

MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING
OF THE TEANECK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMPLEX
SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2012 AT 4:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lead By 2012 “Chief for a Day”, Chase Gardner.

“AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL”

Performed By Teaneck Police Representatives of Bergen County Police Pipes & Drums.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Township Clerk, Jaime L. Evelina, RMC called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmember Gussen, Councilmember-Elect Hameeduddin, Councilmember Katz, Councilmember-Elect Pruitt, Councilmember Stern, Councilmember-Elect Schwartz.

Absent: Councilmember Parker.

Also Present: W. Broughton, Township Manager; the Honorable James E. Young, Jr., J.M.C., S. Turitz, Esq. of the firm Ferrara, Turitz, Harraka & Goldberg, P.C.; D. Veach, Esq.; J. Evelina, RMC, Township Clerk; C. Loschiavo, Senior Clerk; J. Jackson, Senior Clerk.

Acknowledge: Senator Robert Menendez; Gina Diorio of Congressman Scott Garrett’s Office; County Executive Kathleen Donovan; County Clerk, John Hogan; Bergen County Judge Tracy Zur; Teaneck Board of Education President Artie Walzer; Teaneck Board of Education Trustees, Gervonne Rice, Margo Fisher, Howard Rose, Clara Williams; Former Mayor Eleanor Kieliecek; Former Mayor Kevie Feit; Planning Board Chairperson Joseph Bodner; Reverend Oscar McCloud; Department Heads; Township Staff.

TOWNSHIP CLERK’S ANNOUNCEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by Resolution 28-12, setting the 2012 meeting dates, sending a copy to THE RECORD and THE JEWISH STANDARD, filing a copy in the Township Clerk’s Office and posting it on the Municipal Building bulletin board, and it is hereby directed that this statement be included in the minutes.

Let the record reflect that I, Jaime L. Evelina, RMC, Township Clerk, hereby certify that on May 8, 2012, Mohammed Hameeduddin, Henry J. Pruitt and Mark J. Schwartz were duly elected by the people to the Teaneck Township Council.

INVOCATION

Reverend Dr. Keith Attles.

OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY-ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS
COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT MOHAMMED HAMEEDUDDIN

By Tracy Zur, Esq.

COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT HENRY J. PRUITT

By Kimberly M. Parson, Esq.

COUNCILMEMBER-ELECT MARK J. SCHWARTZ

By Honorable James E. Young, Jr., J.M.C.

Township Manager William Broughton also recognized the following individuals who had just arrived, Dr. Aaron Graham, retired Bergen County Board of Education Superintendent; and Englewood Board of Education Member, Henry Pruitt Jr.

ATHENIAN OATH TO ALL COUNCILMEMBERS

By Honorable James E. Young, Jr., J.M.C.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

- 1 vote for Councilmember Mohammed Hameeduddin by Councilmember Adam Gussen.
- 1 vote for Councilmember Mohammed Hameeduddin by Councilmember Mohammed Hameeduddin.
- 1 vote for Councilmember Mohammed Hameeduddin by Councilmember Elie Y. Katz.
- 1 vote for Councilmember Mohammed Hameeduddin by Councilmember Henry J. Pruitt.
- 1 vote for Councilmember Mohammed Hameeduddin by Councilmember Mark J. Schwartz.
- 1 vote for Councilmember Mohammed Hameeduddin by Councilmember Emil "Yitz" Stern.

Teaneck's new Mayor is Mohammed Hameeduddin.

Township Manager William Broughton recognized the following individuals: Lou Schwartz, former Teaneck Councilmember; Dr. Ken Hoffman, Chairperson for the Environmental Advisory Board Respecting Votee Park; Tasha Morton, former Board of Education Member; and Robert Finger, Business Administrator for the Teaneck Board of Education.

OATH OF OFFICE TO MAYOR

Township Clerk Jaime L. Evelina invited Senator Robert Menendez to administer the Oath of Office to Mayor Mohammed Hameeduddin.

Township Manager William Broughton recognized the following individuals: Ned Goldman, former Planning Board Chair; Rene Karibi-White, former Planning Board Member and daughter of Dr. Henry J. Pruitt

Township Clerk, Jaime Evelina, turned the meeting over to Mayor Hammeduddin.

Mayor Hameeduddin indicated the next item of business would be the election of the Deputy Mayor.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

- 1 vote for Councilmember Adam Gussen by Mayor Mohammed Hameeduddin.
- 1 vote for Councilmember Adam Gussen by Councilmember Adam Gussen.
- 1 vote for Councilmember Adam Gussen by Councilmember Elie Y. Katz.
- 1 vote for Councilmember Adam Gussen by Councilmember Henry J. Pruitt.
- 1 vote for Councilmember Adam Gussen by Councilmember Mark J. Schwartz.
- 1 vote for Councilmember Adam Gussen by Councilmember Emil "Yitz" Stern.

Teaneck's new Deputy Mayor is Adam Gussen.

OATH OF OFFICE TO DEPUTY MAYOR

Township Clerk, Jaime Evelina invited Senator Robert Menendez to administer the Oath of Office to Deputy Mayor Adam Gussen.

Township Clerk, Jaime L. Evelina requested a moment to address the Council.

Mayor Hameeduddin concurred.

Ms. Evelina stated that with the celebration of a new beginning with the installation of a new Council, she was proud to inform all that the Clerk's Office, along with the help of Executive Assistant Issa Abbasi, all outstanding Minutes dating back to 2009 had been completed; she expressed her sincere gratitude for this tireless project and indicated to all that she considers her staff to be the "unsung heroes" of the Township.

Township Clerk, Jaime L. Evelina once again turned the meeting over to Mayor Hameeduddin.

Mayor Hameeduddin invited Senator Menendez to come to the podium to say a few words.

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Senator Menendez stated that it had been a pleasure to have sworn in Mayor Hameeduddin and Deputy Mayor Gussen; went on to congratulate Councilmember Schwartz and Councilmember Pruitt on their election as new Councilmembers; indicated that the last time he had sworn in a councilmember was when Councilmember Katz was elected as Mayor; stated that there is much to be learned from this Township and their versatility; feels that the Township projects the image of people of all descents working together to become one community.

County Executive, Kathleen Donovan thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing her to be part of the ceremony; wished all of Council the best in the future endeavors; she indicated that she will make herself available in any way possible, should they need her assistance.

County Clerk, John Hogan stated that the Reorganization Meeting occurring during the week we celebrate our Country's independence is quite appropriate; congratulated Mayor and Council on coming together during very difficult times; wished the new Council much luck.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR GOOD AND WELFARE OR PUBLIC INPUT
ON ANY MATTERS ON THIS AGENDA**

Howard Rose, Teaneck resident – thanked the Township Clerk for assisting the Council in getting off to a running start; congratulated the newly elected Councilmembers and wished the entire Council much luck.

Haja Manudin (sic) - Spoke on behalf of the Muslim community; thanked Council for coming together to promote diversity within the Township.

Dr. Alex Rashin, Teaneck resident – congratulated the new Council and expressed his gratitude for the last actions of the members of the Council for cutting taxes during these hard times; hopes this way of living within means continues; wished Council much luck and stated that he, as well as other residents of Teaneck, look forward to assisting Council in achieving their goals.

Ellen White (sic), Orange New Jersey - niece of Dr. Henry Pruitt – stated how proud she is that her uncle was elected; indicated that her grandmother was the catalyst in the family's involvement in politics.

Mirza Zakir (sic), Harrington Park- spoke on behalf of NIDA-UL-ISLAM congratulated Mayor Hameeduddin on being elected for a second term; congratulated and wished Council much luck in the future.

Howard Thompson, Teaneck – congratulated the new incumbents and wished Council luck; hopes the new Council has the ear of the residents and considers their needs; also congratulated Councilmember Parker on the birth of her new baby.

Rene Karibi, Teaneck – congratulated the new Council on what she feels will be a good Council; encourages the Council to agree to disagree; encourages Council to be vocal in the opinions.

Sid Wilson, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Bergen Community College – congratulated the new Council and spoke on behalf of the College indicating he grew up in Teaneck; looks forward to a continued collaboration with the Township.

Lillian Lewis, Teaneck – congratulated the Council; look to God as your source, He will direct you.

Elsworth James, Teaneck – extended congratulations to Council and indicated he was satisfied that the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor have been maintained by Mayor Hameeduddin and Deputy Mayor Gussen.

Dr. Poshni, Edison – the father-in-law of Mayor Hameeduddin; congratulated the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on their reelections; wished the Council much luck.

Joey Bodner, Teaneck – indicated that he has worked with all of the Councilmembers over the years; wished them all the wisdom and luck in moving Teaneck forward.

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Gevonne Rice, Teaneck BOE – congratulated Council; looking forward to working with the Council in the future.

Tasha Morton, Teaneck – wished the Council all the best; very happy to be a long-time citizen of Teaneck.

Yasmeeen Alshehab, Teaneck – Mayor Hameeduddin’s nephew congratulated all of Council and stated that Teaneck has hit a homerun with the election of the new Council; also congratulated Councilmember Parker on the birth of her baby.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared the Good and Welfare of the meeting was now closed and asked if any member of Council had a response to public input.

Councilmember Pruitt stated that he loves Teaneck and is looking forward to improving the Township within the next four years; went on to list some of the accomplishments to which he is looking forward.

Councilmember Katz congratulated his colleagues and is looking forward to working with the new Council; thanked the Manager’s Office and the Clerk’s Office for putting the event together.

Mayor Hameeduddin indicated the meeting would move forward to conduct necessary Township business due to an incoming storm.

RESOLUTIONS

- 150-12 Ratify & Confirm 2012 Resolutions Regarding Township Business Operations.
- 151-12 Authorize Percentage, Grace Period & Penalties in Connection with Tax Delinquency.
- 152-12 Appoint Signatories in Connection with Issuance of Checks, Drafts & Other Obligations.
- 153-12 Appoint Township Attorney & Authorize Professional Services Contract.
- 154-12 Appoint Class III Member to the Planning Board.
- 155-12 Appoint Township Prosecutor.

Councilmember Katz made a motion to approve the Resolutions, and to dispense with the reading of same inasmuch as it has been posted on the bulletin board all day.

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gussen.

Councilmember Katz nominated Councilmember Stern as Class III Member to the Planning Board, Resolution 154-12.

Seconded by Mayor Hameeduddin.

Mayor Hameeduddin called on the Clerk for a roll-call vote.

In Favor: C. Katz, C. Pruitt, C. Stern, C. Schwartz, DM. Gussen, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker

Mayor declared whether said items were passed.

OATH OF OFFICE TO TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

By Hon. James E. Young, Jr., J.M.C.

OATH OF OFFICE TO TOWNSHIP PROSECUTOR

By William Broughton, MAS, CPM, Township Manager (Notary)

Mayor Hameeduddin stated the meeting would return to the Council response portion of Good and Welfare at this time.

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Councilmember Stern congratulated the new incumbents as well as the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on their reinstatements; looks forward to working with the new Council; commended the Department of Public Works for all they do for the Township and for their contribution to the Reorganization Meeting.

Councilmember Schwartz thanked all who came out to celebrate; indicated that he is looking forward to beginning his work as a Councilmember.

Mayor Hameeduddin thanked all present; indicated that Councilmember Parker was unable to attend due to the birth of her new baby girl; congratulated her and her husband; thanked his colleagues for their faith in him to reelect him as Mayor; thanked all of the people who have made this possible for him.

DM. Gussen thanked his family for allowing him to share his time with the Township; listed some of the changes which have occurred over the last six years of serving on Council; looking forward to working with the new team over the next two years; congratulated the new incumbents; looking forward to making Teaneck a better place.

Mayor Hameeduddin and DM. Gussen thanked Angelae Wilkerson for attending and indicated that they were happy to see her up and about.

BENEDICTION

By Rabbi Lawrence S. Zierler

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hameeduddin moved to adjourn at 5:18 p.m.

Seconded by DM. Gussen

Roll Call.

In Favor: C. Katz, C. Pruitt, C. Stern, C. Schwartz, DM. Gussen, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Parker.