

September 12, 2019
Municipal Building
121 Evergreen Road
New Egypt, NJ 08533

The Special Meeting of the Plumsted Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Trotta at 7:00 pm.

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.

THOSE OFFICIALS PRESENT:

COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK
MAYOR TROTTA ATTORNEY WILKIE CLERK WITHAM

Committeeman Lotito was absent. Mayor Trotta asked everyone to rise for the flag salute, followed by a moment of silence.

Mayor Trotta announced the purpose of this special meeting was to hire two new police officers as Sgt. Pintye retired September 1st and Ptl. Tillett resigned effective August 25th. In addition, three officers are being promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Finally, there is one resolution so the UTT work may proceed.

There was no discussion by the committee.

Attorney Wilkie read the resolution for Executive Session so that the officers may be interviewed as indicated in each of the resolutions for tonight.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION 2019-263 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE CONVENING OF AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

The committee returned from the Executive Session. Trotta explained that we will be voting on the resolutions, swearing in the officers with family/friends present. After all five of the resolutions and oaths are done, we will take a recess so that families may take pictures.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-264 – AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF KEVIN LEONARD AS A PROBATIONARY (FULL-TIME) REGULAR POLICE OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Ptl. Leonard came forward with some friends. His sister was getting married this coming weekend and her rehearsal dinner was this evening. Therefore, his family was unable to attend.

Clerk Witham Administered the Oath of Office to Ptl. Leonard. Leonard is very excited to be part of the Plumsted Police Department.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-265 – AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF NICHOLAS LUGO AS A PROBATIONARY (FULL-TIME) REGULAR POLICE OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Clerk Witham Administered the Oath of Office to Ptl. Lugo. Lugo thanked everyone for being here tonight and he is grateful for the opportunity and he looks forward to serving this community to the best of his abilities.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-266 - AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PATROLMAN FRANK MURPHY TO THE POSITION OF SERGEANT OF THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Clerk Witham Administered the Oath of Office to Sgt. Murphy. His wife placed his sergeant badge on his uniform. Murphy thanked everyone and looks forward to serving the town in a ranking position. He said that this is good for the department and it is a step in the right direction since Chief Meroney and Lt. Reilly took on their positions.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-267 - AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PATROLMAN ANTHONY COVONE TO THE POSITION OF SERGEANT OF THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Clerk Witham Administered the Oath of Office to Sgt. Covone. His wife replaced the badge on his uniform. He thanked everyone for their support. He looks forward to progressing this department with Meroney and Reilly and the rest of the department.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-268 - AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PATROLMAN GARY SCHAAL TO THE POSITION OF SERGEANT OF THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Clerk Witham Administered the Oath of Office to Sgt. Schaal. His wife placed the badge on his uniform. Schaal thanked everyone for coming out and said that he is looking forward to the direction of the department. He is happy to serve as a sergeant and he welcomed the new hires.

Sorchik wanted to recognize the executive officer of the police department, Wendy Galloway. He also recognized the chief and lieutenant. He also recognized Ptl. Tillett and Sgt. Pintye for being here. He is also honored to have Det. Brant Uricks here from Ocean County as well.

There was a brief recess to allow families to take pictures. The meeting then returned from recess.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-269 – AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2019-169 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION ACCESS AND RIGHT OF WAY BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED AND THE OWNER OF BLOCK 42, LOT 7.04 FOR THE UNION TRANSPORTATION TRAIL (UTT) PROJECT WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Mayor Trotta asked for any old or new business from the committee. Deputy Mayor Sorchik asked Grilletto to review the soil ordinance he sent to him. Witham will get a copy to Grilletto. Sorchik asked Riccardi and the Township Engineer to review as well.

Trotta asked Grilletto to work on the Water Quality Management agreement with the County. Witham will provide a copy of the draft.

Trotta had a couple of announcements. He said that the sewer construction company inadvertently sent out construction notices along Jacobstown Road today. That road is not being worked on right now. They will be rescinding that notice tomorrow. No construction is happening immediately on Jacobstown Road.

As a reminder, it is Hunger Action Month. We have collection bins in the municipal building. Also, he advised the 2020 census address canvassing has begun. Proper addresses are being gathered to prepare for the census next year.

Fall Fest is October 26th from 11-4 across the street from the elementary school. Info is on the website and Dave Leutwyler is coordinating it. Finally, the next meeting is October 2nd.

Trotta said that he is very proud of the police force. We have come a long way in a short amount of time. The committee supports them and will continue to do so with new vehicles, equipment such as firearms, etc.

Trotta opened up to public comment. Seeing there is no public in attendance, Trotta asked for a motion to adjourn.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Witham, RMC
Municipal Clerk