Tate, Lord of Lords Church, to give the invocation, as well as the prayer for the New Year, as Pastor Dawn R. Corlew, Waretown United Methodist Church, is delayed in an airport and cannot attend today.

Happy New Year to everyone. Let us pray. Father God I pray for Lydia and for all of the Committee people, the employees, and those who have served and those who lead. I pray for those especially that must make judgements concerning the issues brought before them. I pray for our Township that it is safe, protected, guarded and evil and foolishness is kept at bay. I pray for wisdom, courage, sensitivity for our elected leaders and those aiding them to lead in our Township. I pray for fairness, equality and a sense of comradeship to permeate what we do here. I pray that a spirit of compassion and diligence and servanthood prevails among everyone and authority, that they work well together to accomplish the things that make for prosperity, truth and honor, that they have the courage to do what is right and to make things right, even in the face of rejection or misunderstanding or slander by others, that they exercise true discernment to understand the motives of those requesting, calling for or even demanding of them in various capacities throughout the year. I pray for this discernment and willingness to be abiding in them to see through deceptions, lies and false reports. I pray that this Township is blessed by a desire to serve and provide a safe place, a fair and just place and give hope to many in their work, their families and in their businesses among us. I pray for our Police and Fire personnel that they have a successful year and being at the right place and time to stop evil, wrongdoing, fires, accidents or tragedy. I rebuke evil, selfish gain at the expense of others and terrorism or deranged behaviors such as shootings in schools and public places presented by evil. I lift up the Committee, various boards and those appointed to serve, that they will find purpose, fulfillment and the sense of accomplishment, making life better, safer and more profitable for those looking to work, serve and live here in the Township of Ocean in 2019. Thank you Lord for hearing my prayer and for praying with me about these things to address evil and to encourage righteousness among us. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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 Dodd, who was elected for a three year term.
Lydia Dodd is sworn in by Township Clerk Diane Ambrosio.

NOMINATION FOR MAYOR/CHAIRPERSON for the year 2019:

Ken Baulderstone nominated Dr. Ben LoParo for the office of Mayor/Chairperson for the year 2019,
Lydia Dodd seconded the nomination.

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

OATH OF OFFICE administered to Mayor/Chairman for the year 2019.

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 2019:

Lydia Dodd nominated Ken Baulderstone for the office of Deputy Mayor/Deputy Chairperson for the
year 2019, Mayor LoParo seconded the nomination.

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

OATH OF OFFICE administered to Deputy Mayor/Deputy Chairman for the year 2019.

Ken Baulderstone is sworn in by Township Clerk Ambrosio.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-1 PROFESSIONALS: Professionals in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:11-1 et. seq.

Motion to approve was moved by Mayor LoParo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone.

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

Mayor LoParo invited Mr. McGuckin to join the Committee at the desk.

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

- 2019-2 Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC – Assessment Search Officer, Redevelopment Secretary, Election Officer, Employee Insurance Rep/Affordable Care Act Coordinator
- 2019-3 Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC – Public Agency Compliance Officer
- 2019-4 Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC and Jeanne Broadbent Keepers of the Poor
- 2019-5 Michele Giardino – Deputy Clerk, Board of Health Secretary, Employee Insurance Rep and Animal Licensing Official
- 2019-6 Nicole Clune – Administrative Assistant
- 2019-7 Marleen Miller – Treasurer
- 2019-8 Mary Blood – Certified Qualified Purchasing Agent/Payroll
- 2019-9 Crystal Brinson – Tax Collector and Tax Search Officer

- 2019-10 **Amber L. Bird – Principal Billing Clerk**
- 2019-11 **Jeanne Broadbent – Recreation Director- Shared Service Barnegat Township of Ocean Municipal Alliance Coordinator, Secretary to Senior Advisory Committee**
- 2019-12 **Jennifer B. Schulze –Meter Supervisor/Billing Clerk**
- 2019-13 **Lorraine Clune – Zoning Officer, Secretary, Planning Board, Code Enforcement Officer**
- 2019-14 **Naomi E. Madison – Technical Assistant, Deputy Code Enforcement Officer, Secretary, Special Events**
- 2019-15 **Lori Konescny-Miceli – Plumbing Subcode – Shared Service with Barnegat**
- 2019-16 **Elizabeth Copio – Police Records Clerk**
- 2019-17 **Mariann Siciliano –Police Administrative Assistant**
- 2019-18 **Kimberly Solimine – Part-Time Police Administrative Assistant**
- 2019-19 **Police Telecommunicators appointments**
- 2019-20 **Matt Ambrosio – Certified Recycling Coordinator, Clean Communities and Storm Water Management Coordinator, Community Forestry**
- 2019-21 **Daniel Kehoe – Foreman Department of Public Works, Community Forestry**
- 2019-22 **Shane Gederberg – Foreman Department of Public Works/Utility and Operator of Record**
- 2019-23 **Department of Public Works appointments**
- 2019-24 **Custodians: Part-Time - David White, Linda White and Gina Westman**
- 2019-25 **Raymond Hall – Part-Time -Field Inspector - Tax Assessor’s Office**
- 2019-26 **Steven Millette – Court Administrator Erin Bevelheimer, Deputy Court Administrator, Mariann Carricarte, Court Recorder**
- 2019-27 **Authorizing the Municipal Clerk to advertise for Request for Proposals for Attorney, Board of Adjustment**
- 2019-28 **Stephine Capaccio –Technical Assistant, Secretary Board of Adjustments, Secretary Environmental Commission**
- 2019-29 **Charles Hood – Part Time Electrical Subcode**
- 2019-30 **Ronald J. Pizar – Part Time Fire Subcode**
- 2019-31 **School Crossing Guard – Warren R. Schmidt, Assistant Crossing Guard – Walter Mankowski**
- 2019-32 **Shirley Balance – Part-Time Administrative Assistant**
- 2019-33 **Martin Lynch – COAH Officer, Laurie Clune, COAH Officer and Township Housing Liaison**
- 2019-34 **Diane Ambrosio Fund Commissioner for the Ocean County JIF**
- 2019-35 **Appointing a fill-in Plumbing and Electrical Subcode for the Township of Ocean for the year 2019**
- 2019-36 **Appointing Class II Special Police Officer Greg Mezzanotte for the year 2019**
- 2019-37 **Resolution appointing Nicole Clune and Diane B. Ambrosio as Right-to-Know Officers for the year 2019**
- 2019-38 **Resolution authorizing Policies and Procedures for areas of OSHA and Right to know**
- 2019-39 **Appointing Diane B. Ambrosio, Registrar, Michele Giardino, Deputy Registrar and Nicole Clune, Alternate Registrar January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2021**

RESOLUTIONS NO. 2019-40to 2019-41 setting salaries for 2019

RESOLUTIONS NO. 2019-42 to 2019-44 Appointing members of the Township Committee as Chairman of certain departments and Liaison to various Board, Committees and Commissions

RESOLUTIONS NO. 2019-45 to 2019-52 Appointing various Members to Board, Commissions and Committees. Planning Board, Board of Adjustments; Recreation Board, Environmental Commission, Board of Health, Special Events, Municipal Alliance and Senior Advisory

RESOLUTIONS NO. 2019-53 Appointing official newspapers and setting forth the meeting dates and time 7:00 pm of the Township Committee for the year 2019.

RESOLUTIONS NO. 2019-54 to 2019-71 Setting forth various financial accounts of the Township, naming the banking institutions and approving procurement cards, electronic transfer of funds, petty cash, state contracts, Ocean County Cooperative, House Vendor Accounts

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-72 Fixing the rate of interest to be charged on delinquent taxes in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-67.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019- 73 Relative to Tax Receivership, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-123.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019- 74 N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-17 allows for the cancellation of property tax refunds or delinquent amounts in the amounts of less than \$10.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-75 Authorizing of hiring of employees when in time of need and/or emergency

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-76 Authorizing the issuance of checks for contractual obligations, postage, insurance, county taxes and utilities and other mandatory expenses to insure prompt payment to avoid interest, etc.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-77 Appointing Dr. John Kulin, Occupational Medicine South as the Township Physician.

RESOLUTIONS NO. 2019-78 Resolution establishing rules and regulations for meetings of the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-79 Authorizing the Township Tax Assessor or the Township Attorney as agent in filing petitions of appeal/Complaints to the Ocean County Tax Board

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-80 Authorizing as Assistant Zoning Officer and Bulkhead Engineer for Calendar year 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-81 to 2019-104 authorizing updated signature cards for banks

Deputy Mayor Baulderstone discussed he would like Resolution 2019-46 approved separately. There was a last minutes change in the individuals appointed to that Committee. I feel appointments to boards and committees are very important and have a long-term impact. I would like to have more time to think about it.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Resolutions 2019-2 through 2019-104 with the removal of Resolution 2019-46 to be voted on separately

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

Resolution 2019-46 Board of Adjustments Appointments

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-105 authorizing the hiring of Recreation part-time employees

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-106 authorizing Budget Transfers for the current fund in the amount of \$63,000.00 and the Utility Fund in the amount of \$44,000.00

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

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR & TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE:

Mayor

Mayor Ben LoParo stated welcome to Committeewoman Dodd and to everyone. Thank you for coming. Happy New Year. I would like to welcome our new Committeewoman, Lydia Dodd, to the Township Committee. I am grateful and humble to be chosen as Mayor. Thank you to Ken and Lydia for having the faith to choose me. I look forward to working with the Township Committee on keeping the Township moving in the right directions, keeping our residents safe and being physically responsible. We will continue to work together on cost savings and maximizing the use of our tax dollars. This Committee will continue representing the best interest of the residents of Waretown, our dedicated staff, our Police Officers, and the volunteer first responders that make this Township a great place to call home. We will continue to put Waretown first. I wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe 2019. Thank you.

Deputy Mayor

Deputy Mayor Ken Baulderstone stated Good Afternoon and Happy New Year. Thank you to everyone for taking the time to attend today's Reorganization Meeting. Congratulations to Dr. LoParo on becoming Mayor and Lydia Dodd on joining the Township Committee. I look forward to working with both of you as we make the many decisions involved in running the Township and steering the right course for a better future. Our Township is very fortunate to have a committed staff eager to respond to the needs of the citizens and public safety officers and volunteers that are dedicated to the safety of the Township.

I am pleased to announce good news. The Energy Aggregation auction on December 18th was very successful with a rate that is 15.9% less than the current JCP&L rate. This will result in significant savings for citizens. I continue to be concerned about the lack of new ratables, which may result in

increases in property taxes that will be unacceptable to the citizens or possible reducing or eliminating some services.

I hope that this year we will see the reintroduction of the Economic Development Committee to spearhead efforts to create interest with developers to build in our town to increase ratables and introduce new programs to support our local businesses. I would also like to see the formation of a tourism committee to explore how we can work with local entrepreneurs to turn our town into a tourism destination and work with the New Jersey Motion Picture and Television Commission as a possible film location.

In 2018, new pickleball courts were installed at Sands Point Park. Many citizens are enjoying this new facility. This year I would like us to take a close look at all other town-owned properties with a view to make changes that increase the usage and relevance to our citizens. There are several vacant properties on Route 9 that look abandoned or are in need of repair, projecting a bad image of our town. I hope the town will be able to make changes this year that will result in cleaning up Route 9 to project an image that is more in line with our wonderful town.

I would like to thank the Police Department and Municipal Alliance for their good work in combatting drug and alcohol abuse that led to our town being recognized by the DART Prevention Coalition as the Ocean County Town of Excellence.

Committeewoman

Committeewoman Lydia Dodd thanked everyone for attending. Good afternoon. Congratulations to our new Mayor and Deputy Mayor. I am looking forward to working with both of you. I would like to thank everyone who worked tirelessly to help obtain this seat today. There are a few of them here today. I would like to thank Tina Wetter, Gary Cottrell, Ken Baulderstone and Bill Sneddon. Thank you to the residents of Waretown for the opportunity in this capacity. It is an honor. I will certainly put in every effort into working diligently and honorably for all of you. As per John F. Kennedy, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget the highest appreciation is not to utter the words but to live by them". I would like to see the Township as a team-based structure, designed to increase communication between departmental personnel and management. If we can do this, it will make the town more productive and allow the Township Committee to keep the residents more informed. I encourage input and participation from the residents at public meetings to help the Committee understand how residents feel about current issues. If the Committee does not know it is broken, it cannot be fixed. I wish you all a Happy New Year and may God bless you, this Township and this Country of ours.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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

Janit Buccella, 116 Barnegat Beach Drive, discussed she was the democratic candidate for Committeeperson. Ms. Buccella congratulated Lydia Dodd with a well-fought campaign. It was an

uphill battle. Running as a democrat in this town is difficult. I studied all the plans, budgets and minutes. I talked to people to develop a good platform for the campaign. I knocked on 500-800 doors, spoke to people and learned what their concerns were. I am very proud of my team and myself. I will continue to work with the residents as a citizen of the Township, working on the platform that I think is important. The environment, the bay and the decommissioning of the Oyster Creek power plant is a nonpartisan issue. We need to put aside whether we are democrats or republicans. Congratulations to Lydia Dodd, Ben LoParo and Ken Baulderstone.

Shawn Denning Jr., 92 Morey Place Road, congratulated the Township Committee, Mayor LoParo, Deputy Mayor Baulderstone and Committeewoman Dodd. I am very excited to see you are worried about taxes and keeping spending under control. It is very important to the citizens. I look forward to working with the Township Committee.

On behalf of the Ocean Township Board of Education, welcome. The Board of Education looks forward to working with Dr. LoParo, as the liaison, and with the Township Committee, as adjustments are made throughout the year.

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

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

Next Scheduled Meeting – January 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM

MOTION TO ADJOURN REORGANIZATION MEETING was moved by Deputy Mayor Baulderstone.

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

Signed and Submitted:

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Date