

January 1, 2024
121 Evergreen Rd
New Egypt, NJ 08533

The January 1, 2024 Reorganization Meeting of the Township of Plumsted was called to order by Municipal Clerk Jennifer Witham at 10:00 am.

STATEMENT: "This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act." It was presented for publication to the Asbury Park Press and the Trenton Times and posted on the Bulletin Board.

Witham asked everyone to rise for the flag salute followed by a moment of silence.

The first order of business was to have Assemblyman Sauickie administer the Oath of Office to the two newly elected Township Committee members, Leonard Grilletto for a three (3) year term and Michael Hammerstone for a one (1) term. Assemblyman Sauickie administered the Oath of Office to both Grilletto and Hammerstone.

THOSE OFFICIALS PRESENT:

COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI COMMITTEEMAN HAMMERSTONE COMMITTEEMAN CUOZZO COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO ATTORNEY CIPRIANI CLERK WITHAM

Witham asked for nominations for the office of Mayor of the Township of Plumsted.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, HERBERT MARINARI WAS NOMINATED FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR. Witham was going to take roll call when Marinari spoke. This is an honor but he wanted to remove his name from the nomination. He thanked them for their consideration.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN HAMMERSTONE, COMMITTEEMAN CUOZZO WAS NOMINATED FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN VOTING NO.

Cuozzo called Phil Rizzo to come forward and spoke about the two bibles Cuozzo would be holding. The oath of office for Mayor of the Township of Plumsted was administered by Assemblyman Sauickie.

Witham asked for nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor. ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY MAYOR CUOZZO, HERB MARINARI WAS NOMINATED FOR THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY MAYOR. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH MARINARI ABSTAINING.

Assemblyman Sauickie administered the Oath of Office for Deputy Mayor to Herb Marinari.

Clerk Witham turned the meeting over to Mayor Cuozzo. The mayor asked Assemblyman Sauickie to come forward. He is happy to continue working with this governing body in 2024. Cuozzo asked Chairman Gilmore to speak; he congratulated the committee on their appointments. He also mentioned the Ocean County flag on the dais. The Mayor then asked his personal friend Bill Spadea come forward. Spadea congratulated the Deputy Mayor and Mayor and made comments about the importance of local government. Finally, Manchester Mayor Robert Arace also congratulated the committee and offered assistance whenever needed.

Cuozzo thanked his family for attending today. He called on Rizzo to pray. The mayor then called for a recess for photos.

The meeting resumed. Cuzzo thanked Bowen, Marinari and the committee on their work in the past. He spoke about his philosophy in government and his commitment. He thanked his family and Jesus Christ.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY MAYOR CUZZO, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01 - DESIGNATING VARIOUS MUNICIPAL APPOINTMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2024 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-30 - DESIGNATING SALARIES FOR VARIOUS POSITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SALARY ORDINANCE FOR THE YEAR 2024 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-68 - ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2024 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS ON A CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE AND SHALL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. SHOULD ANY MEMBER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE SEEK SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF ANY ITEM, THAT ITEM SHALL BE REMOVED AND DISCUSSED SEPARATELY. THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WILL BE VOTED ON IN ONE VOTE.

PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP ADVERTISES FOR THE RECEIPT OF SEALED PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

Cuzzo asked if anyone wanted to remove a resolution for separate consideration. Bowen asked that 23-3, 23-16, 23-54 and 23-72. Grilletto asked about 23-31, if it was amended from the original. Witham said that it was not. The change the committee is requesting would require an ordinance. 23-31 is tabled today.

Witham stated 23-54 and 23-84 were updated as requested. Cuzzo asked about the township engineer; 23-03 was amended.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02 – DESIGNATING CERTIFYING AGENTS FOR THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF PENSIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03 - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF MORGAN ENGINEERING LLC AS TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04 - APPOINTING MATTHEW RACK AS BUILDING/SUBCODE INSPECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05 - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO BONNIE R. PETERSON, ESQUIRE AS ALTERNATE PROSECUTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06 - AUTHORIZING THE EXCHANGE OF CONSTRUCTION CODE SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07 - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO DILWORTH PAXSON AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-08 - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO RICHARD KELLY, ESQ. AS TOWNSHIP PROSECUTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-09 – APPOINTING MATTHEW RACK AS ALTERNATE CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL IN THE ABSENCE OF KEVIN SCHMALZ

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-10 - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF MC MANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC AS BANKRUPTCY COUNSEL

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11 - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO DEBRA RUMPF, ESQUIRE OF THE FIRM OF RUMPF LAW AS ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-12 – AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF MC MANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC AS REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-13 – AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING AS SPECIAL PROJECT ENGINEER ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-14 – TO CANCEL PROPERTY TAXES FOR 2024 DUE TO EXEMPT STATUS AS PER THE LENNAR PILOT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-15 – AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF ROTHSTEIN, MANDELL, STROHN, HALM & CIPRIANI AS TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-16 - AUTHORIZING THE LIST OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES FOR PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP CHECKS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-17 - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO GOLDMAN BEALE ASSOCIATES AS FINANCIAL ADVISORS FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-18 - REQUIRING THE MAYOR AND/OR DEPUTY MAYOR TO APPROVE ALL PURCHASE ORDERS OR, IN THEIR ABSENCE, A TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE PERSON SHALL BE EMPOWERED TO APPROVE PURCHASE ORDERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-19 - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF ROTHSTEIN, MANDELL, STROHN, HALM & CIPRIANI AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-20 - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF ROTHSTEIN, MANDELL, STROHN, HALM & CIPRIANI AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-21 - PROVIDING DATES OF TOWNSHIP MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-22 - DESIGNATING THE PUBLIC PLACE AND NEWSPAPERS FOR ADVANCE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF MEETINGS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-23 - AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED TO FILE CERTAIN APPEALS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP AND ALSO DESIGNATING THE TAX ASSESSOR AS AGENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-24 – AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS OR DELINQUENT AMOUNTS LESS THAN \$10.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-25 - FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-26 - ACKNOWLEDGING AN INCREASE IN EXPENSES FOR TAX TITLE LIEN HOLDERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-27 - AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED TO DEPOSIT PUBLIC MONIES IN ANY BANK, SAVINGS AND LOAN OR TRUST COMPANY HAVING ITS PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND WHICH IS ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-28 – AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PROVISIONALLY APPOINT STREET CROSSING GUARDS AND/OR C.E.R.T. PERSONNEL

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-29 – AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO ERIC BERNSTEIN AS HEARING OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-31 - APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-32 - APPOINTING COURTNEY MEYER AS THE PART-TIME MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-33 – AUTHORIZING THE CALCULATION OF THE RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTABLE TAXES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.:40-41(c)(2)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-34 - REAPPOINTING KELLY CREIGHTON AS TAX SEARCH OFFICER FOR THE YEAR 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-35 - ADOPTING THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED'S INTERNAL CONTROL HANDBOOK

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-36 - REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE T-N-R (TRAP, NEUTER, RETURN) WELFARE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-37 – AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO PROCEED WITH AN ACCELERATED TAX SALE FOR DELINQUENT 2024 TAXES

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-38 –AUTHORIZING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF SHARON GOWER AS A QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:113a AND NJAC 5:34-5 FOR THE YEAR 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-39 - REAPPOINTING NADENE CICERO AS DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK FOR THE YEAR 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-40 – ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-41 - APPOINTING JENNIFER WITHAM AS ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-42 - ISSUING A 2024 MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSE TO COLLIERS MILLS COMMUNITY, LLC MOBILE HOME PARK

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-43 - ISSUING A 2024 MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSE TO SUN COMMUNITIES INC/SUN JENSEN LLC MOBILE HOME PARK

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-44 - ISSUING A 2024 MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSE TO NEW EGYPT TRAILER PARK

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-45 - ISSUING A CONDITIONAL MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSE TO OAK GROVE TRAILER PARK FOR 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-46 - ISSUING 2024 INDIVIDUAL MOBILE HOME LICENSES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-47 - ISSUING A 2024 TEMPORARY TRAILER PERMIT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION PURPOSES TO ROHM AND HAAS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-48 –ISSUING 2024 TEMPORARY TRAILER PERMITS FOR FARM OFFICE USE

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-49 – REAPPOINTING SUSAN SMITH AS CLERK TYPIST FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-50 – APPOINTING JENNY ZEA-ACUNA AS A DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COURT

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-51 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE OCEAN COUNTY TOURISM ADVISORY COUNCIL GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-52 - AUTHORIZING THE OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION TO STRIKE THE GENERAL TAX RATE ROUNDED UP TO THE NEAREST ONE-HALF PENNY PURSUANT TO RS 54:4-52 AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-53 - APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE STATE PINELANDS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-54 – APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-55 - APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE MEMORIAL BENCH COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-56 - AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICE OF RECYCLING

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-57 - APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-58 –AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT THE OCEAN COUNTY CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION FY2024 LOCAL ARTS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-59 – REAPPOINTING BRANDI ROBBINS AS CLERK TYPIST FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-60 - AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO MAINTAIN A PETTY CASH FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200.00

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-61 - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE OCEAN COUNTY MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION COMMISSION PERMISSION FORM

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-62 – REAPPOINTING ANN FUNCK AS THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL ALLIANCE COORDINATOR FOR THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP DRUG & ALCOHOL ALLIANCE

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-63 – REAPPOINTING PAMELA LEE AS CLERK TYPIST FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-64 – WAIVE CLAIMANT SIGNATURE ON PURCHASE ORDERS FOR CERTAIN NAMED VENDORS FOR THE YEAR 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-65 – APPOINTING JENNIFER WITHAM AS THE HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-66 – APPOINTING A PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-67 – APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-69 - APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-70 – DESIGNATING CUSTODIANS OF CHANGE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-71 – AUTHORIZING EQUAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS TO THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #1

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-72 –APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE 911 MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-73 – APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (C.E.R.T.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-74 - RENEWING A CONTRACT WITH KELLY WINTHROP, LLC FOR ROADSIDE DEER CARCASS REMOVAL

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-75 – APPROVING THE 2024 ROTATING LIST OF TOWERS AND STORAGE AS SUBMITTED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-76 - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO BRUNO ASSOCIATES AS GRANTS CONSULTANT

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-77 - APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-78 –APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-79 – APPOINTING RALPH ROSAMILIA AS ALTERNATE CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL IN THE ABSENCE OF KEVIN SCHMALZ

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-80 - REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COURT SECURITY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-81 - APPOINTING SHARON GOWER AS CLEAN COMMUNITIES COORDINATOR

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-82 – APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE SENIOR OUTREACH SERVICES PROGRAM (SOS)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-83 – AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AWARD CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:11-3

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-84 – APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE LAND USE BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-85 – APPOINTING CYNTHIA MACREYNOLDS AS CLERK TYPIST FOR ABANDONED PROPERTIES

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-86 – APPOINTING MATTHEW RACK AS FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-87 – APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE SAFETY COMMITTEE FOR 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-88 – AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKING SUPERVISOR TO PROVISIONALLY APPOINT A PART-TIME GENERAL MAINTENANCE LABORER

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-89 –APPOINTING ROBERT BOWEN AS THE MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVE AND MICHAEL HAMMERSTONE AS ALTERNATE FOR THE 2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-90 – AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF TAX RECEIVERSHIP PROCEEDINGS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-91 –APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-92 - AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT JUDGE TO DESIGNATE AN ACTING MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR SPECIAL DWI COURT SESSIONS IN PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-93 – APPOINTING LEONARD GRILLETTO AS FUND COMMISSIONER AND ROBERT BOWEN AS ALTERNATE FOR THE OCEAN COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR THE YEAR 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-94 – APPOINTING THOMAS BANYACSKI AS ALTERNATE FIRE INSPECTOR IN THE ABSENCE OF KEVIN SCHMALZ

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-95 – GRANTING PERMISSION TO PAY CERTAIN BILLS PRIOR TO TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-96 - REAPPOINTING BENJAMIN SILKOWITZ AS PLUMBING INSPECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-97 – APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE 2024 FIREWORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-98 – APPOINTING CATHERINE PARRINO AS A VIOLATIONS CLERK FOR THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COURT

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-99 – APPOINTING JOSEPHINE FERRANTI AS A VIOLATIONS CLERK FOR THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COURT

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-100 – REAPPOINTING RALPH ROSAMILIA AS THE ELECTRICAL SUBCODE AND ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-101 – APPOINTING MATTHEW RACK AS RENTAL INSPECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-102 - REAPPOINTING RALPH ROSAMILIA AS THE DEPUTY ZONING OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-103- APPOINTING RALPH ROSAMILIA AS ALTERNATE PLUMBING INSPECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-104 - APPOINTING MATTHEW RACK AS THE ZONING OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF

PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-105 - APPOINTING BENJAMIN SILKOWITZ AS THE MOBILE HOME INSPECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-106 - APPOINTING RALPH ROSAMILIA AS THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-107 - APPOINTING FREDERICK FRITZ AS ALTERNATE FIRE INSPECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

RESOLUTION NO 2024-108 - AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF GREGORY E. MYHRE AS GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKING SUPERVISOR/TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

RESOLUTION NO 2024-109 - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF ROTHSTEIN, MANDELL, STROHM, HALM & CIPRIANI AS TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION NO 2024-110 - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF ROTHSTEIN, MANDELL, STROHM, HALM & CIPRIANI TO REPRESENT THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED IN LABOR RELATIONS MATTERS

RESOLUTION NO 2024-111 - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF GERTNER MURPHY, LLC AS PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

Marinari made a motion and Bowen seconded. Before there was a vote, Cuzzo asked that resolutions 24-69, 24-97, 24-77 and 24-73 be pulled to be considered separately.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, THE MOTION WAS AMENDED TO PULL 24-69, 24-73, 24-77 AND 24-97 FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, RESOLUTIONS 2024-02 THROUGH 2024-111 ARE APPROVED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF RESOLUTIONS 2024-31, 2024-54, 2024-69, 2024-72, 2024-73, 2024-77 AND 2024-97 THAT WERE TABLED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN VOTING NO ON 2024-84 as he is voting against removing Neyenhouse AND 2024-108 as he voted against removing Witham as Administrator.

Bowen spoke about 24-03; he was surprised to see the change Saturday morning so was asking for further information. Cuzzo asked for any comment. Grilletto said that it was consensus to make the change. Cuzzo said that the reasons discussed were having an engineer in Ocean County to serve the interest in our town. And the assistance that we are going to need from the County; there were other reasons. Cuzzo was not satisfied with the speed in which he was contacted, in regard to projects to coordinate timing with the county to get better prices and better quality work. He wants the engineer to work with the county. Bowen is disappointed as they have saved us hundreds of thousands of dollars. Bowen hasn't heard of any new discussion with the engineer and the OC Commissioner being a principal in this firm but they have never been discussed with him.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY MAYOR CUOZZO, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH BOWEN VOTING NO AND MARINARI ABSTAINING as he felt there should be more discussion about this change.

Bowen spoke about 24-16; asking that the former mayor be replaced with the new mayor. ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY MAYOR CUOZZO, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-16 WAS APPROVED; ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Resolution No. 2024-54 was discussed. Bowen said that recent nominations to the MUA of Ruppel and Cristman with decades of experience, he supports them. However, he opposes the nomination of Morgan Peterson. The township committee is aware and has already discussed that as recently in the past 90 days, Mr. Peterson has posted obscene material on social media. The township is also aware that he recently admitted in 2021 he potentially put Plumsted school children at risk by performing professional services at a school building that he

himself described against code and is a serious safety issue. He would note the public that our inspectors have ensured the buildings are safe and in compliance. Finally, the township committee is aware that Mr. Peterson has used offensive and abusive language in public forums and online to disparage women in our community and has used equally unacceptable language regarding female township employees. He believes each of these disqualify him for any consideration of appointment by the township committee. He would support amending the resolution to remove Mr. Peterson and replace him with Ms. Cristman as a PMUA member. Cuozzo asked why we were addressing Mr. Ruppel. Witham advised that his term is up. He was the only one on the current board to be up for reappointment. Cuozzo said he thought it was January 31st. Witham advised we usually do the reappointment at the reorg and then they are sworn in at the MUA meeting in February. Our February meeting is after the January 31st end of term date. Cuozzo asked if we should vote as is although Cipriani said that we were considering a special meeting. Grilletto wasn't aware of the things Bowen mentioned about the candidate. Grilletto would like to discuss it. Cuozzo said they are serious allegations and he doesn't like it. He would like to see those. Grilletto hasn't heard of these himself.

ON MOTION OF MAYOR CUOZZO, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI , RESOLUTION 2024-54 IS TABLED UNTIL THE FEBRUARY 1ST MEETING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Resolution 24-69 was discussed. Cuozzo made it a point to contact everyone being appointed and he hasn't been in contact with everyone on this list. He asked if it could be tabled. He is the liaison and there are folks he hasn't met. Marinari said that he can contact whomever but this is one of the most important committees we have. They deal strongly with the high school and all the way down to the elementary school, specializing in their knowledge and concerns of drug and alcohol. It's vitally important. He knows all of the members. Cuozzo said that he knows Ann, the coordinator, and she is wonderful. And not only that but she had great ideas for the wall behind them. Marinari said that Leutwyler has been there for a long time and her husband. It's vitally important. Cuozzo said that we can leave it in and then amend it if we have to.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY MAYOR CUOZZO, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-69 IS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Resolution 24-72 is next. Bowen said that he was added to the 9/11 Memorial committee as mayor and should be updated by the new mayor or his designee. Cuozzo asked to table this resolution; liaison appointments are needed. He would like input from the new administrator and the committee.

ON MOTION OF MAYOR CUOZZO, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-72 IS TABLED TO THE NEXT MEETING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Resolution 24-73 was discussed. Cuozzo asked to table these nominations as well because he has to reach out to the folks and there are some he hasn't met yet.

ON MOTION OF MAYOR CUOZZO, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-73 IS TABLED TO THE NEXT MEETING. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Resolution 24-77. Cuozzo said that he met with almost all of the members so is comfortable passing this one with maybe some amendments in the future.

ON MOTION OF MAYOR CUOZZO, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-77 IS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTES: ALL AYES.

Resolution 24-97 is the final one that was pulled. Cuozzo thanked Marinari for what he does for the fireworks. Cuozzo is committing himself to make the events the best they can be. He loves them for his family and the town. Administrator Myhre will be on this as well but we can update it later. Marinari confirmed that we were at about 18k this past year and not a penny of the fireworks were paid by taxpayer dollars. AGU, the New Egypt Marketplace and Big Woods paid for them. Please come out and see them. He has been to Macy's fireworks in a boat but these are amazing. The fireworks company is terrific.

ON MOTION OF MAYOR CUOZZO, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, RESOLUTION NO. 2024-97 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI ABSTAINING.

Cuozzo asked for any comments regarding the bill list. There were none.

ON MOTION OF MAYOR CUOZZO, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN, THE JANUARY 1, 2024 BILL LIST WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Cuozzo asked for any new business; there was none. Cuozzo asked for public comment.

John Neyenhouse, 22 Lakeview Drive, had a question on 24-84. He thought there was discussion requested on that one and then he didn't hear the discussion. Was that carried? Cuozzo said the resolution was passed with four votes. Though it was included in the consent agenda, Bowen wanted to vote no on it. It passed 4 to 1. Neyenhouse said that in the packet that was posted online, the resolution was different. What were the final names appointed to the LUB? Witham said that it was posted but then amended Friday night so residents didn't see the amended version. Witham started to read the resolution but then Cuozzo stopped her. He said that she was insinuating that Committeeman Hammerstone and he didn't send an email asking the resolution not go out because the committee hadn't decided. Hammerstone and he sent emails requesting that it not go out because they were undecided on those things. Witham said that she doesn't believe she received those emails. Cuozzo said there were two and wanted to read them. Cipriani suggested we proceed and if the committee wants to discuss it as personnel and that can be done later.

Witham proceeded with the names in the amended resolution. Neyenhouse said that the one in the packet had Neyenhouse reappointed. Why was that changed? Why was he not reappointed? He has been on the LUB for 10 years and faithfully attended every meeting possible. Cuozzo appreciates his service and asked for another member of the committee to answer. He said it was a decision made by the committee. Grilletto concurred and said they are looking at other changes with the LUB like term limits next. Neyenhouse asked if the new members were interviewed by the committee like he was for his reinstatement. Cipriani stated this is public comment, it's up to the committee if they wish to answer. Neyenhouse thanks them for letting him serve and doesn't understand his removal. Marinari said that he hadn't read the amendment.

Anthony Creen, Ivins Drive resident and employee. He said that Marinari recognizes good work. He wanted to give the construction office a shout out. He had a deck put on his house; he wanted to do everything right. He hired a licensed company but there was an honest mistake. He said that he wanted to thank Matt Rack and the construction office to find a requirement that had changed. It made no difference he was a staff member. Rack only wanted it done properly. He believed in the prayer as well and speaking the truth. He works for this town because he is a man of service and loves this town. His staff members, all of them, all work hard for the town. He believes the governing body recognize that. He's had peaks and valleys; there are things he likes and doesn't like. He respects everyone, especially Marinari and Grilletto's experience.

Michael Silvestro, 1032 Myrtle Ave, asked about 23-273. Cipriani said that it will be addressed at the next meeting; this is the chaplain issue.

Grilletto would like to do a resolution that anyone that uses this room not be able to cover the flags in it. Cipriani said that she would like it to be part of the policy.

Bernard Bahnam, 370 E Millstream Rd, came forward. He wished everyone a Happy New Year. He has been active in the community. He said that he cannot see any good in removing Neyenhouse from the LUB. He brings a different view to the board and he appreciates that. He moved here for county living. He doesn't think having a board that just agrees on everything is good.

Ed Vienckowski, 256 E Colliers Mills Rd, also commenting on 24-84. He is troubled about this. As a resident he gets a packet about what is being discussed at the meeting and read through all of it. If it was changed, it speaks to a lack of transparency. A change being made doesn't do the residents of this town a disservice.

Cuozzo said that he doesn't know if it's proper for him to be talking about the way that our clerk has conducted herself like that. Vienckowski asked what he was missing. Cipriani said there was an interchange, an inadvertent error, not an indication of a desire to mislead the public or be not transparent. The clerk was going on old

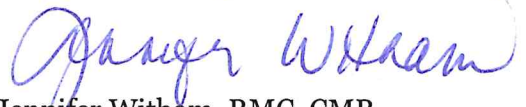
information when she put it out to the public. As you heard the mayor said that he and Committeeman Hammerstone had said they aren't determined on that, please don't put it out so the resolution that had the names that they read, went out inadvertently. It was not intended to go out. It could have been that it may not have been included but it was not an attempt on lack of transparency. Cuzzo said turning your attention to what the clerk has done is not appropriate.

Vienckowski said that he is not turning his attention to what the clerk has done. He is turning his attention to what was done here today. If that were the case, he would suggest that the resolution have been tabled and reintroduced so the public could have visibility to it. That's the lack of transparency. Cipriani said that it's difficult for the LUB since they have to reorganize within a certain amount of time. Your point is well taken. Vienckowski echoed the comments about Neyenhouse's service to this town. The fact that he has been taken off of this board is shameful and disappointing to say the least.

There was no further public comment. Marinari asked when we are going to discuss the Schedule A liaisons, in the special meeting? They answered yes.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN HAMMERSTONE, THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 1, 2024, WAS ADJOURNED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Witham, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

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