



BOROUGH OF ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

JANUARY 1, 2013

The Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council, of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands, was held on January 01, 2013 in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 100 First Avenue Atlantic Highlands NJ.

Mayor Rast called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Mr. Harris stated that notice of this meeting has been transmitted to the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times, continuously posted in the Borough Hall on a bulletin board reserved for such announcements, and filed with the Municipal Clerk of Atlantic Highlands, on 1/03/2012. He read the "Open Public Meetings Act" compliance statement and stated that formal action would be taken.

Rev. William Bendick of the Living Word Church, Atlantic Highlands, offered an opening prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

THE OATH OF OFFICE WAS ADMINISTERED TO THE ELECTED OFFICIALS:

The oaths of office were administered by Mayor Frederick J. Rast, III to Councilman Roy Dellosso who was joined by his wife Joanne and other family members [Katie, Danny, Brianna, and his Mom] and separately to Councilman Robert Sutton, who was joined by his wife Linda, and his sons [Rob, Mike and Daughter in law Desiree]

Roll Call.

Present: Councilman John Archibald Jr., Councilman Roy Dellosso, Councilman Peter T. Doyle, Councilman Lou Fligor, Councilman Jacob Hoffmann, Councilman Robert Sutton, Mayor Frederick J. Rast III (Not voting).

ROLL CALL

Present: Archibald Jr. John, Dellosso Roy, Doyle Peter T., Fligor Lou, Hoffmann Jacob, Sutton Robert, Mayor Rast, III Frederick J.

CERTIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESULTS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTIONS: Thomas Porter, Chief, Chris Vasto, Deputy Chief, Tim Gaffey, Captain

Motion: Accept the elected officers of the Atlantic Highlands Fire Department, **Moved by** Councilman Lou Fligor, **and Seconded by** Councilman Roy Dellosso.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Rast administered the oath of office to the elected Lieutenants of the Atlantic Highlands Fire Department.

Mayor Rast Administered the Oath of office to Captain Tim Gaffey, who was joined by his daughter Madelyn.

Mayor Rast Administered the oath of office to Deputy Chief Chris Vasto who was joined by his wife Maggie.

Mayor Rast administered the oath of office to Fire Chief Thomas Porter who was joined by his wife Liz, his son Ian and daughter Megan.

RESOLUTION 001-2013, ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT-JOHN ARCHIBALD, JR.

Motion: Approve Resolution 001-2013, **Moved by** Councilman Fligor, **Seconded by** Councilman Sutton.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Councilman John Archibald Jr., Councilman Roy Delloso, Councilman Peter T. Doyle, Councilman Lou Fligor, Councilman Jacob Hoffmann, Councilman Robert Sutton.

Mayor Rast administered the Oath of office to Council President Archibald.

RESOLUTION 002-2013, APPOINTMENT-MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY-BERNARD REILLY, ESQ.

Motion: Approve Resolution 002-2013, **Moved by** Councilman Archibald, **Seconded by** Councilman Doyle.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Councilman John Archibald Jr., Councilman Roy Delloso, Councilman Peter T. Doyle, Councilman Lou Fligor, Councilman Jacob Hoffmann, Councilman Robert Sutton.

RESOLUTION 003-2013, APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER- LORRAINE P. CARAFA

Motion: Approve Resolution 003-2013, **Moved by** Councilman Doyle, **Seconded by** Councilman Sutton.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Councilman John Archibald Jr., Councilman Roy Delloso, Councilman Peter T. Doyle, Councilman Lou Fligor, Councilman Jacob Hoffmann, Councilman Robert Sutton.

RESOLUTION 004-2013, APPOINTMENT-AUDITOR-THOMAS FALLON, RMA

Motion: Approve Resolution 004-2013, **Moved by** Councilman Fligor, **Seconded by** Councilman Archibald.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Councilman John Archibald Jr., Councilman Roy Dellosso, Councilman Peter T. Doyle, Councilman Lou Fligor, Councilman Jacob Hoffmann, Councilman Robert Sutton.

RESOLUTION 005-2013, APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ENGINEER- DAVID MARKS

Motion: Approve Resolution 005-2013, **Moved by** Councilman Hoffmann, **Seconded by** Councilman Archibald.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Councilman John Archibald Jr., Councilman Roy Dellosso, Councilman Peter T. Doyle, Councilman Lou Fligor, Councilman Jacob Hoffmann, Councilman Robert Sutton.

RESOLUTION 006-2013, APPOINTMENT –BOND COUNSEL-JOHN DRAIKOWITZ, ESQ.

Motion: Approve Resolution 006-2013, **Moved by** Councilman Archibald, **Seconded by** Councilman Hoffmann.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Councilman John Archibald Jr., Councilman Roy Dellosso, Councilman Peter T. Doyle, Councilman Lou Fligor, Councilman Jacob Hoffmann, Councilman Robert Sutton.

RESOLUTION 007-2013, APPOINTMENT- MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR AND ALTERNATE-CHRISTINE GIORDANO HANLON, ESQ & JAMES BUTLER JR.

Motion: Approve Resolution 007-2013, **Moved by** Councilman Doyle, **Seconded by** Councilman Hoffmann.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Councilman John Archibald Jr., Councilman Roy Dellosso, Councilman Peter T. Doyle, Councilman Lou Fligor, Councilman Jacob Hoffmann, Councilman Robert Sutton.

RESOLUTION 008-2013, AWARD CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL ON COAH MATTERS-JEFFREY SURENIAN, ESQ.

Motion: Approve Resolution 008-2013, **Moved by** Councilman Archibald, **Seconded by** Councilman Sutton.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Councilman John Archibald Jr., Councilman Roy Dellosso, Councilman Peter T. Doyle, Councilman Lou Fligor, Councilman Jacob Hoffmann, Councilman Robert Sutton.

RESOLUTION 009-2013, APPOINTMENT- PUBLIC DEFENDER-ARTHUR SORENSEN, ESQ.

Motion: Approve Resolution 009-2013, **Moved by** Councilman Fligor, **Seconded by** Councilman Delloso.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Councilman John Archibald Jr., Councilman Roy Delloso, Councilman Peter T. Doyle, Councilman Lou Fligor, Councilman Jacob Hoffmann, Councilman Robert Sutton.

RESOLUTION 010-2013, APPOINTMENT-CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER-RICHARD RAST

Motion: Approve Resolution 010-2013, **Moved by** Councilman Hofmann, **Seconded by** Councilman Delloso.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Councilman John Archibald Jr., Councilman Roy Delloso, Councilman Peter T. Doyle, Councilman Lou Fligor, Councilman Jacob Hoffmann, Councilman Robert Sutton.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS: These appointments were made at the sole discretion of the Mayor and did not require Council approval.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION: N.J.S.A. 40:56A-1

REGULAR MEMBERS: - 3 years ending 12/31/15
Carolyn Campo
TO BE DETERMINED

ALTERNATE #2 France Karras – unexpired term, ending 12/31/13

SHADE TREE COMMISSION: N.J.S.A. 40:64-1

ALTERNATE MEMBER #1 Lois Young – 2 years ending 12/31/14

ASSOCIATE MEMBER – 1 year ending 12/31/13
William Thorne

PLANNING BOARD

Class I MEMBER:
Edward Kelly [Mayor’s Designee] - 1 year, ending 12/31/13

Class II MEMBER
Martin Hawley - 1 year, ending 12/31/13

CLASS III MEMBER - COUNCIL MEMBER: [NOMINATED BY COUNCIL]
Louis Fligor– 1 year, ending 12/31/13

CLASS IV MEMBERS - 4 years, ending 12/31/16

James Neff
Frank Greco, Jr.
Wilbur Bishof

ALTERNATE #1 – Sandra Hoffman 2 years, ending 12/31/14
ALTERNATE #2 - Dave Ottignon 2 years, ending 12/31/14
ALTERNATE #4 – Richard Huff 2 years, ending 12/31/14

Atlantic Highlands Beautification and Public Relations Committee

Kimberly Spatola - Chair

Mary Wall	Mary Thompson
Regina Hawley-Keelen	Tracy White
Edward Cetron	Cindy Fligor
Michele Rast	

Mayor's Committee on Senior Volunteerism and Support

Former Mayor Helen Marchetti, Co-Chair
Former Mayor Robert Schoeffling, Co-Chair

CONSENT AGENDA: These items were enacted by one motion. If detailed deliberation was desired on any item, Council may have removed that item from the consent agenda and considered it separately.

RESOLUTION 011-2013 Appointment-Police Physician
RESOLUTION 012-2013, Council Member Appointments
RESOLUTION 013-2013, Appointment/Assignment of Duties - Municipal Officials
RESOLUTION 014-2013, Appointments - Authorities, Boards, Commissions, Committees
RESOLUTION 015-2013, Council Meeting Dates for 2013-Annual Notice
RESOLUTION 016-2013, Designating Official Newspapers
RESOLUTION 017-2013, Approving the Borough's Cash Management Plan
RESOLUTION 018-2013, Setting Grace Period, Tax Interest Rates and Policy for 2013
RESOLUTION 019-2013, Approving the Temporary Budget for 2013

Motion: Approve Consent Agenda Resolutions 011-2013 through 019-2013, **Moved by** Councilman Archibald, **Seconded by** Councilman Dellosso.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Councilman John Archibald Jr., Councilman Roy Dellosso, Councilman Peter T. Doyle, Councilman Lou Fligor, Councilman Jacob Hoffmann, Councilman Robert Sutton.

ORDINANCE 01-2013, ORDINANCE FIXING SALARY RANGES FOR 2013

Motion: Introduce Ordinance 01-2013, **Moved by** Councilman Archibald, **Seconded by** Councilman Sutton.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Councilman John Archibald Jr., Councilman Roy Dellosso, Councilman Peter T. Doyle, Councilman Lou Fligor, Councilman Jacob Hoffmann, Councilman Robert Sutton.

Public Hearing and Possible Adoption will be held on January 23, 2013 at 7:00pm.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

1 January 2013 – Mayor Frederick J. Rast III Speech

This is the start of my sixth year in office. I have been lucky enough to have the same six Council people working with me continuously. This is probably a FIRST in Atlantic Highland's history. The last five full years have been interesting:

- I have married over 45 couples.
- We have been able to obtain over six million dollars in grants for town improvements.
- We have been in the news as a town several times; in fact, we made the "New York Papers" early on about the Pot Belly Pig Law changing. .. a good thing!
- Unfortunately, we have been on NY TV and in the press due to Hurricane Irene and Tropical Cyclone Sandy ... not such a good thing.
- We have accomplished many tasks during these past five years: Skate Board Park, Junior Soccer Field, Henry Hudson Trail, reinstating our "Skating Rink" in the Harbor, Building the new library and renovated the old Borough Hall ... all done where it should be done ... in the center of Town.
- Set up "Swift Reach," our reverse 911 (which has our own self proclaimed Frank Sinatra-our Chief) as its official voice.
- Improved our water supply system by FIXING our wells and we are drilling a 4th replacement well to protect our Town's water supply.
- We have survived major snow storms, a nor' Easter, a hurricane, a cyclone, an earthquake and several total power outages and major landslides. Each time, we as a town have been faced with such challenges; we came out of the disasters stronger and more efficient.
- We have had a large turnover in our Police Department and now have the youngest force we have had in years - who due to their leaders - believe in "Small Town Policing"
- We have lost several good friends and former officials in our community. We will miss them!
- We have helped our surrounding Towns in many ways- supplied water to people who had none and hundreds of our citizens volunteered to help the victims of the storms.
- We have provided and will continue to provide Shared Services with our neighboring towns. We intend to expand this program. Whenever I attend meetings with county, state and other town officials, I am proud to hear them speak of how well Atlantic Highlands runs. I would love to be the reason we run so well but I am not. Our Council is a great group of professionals that all put Atlantic Highlands well being FIRST in their minds.

We, the Mayor and Council look good only because we have, in my opinion, the finest Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk and Department Heads in New Jersey. They, in turn, could not have a better group of employees producing for them. Our employees are very hard working, underpaid (for the most part), dedicated people who have this Town and its citizens FIRST in their minds.

I learned many years ago in the Military that, "The mission comes first." However, as a young Sergeant and eventually a Second Lieutenant, I received advice from a great Two Star General, Howard Lauderbach. He

always told me, "The mission does come first, but you will never accomplish the mission without the respect, support and loyalty of your soldiers."The welfare of employees must always come first and then the mission you tackle will be done!

Leaders must think of ideas, develop facts, ask for input from their advisors then make a decision and act immediately. Thankfully all of our Council Members and Department Heads follow this concept. This is why our Town runs so well. We are blessed to live in a community with seven churches with spiritual leaders who love our citizens and our Town. We are equally blessed by the SPIRIT of volunteerism that exists in so many of our people. We have hundreds of volunteers; many protect us such as our Fire and First Aid Departments. Then we have so many organizations that all do well for our community and mankind. We have a great school system run by an excellent leader.

The only negative comment I will make is that often some and I emphasize "some" of our citizens' hide behind their computers and send out hate messages with no merit. The rumor mill is rampant. .. Some people do not make the effort to find the facts, they just make up stories or for one reason or another want to cause distrust or dislike for others. I am often the target. .. me or the Council. The Council and I are big boys and can handle it but these false, misleading and in some cases vicious attacks on people do nothing positive for our Town.

If people attended Council Meetings on a regular basis or even tried to obtain the facts, things would be much better. Many of the volunteers I spoke to have been unfairly criticized by some of our people who also did not have the facts. Several people have withdrawn themselves from future volunteer efforts. This is a shame. I wish that those who are so quick to criticize things without facts "would stop." I applaud Donna King for volunteering to assume the Chair of the Fireworks fundraising effort so that the Town tradition can continue.

Please. .. Those of you who are not involved ... "jump in" and become part of your Town.
Don't just criticize, become part of the management of your Town.
God bless you, your families, our Town and our Nation.

Adjourn - Benediction - Rev. Dr. Henry P. Davis, Jr of the St. Paul Baptist Church, Atlantic Highlands.

Motion to Adjourn, [1:47pm] Moved by Councilman Fligor , Seconded by Councilman Archibald .
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Approve Minutes of 01/01/2013, **Moved by** Councilman Jacob Hoffmann, **Seconded by** Councilman Robert Sutton.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

I, Dwayne M, Harris, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, hereby certify this to be the action of the Governing Body at its meeting held January 09, 2013.

/s/ Dwayne M. Harris, RMC.
Digital Signature

Dwayne M. Harris, RMC
Municipal Clerk