

January 1, 2020  
Municipal Building  
121 Evergreen Road  
New Egypt, NJ 08533

The Reorganization Meeting of the Township of Plumsted was called to order by Municipal Clerk Jennifer Witham at 12:00 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.

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

The first order of business was to have Clerk Witham administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected Township Committee members, Herb Marinari for a three (3) year term, Leonard Grilletto for a one (1) year term to fill an unexpired term and Robert Bowen, for a three (3) year term. Clerk Witham administered the Oath of Office to Herb Marinari as his wife Janet held the bible. Clerk Witham then administered the Oath of Office to Leonard Grilletto as his wife Fran held the bible. Finally, Witham administered the Oath of Office to Robert Bowen as his wife Kristen held the bible.

**THOSE OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN	COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO	COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI
COMMITTEEMAN SORCHIK	COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA	BA PRIVETT
CDC LEUTWYLER	CLERK WITHAM	ATTORNEY ZABARSKY

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

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, HERB MARINARI WAS NOMINATED FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR, THERE WERE NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR, THE NOMINATIONS WERE CLOSED AND HERB MARINARI WAS APPOINTED MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Clerk Witham administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Marinari while his grandchildren held the bible.

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

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, ERIC SORCHIK WAS NOMINATED FOR THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY MAYOR, THERE WERE NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTY MAYOR, THE NOMINATIONS WERE CLOSED AND ERIC SORCHIK WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Clerk Witham administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Mayor Sorchik.

Municipal Clerk Witham turned the meeting over to Mayor Marinari. Marinari appreciated the nomination and asked for a ten minute recess for pictures. Committeeman Grilletto said that before the break, he asked if Pastor Cuozzo could bless the township committee for the new year. Mayor Marinari abstained from prayer at this point as the invocation needs to be discussed further with the committee. A recess was called.

The meeting was called back to order. Mayor Marinari said that he is mayor by title but he said that there are four other gentlemen sitting up there and each and every one of them will make this a better community. Mayor Trotta has been the mayor for five years and has done so many things for this township while it has gone through many changes. He has done it with humility and grace and he should be applauded by this entire community for what he has done over the five years. He is a friend and always will be. With that stated again, Marinari has had past experiences with running the board of education for fifteen years and has been the president of the BOE. He has dealt with budgets and other issues that have developed, so he has some workings of running a meeting such as this. But he will probably be doing more delegation than any other mayor in Plumsted. The other four committeemen have just as much to do with this community as he has. That is why he is sitting in the same seat today. He will be relying on all of the others on this committee. Marinari has put together some notes about resolutions on the agenda and will discuss as we go on through the meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

There was some discussion on Resolution 2020-01. Committeeman Trotta had discussed with Marinari prior to the meeting. He is requesting to be taken off the BOE and moving it to Committeeman Bowen and then moving his LUB assignment to Deputy Mayor Sorchik. No other discussion.

Marinari has also suggested changing the date of the reorg from 1/1/21 to 1/4/21 on Resolution 2020-21 so that everyone sitting there be with their families or enjoying their day off.

Marinari also said that he will take the position of mayor for only one year. His hope is that he has accomplished things and then hand it over to another committeeperson who is more than qualified.

Resolution 2020-104 for the fireworks was then discussed. He would like to see additional members added, including the person that is hired for Downtown Economic Development Director position. Marinari is looking to discuss the fireworks at the next meeting. He said that Leutwyler would have to reserve the stage as we don't want to miss out on it. Sorchik is not on that committee but the mayor would like to just discuss with the committee on the members. Committeeman Bowen had some points of discussion on some of the consent agenda. Bowen said that they are all volunteers and the township is built on volunteers for many clubs and boards. We are celebrating Plumsted's 245<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and those coming into this position new are building off of all of the hard work of those that put in much time and effort and passion into their roles. He would like to acknowledge Mayor Trotta for all of his years of service. As he was reviewing all of the resolutions last night on New Year's Eve, he appreciates all of the hard work and time that all have put into this as well as coaches, parents and everybody who week in and week out makes this a terrific community. We are starting a new year in this position because of all of the hard work that was put in the year prior.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING VARIOUS MUNICIPAL APPOINTMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2020 WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, RESOLUTION NO. 2020-30 - DESIGNATING SALARIES FOR VARIOUS POSITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SALARY ORDINANCE FOR THE YEAR 2020, WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN GRILLETTO, RESOLUTION NO. 2020-68 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR, 2020, WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN ABSTAINING.

Mayor Marinari had suggestions for making some changes to resolutions as follows:

- 2020-16 change title of Trotta and Marinari
- 2020-21 reorg meeting will be January 4, 2021, all other dates ok
- 2020-78 removing Marinari and replacing with Grilletto
- 2020-84 replacing Trotta with Marinari on LUB
- 2020-87 change title of Trotta
- 2020-104 committee appointments as listed with possible changes

**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 BASED ON THE AMENDMENTS BY MAYOR MARINARI.**

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

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WILL BE VOTED ON IN ONE VOTE, ON PAGES 2 THROUGH 6, RESOLUTION NO. 2019-02 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 2019-101.**

**Committeeman Bowen asked that 2020-25 be voted upon separately so that is not included with this vote.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-02 - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF GILMORE AND MONAHAN, P.A. AS TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-03 - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO EVAN D. HILL, PE, CME, OF THE FIRM DEWBERRY ENGINEERS, INC. AS TOWNSHIP ENGINEER**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-04 - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO HOLMAN FRENIA ALLISON, P.C. AS TOWNSHIP AUDITOR**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-05** - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO JAMES W. HOLZAPFEL, ESQUIRE, OF THE FIRM OF CITTA, HOLZAPFEL, & ZABARSKY TO REPRESENT THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED IN LABOR RELATIONS MATTERS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-06** - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO BRIAN E. RUMPF, ESQUIRE OF THE FIRM OF RUMPF, REID & DOLCY AS ALTERNATE HEARING OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-07** - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO GLUCKWALRATH, LLP AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-08** - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF CITTA, HOLZAPFEL & ZABARSKY AS TOWNSHIP PROSECUTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-09** - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO BRIAN K. LOGAN OF THE FIRM OF SUPLEE, CLOONEY & COMPANY AS FEE ACCOUNTANT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-10** - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO STAN SLACHETKA, AICP, P.P. LEED-GA OF THE FIRM OF T&M ASSOCIATES AS PROFESSIONAL PLANNER ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-11** - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO ERIC M. BERNSTEIN, ESQUIRE, AS HEARING OFFICER/SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-12** - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO MATTHEW D. JESSUP OF MC MANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC AS REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-13** - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF T & M ASSOCIATES AS SPECIAL PROJECT ENGINEER ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-14** - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO SEAN GERTNER, ESQUIRE OF THE FIRM OF GERTNER & GERTNER AS PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-15** - APPOINTING MUNICIPAL HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED FOR THE YEAR 2019

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-16** - AUTHORIZING THE LIST OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES FOR PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP CHECKS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-17** - APPOINTING ERIC A. SORCHIK AS FUND COMMISSIONER AND JACK TROTTA AS ALTERNATE FOR THE OCEAN COUNTY JOINT INSURANCE FUND FOR THE YEAR, 2019

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-18** - 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. 2019-19** - REAPPOINTING GLENN RICCARDI AND ROGER FORT AS BUILDING INSPECTORS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-20** - TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF ALLENTOWN FOR THE SERVICES OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-21** - PROVIDING DATES OF TOWNSHIP MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR, 2019

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-22** - DESIGNATING THE PUBLIC PLACE AND NEWSPAPERS FOR ADVANCE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF MEETINGS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-23** - 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. 2019-24** - AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS OR DELINQUENT AMOUNTS LESS THAN \$10.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-25** - FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-26** - ACKNOWLEDGING AN INCREASE IN EXPENSES FOR TAX TITLE LIEN HOLDERS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-27** - 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. 2019-28** - 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. 2019-29** - APPOINTING GEORGE CONLEY, IV AS ALTERNATE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR IN THE ABSENCE OF ALAN WILKINS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-31** - APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-32** - REAPPOINTING KELLY CREIGHTON AS DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE YEAR 2019

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-33** - AUTHORIZING THE CALCULATION OF THE RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTABLE TAXES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.:40-41(c)(2)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-34** - REAPPOINTING KELLY CREIGHTON AS TAX SEARCH OFFICER FOR THE YEAR 2019

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-35** - APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMITTEE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-36** - REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE T-N-R (TRAP, NEUTER, RETURN) WELFARE COMMITTEE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-37** - AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO PROCEED WITH AN ACCELERATED TAX SALE FOR DELINQUENT 2019 TAXES

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-38** - 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 2019

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-39** - REAPPOINTING NADENE CICERO AS DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK FOR THE YEAR 2019

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-40** - ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-41** - APPOINTING JENNIFER WITHAM AS ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-42** - ISSUING A 2019 MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSE TO COLLIERS MILLS MOBILE HOME PARK

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-43** - ISSUING A 2019 MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSE TO DEEP RUN - JENSEN'S INC. MOBILE HOME PARK

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-44** - ISSUING A 2019 MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSE TO NEW EGYPT TRAILER PARK

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-45** - ISSUING A CONDITIONAL MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSE TO OAK GROVE TRAILER PARK FOR 2019

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-46** - ISSUING 2019 INDIVIDUAL MOBILE HOME LICENSES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-47** - ISSUING A 2019 TEMPORARY TRAILER PERMIT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION PURPOSES TO ROHM AND HAAS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-48** - ISSUING 2019 TEMPORARY TRAILER PERMITS FOR FARM OFFICE USE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-49** - AUTHORIZING ELIGIBLE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES TO SHARE THE COST OF HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-50** - APPOINTING JENNY ZEA-ACUNA AS A VIOLATIONS CLERK FOR THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COURT

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-51** - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE OCEAN COUNTY TOURISM ADVISORY COUNCIL GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2019

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-52** - 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. 2019-53** - APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE STATE PINELANDS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-54** - REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-55** - APPROVING THE 2019 ROTATING LIST OF TOWERS AND STORAGE AS SUBMITTED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-56** - AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICE OF RECYCLING

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-57** - APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-58** - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT THE OCEAN COUNTY CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION FY2019 LOCAL ARTS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-59** - AUTHORIZING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF SHARON GOWER AS ASSISTANT TREASURER

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-60** - AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO MAINTAIN A PETTY CASH FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-61** - AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE OCEAN COUNTY MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION COMMISSION PERMISSION FORM

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-62** - REAPPOINTING ANN FUNCK AS THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL ALLIANCE COORDINATOR FOR THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP DRUG & ALCOHOL ALLIANCE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-63** - REAPPOINTING PETER YLVISAKER AS THE MAIN STREET PROGRAM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-64** - REAPPOINTING TRUSTEES FOR THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP SENIOR MEETING ROOM

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-65** - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO MATTHEW D. JESSUP OF THE FIRM OF MC MANIMON, SCOTLAND & BAUMANN, LLC AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-66** - APPOINTING A PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-67** - APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-69** - APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ALLIANCE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-70** - DESIGNATING CUSTODIANS OF CHANGE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-71** - AUTHORIZING EQUAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS TO THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #1

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-72** - REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE 911 MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-73** - REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (C.E.R.T.)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-74** - RENEWING A CONTRACT WITH KELLY WINTHROP, LLC FOR ROADSIDE DEER CARCASS REMOVAL

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-75** - AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE OCEAN COUNTY OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES COMPETITIVE PROPOSAL FOR THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT TITLE III AREA PLAN GRANT FUNDING FOR 2019

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-76** - AWARDING A CONTRACT TO AFLAC TO PROVIDE A FLEXIBLE SPENDING PLAN FOR TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 125

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-77** - REAPPOINTING ERIC A. SORCHIK AS A VOLUNTEER DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR FOR THE YEAR 2019 WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-78** - REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-79** - AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ANIMAL CONTROL, LLC TO PROVIDE ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES FOR PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-80** - REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COURT SECURITY COMMITTEE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-81** - REAPPOINTING ROGER FORT AS A RENTAL INSPECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-82** - REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE SENIOR OUTREACH SERVICES PROGRAM (SOS)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-83** - AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO AWARD CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:11-3

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-84** - REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING/LAND USE BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-85** - REAPPOINTING GLENN RICCARDI AS ZONING OFFICER AND MOBILE HOME INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 2019

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-86** - REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PLAN ENDORSEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION GUIDELINE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-87** - APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE SAFETY COMMITTEE FOR 2019

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-88** - AUTHORIZING DAVID J. LEUTWYLER, GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKING SUPERVISOR TO PROVISIONALLY APPOINT A PART-TIME GENERAL MAINTENANCE LABORER

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-89** - APPOINTING JACK TROTTA AS THE MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVE AND VINCE LOTITO AS ALTERNATE FOR THE 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-90** - AUTHORIZING THE INSTITUTION OF TAX RECEIVERSHIP PROCEEDINGS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-91** - REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-92** - AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT JUDGE TO DESIGNATE AN ACTING MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR SPECIAL DWI COURT SESSIONS IN PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-93** - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO BONNIE PETERSON, ESQUIRE AS ALTERNATE PROSECUTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-94** - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO BRIAN RUMPF, ESQUIRE OF THE FIRM OF RUMPF, REID & DOLCY AS ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-95** - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO GOLDMAN BEALE ASSOCIATES AS FINANCIAL ADVISORS FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-96** - AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE FIRM OF GILMORE AND MONAHAN AS TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-97** - APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-98** - APPOINTING SANDRA BRODBECK AS THE PART-TIME MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-99** - RENEWING AN AGREEMENT WITH CONVEXSERV TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR MANAGED BACK-UP

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-100** - GRANTING PERMISSION TO PAY CERTAIN BILLS PRIOR TO TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2019

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-101** - AWARDED A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO KEITH A. BONCHI, ESQ. OF GMS LAW ATTORNEYS AS IN REM FORECLOSURE ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF PLUMSTED

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, THE AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTIONS (RESOLUTION NO. 2019-02 THROUGH RESOLUTION NO. 2019-101) ON PAGES 2 THROUGH 6 OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED AND EXCLUDING RESOLUTION 2020-25, WERE ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN ABSTAINING ON 2020-37 AND 2020-54.

Committeeman Bowen asked if it is a requirement to zero out the accounts on 2020-24. It was decided that Ms. Madden or the accountant would best be able to answer that. Bowen also asked about 2020-52 regarding rounding up and if it was a change this year. Trotta confirmed that is done every year. No other comments.

Committeeman Trotta asked about the reorg meeting being moved to January 4, 2021 and what time we were having it, noon or in the evening. It is a Monday so the meeting will be at 7 pm for the public to be able to attend.

Committeeman Bowen asked about 2020-25. His concern is that the tax collector charges an interest rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1500 of assessments and then 18% on the amount in excess of \$1500. He was wondering about the disparity between those two rates. Most of the property taxes in town are more than \$1500 so it seems that if someone is late on the property taxes, they are being charged a higher rate if it is above \$1500. Deputy Mayor Sorchik advised that the amounts are authorized by state statute. This resolution states the tax collector is abiding by the state parameters. The taxes are sold at the end of the year by people in arrears. There were only three properties this year that were sold at the tax sale but it was less than \$600. These rates are set up because those that buy the taxes pay the interest to recover the rate. If no one buys the taxes, this is the amount that can be charged. The tax collector could confirm how this works but it starts at 18% and then it goes to the lowest bidder so not usually at the 18% according to Leutwyler. Attorney Zabarsky stated the statute says it shall not exceed those percentages. He confirmed that most, if not all municipalities state the same.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2020-25 FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES OR ASSESSMENTS WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN ABSTAINING.

Committeeman Trotta wanted to bring up Peter Ylvisaker's township job. A gentleman was interviewed for that position. As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, Ylvisaker has resigned the township position. Trotta asked if we were prepared to hire him. His concern is that if he is not hired, that he may not be available in February when we meet again. Marinari appreciated that. The BA has given the rest of the committee the proposal from this individual, has the rest of the committee reviewed it and do they have any comments. The entire committee hasn't had the opportunity to meet with him yet. Committeeman Grilletto likes his vision and has no problem with hiring without actually meeting him since Marinari, Trotta, Ellen and Peter have met him. Grilletto says he has a good vision and that is what we need, someone with new, innovative vision. Deputy Mayor Sorchik sent his comments to Ellen. He said that he seems to be a competent individual. If the mayor wanted to hold off, that is ok. This may be a difficult position to fill. There is a lot of responsibility being put on this person. Sorchik doesn't have a problem hiring him either, he supports him.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, RESOLUTION NO. 2020-105 APPOINTING ADAM TORMOLLAN AS THE DOWNTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEEMAN BOWEN ABSTAINING.

Marinari believes this position is important to improve relationships with the business in our town.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN TROTTA, SECONDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, THE JANUARY 1, 2020 BILL LIST WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES WITH COMMITTEE BOWEN ABSTAINING.

Mayor Marinari explained that the township would now take a recess from the regular meeting to conduct the Board of Health reorganization meeting.

The meeting returned to regular session. Mayor Marinari asked for any new business from the Committee.

Committeeman Trotta would like to make a statement:

I want to state publicly that I fully support our new mayor and deputy mayor, in fact as you heard earlier, I made the motions to nominate them to these offices. These 2 gentlemen are not just colleagues but friends as well.

A lot of hard work has occurred these last few years to not only move this town forward through its growing pains, but also to set it up for a prosperous future after this growth is done. While this work and the necessary planning are not easy, I do enjoy it and take much pride in the fact that I have been able to help make a lasting impact of good on this town. Some of the success I have lead the implementation on:

- ✓ Improving moral in this building by replacing some bad elements and restoring annual wage increases for the administrative employees.
- ✓ Brought court back to Plumsted.
- ✓ Worked through the retirement of both the Deputy Municipal Clerk and Municipal Clerk and the hiring of replacements in this extremely vital department of the Township.
- ✓ Encouraged our former Deputy Tax Collector to pursue her Tax Collector certification and am happy to have been able to appoint her as Tax Collector after she passed her test last year.
- ✓ Restored a part time Business Administrator position.
- ✓ Expanded the Construction Department to handle upcoming volume.
- ✓ Just this week we hired a new Coordinator for the Office of Emergency Management.
- ✓ Replaced an antiquated website with a new one that is full of information and is constantly being updated.
- ✓ Brought our email alerts in house to allow us to much more quickly get information out compared to the past system.
- ✓ Hired our first Public Information Officer. I admit that this hire did not accomplish what we had wanted and we have taken steps to find a new person to fill this position.
- ✓ Finally received a permit from the state for our sewer system. This has alleviated the threat of fines from the State because of failing septic tanks and cesspools in the downtown area.
- ✓ Construction of the collection system has progressed well and we are down to a few streets that still need to have installation. Also during this construction we have avoided wholesale closing of streets in the downtown, as I promised from the beginning.
- ✓ Contract has been awarded for the sewer treatment plant and construction will begin soon.
- ✓ Ground was broken on the new senior development and construction there is progressing. The first homes will be sold this year. The financial arrangement we have with the developer will completely pay for the construction of the sewer system and provide tens of millions of dollars in excess revenue to the Township to allow us to make improvements throughout the town.
- ✓ Last but not least, the police department has been expanded to its current 14 member force. We have a new management team including a Chief and Lieutenant and with their recommendation we now have 3 Sergeants for better supervision. The moral in the department has greatly improved with this support, the constant improvements in equipment such as vehicles and firearms and with a very fair contract during our last negotiations.

All of this has been accomplished in the wake of the financial crisis this town faced which resulted in receiving transitional aid from the state. We have also remained within a 2% CAP on spending.

I pledge to continue assisting Mayor Marinari and Deputy Mayor Sorchik in any way that I can, now and forever.

My fulltime job has been getting busier and busier. In fact I have been assigned to three major initiatives for 2020, two of these assignments have been made within the last month. It is hard to find time to do everything at work, home and here at the Township.

Because of this I advised the Mayor and Deputy Mayor that I was not interested in a leadership position within the Township at this time.



To the employees of this town, I want to thank you for your hard work and the help given to me through the years and also for your friendship.

As we begin a new year, I look back on 2019 and am reminded of how important family and friends are. Many times during my years in office, I have missed important family events to do township work, all the while telling other committee members that family had to come first. To my family, I am sorry for not taking the same advice I was giving.

Reflecting on 2019, I am amazed at how powerful social media has become for contacting others, but also how dangerous a weapon it can be in the hands of those who want to spread mistrust and hateful inaccurate information.

For 2020, I wish peace and happiness to all. I appreciate those who have stayed on the path of true friendship and look forward to 2020 with you, my friends. (*End Statement*)

Committeeman Grilletto thanks Trotta for his hard work and we need to progress forward in other directions with communication and thank him for all he has accomplished. Deputy Mayor Sorchik thanked Trotta.

Marinari said that for the past five years, Trotta has done everything he indicated and much, much more. This community should and will extend their thanks for all he has done for us and this town. That is why I am planning on delegating and want to involve everyone. Marinari said that he will need him probably more than everyone else. As a friend, I know he will be there to help.

There are a lot of changes that will take place this year with the sewer system, the 55+ community and hopefully hiring this economic development coordinator will improve our downtown businesses and try to revitalize the downtown. That should be a major part in what this individual does in the next year or two. We have to do that. With the addition of the sewers, we will move forward with that and hopefully get some investors looking at this town and the business picture here will improve greatly. We have a tremendous amount of vital businesses in this town. Some people say they never knew we had funeral home in town or I never knew we had an organization such as Agway or the Marketplace. It's amazing to me. It's understandable if they are new to the town. These new businesses run the community and we don't want to see them lost. We want to help these businesses to continue and improve. Marinari thanks everyone that has been part of past years in helping Trotta and this committee. He also asks for help to continue to do this. You have his word that he is open to anyone's discussion. Much like his past years on the school board. He is here to listen and will continue for a years' time to continue to listen to all individuals. This is a committee of five people and all have input into decisions.

Trotta recognized that Brian Logan, our fee accountant is here as well as Dewberry, Lisa and Walt. Attorney Zabarsky is here. The Chief of Police and Directory of Public Safety are here as well. Thank you and Happy New Year.

Grilletto asked for a hand for Jack Trotta, audience applauded.

Mayor Marinari asked for any public comment. Brian Logan of Suplee Clooney came forward. He wished everyone a Happy New Year. He thanks the committee for the appointment and wishes the new committee members well. Sorchik said that Logan is always a constant at the reorg meetings.

Pastor Cuozzo appreciates everything that went down today and he thinks that Marinari is a gentleman and he will do a great job as mayor. He is thankful at how hard everyone has worked on the committee. A lot has gotten done over the past years. Personally he hopes the word is spread about the good work that has been done. He appreciates it and is happy the way things are moving forward.

As there was no further business for the meeting, Marinari asked for a motion to adjourn.

THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 1, 2020, WAS ADJOURNED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Witham, RMC  
Municipal Clerk