

**EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

January 1, 2014

11:00 p.m.

East Windsor Township Senior Center

The reorganization meeting of the East Windsor Township Council was called to order by Mayor Janice S. Mironov at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 1, 2014.

Deputy Municipal Clerk Susan D. Jackson certified that the meeting was noticed as a regular meeting. Notice was sent to the Trenton Times, filed with the Municipal Clerk and posted in the East Windsor Municipal Building, all on December 26, 2013. All requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were satisfied.

INVOCATION:

Rabbi Jay M. Kornsgold, Beth El Synagogue gave the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE:

Chief Anthony Katawick, East Windsor Vol. Fire Company #1 and President Ben Thornton, East Windsor Vol. Fire Company #2 led the flag salute.

NATIONAL ANTHEM "Star Spangled Banner"

Brianna Kupper, East Windsor Regional School District, Hightstown High School sang the National Anthem

**READING OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION AND
OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED:**

Janice S. Mironov asked Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes to offer a few words to the public for the New Year. He wished everyone a very happy and healthy New Year. He spoke about how dedicated the Council is to the community and their efforts to work hard for the community.

Mercer County Clerk Paula Sollami Covello read: "Certificate of Election, Board of Canvassers of Mercer County, New Jersey, the said Board does determine that an Election held in the said County on the fifth day of November, two thousand thirteen HECTOR DUKE was duly elected a member of East Windsor Township Council".

Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes administered the Oath of Office to Hector Duke.

Mercer County Clerk Paula Sollami Covello read: "Certificate of Election, Board of Canvassers of Mercer County, New Jersey, the said Board does determine that an Election held in the said County on the fifth day of November, two thousand thirteen PERRY SHAPIRO was duly elected a member of East Windsor Township Council".

New Jersey State Senator Linda R. Greenstein administered the Oath of Office to Perry Shapiro

Mercer County Clerk Paula Sollami Covello read: "Certificate of Election, Board of Canvassers of Mercer County, New Jersey, the said Board does determine that an Election held in the said County on the fifth day of November, two thousand thirteen ALAN ROSENBERG was duly elected a member of East Windsor Township Council".

New Jersey State Senator Linda R. Greenstein administered the Oath of Office to Alan Rosenberg.

ROLL CALL OF THE 2014 COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Hector Duke, Marc Lippman, Janice S. Mironov, Alan Rosenberg, Perry M. Shapiro, Peter Yeager and John Zoller were present.

Janice S. Mironov welcomed the new members of Council and thanked the voters of East Windsor Township for allowing these great people to join the Council

Janice S. Mironov called for nominations for Mayor. Council Member Perry Shapiro was recognized from the floor and nominated Janice S. Mironov. Council Member Alan Rosenberg seconded the nomination.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Duke, Lippman Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays - None

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, Janice S. Mironov was elected Mayor.

Representative Rush D. Holt, Jr., United States Congress (12th District) administered the oath of office to Mayor Janice S. Mironov.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR:

Mayor Mironov opened the floor for nomination of Deputy Mayor. Council Member Peter Yeager nominated Alan Rosenberg. Council Member John Zoller seconded the nomination.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Duke, Lippman Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays - None

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, Alan Rosenberg was elected Deputy Mayor.

Mayor Janice S. Mironov administered the oath of office to Deputy Mayor Alan Rosenberg.

Mayor Mironov recognized the following elected officials: Representative Rush Holt, State Senator Linda Greenstein, Assemblyman Dan Benson, County Executive Brian Hughes, County Clerk Paula Sollami-Covello, Surrogate Diane Gerofsky, Mercer County Freeholder Ann Cannon, Mercer County Freeholder Anthony Carabelli, Mercer County Freeholder John Cimino, Mercer County Freeholder Pat Colavita, Mercer County Freeholder Sam Frisby, Mercer County

Freeholder Andrew Koontz, Mercer County Freeholder Lucy Walter, Hightstown Mayor Steve Kirson, Council Members Susan Bluth, Larry Quattrone and Rob Thibault and Council Members elect Steve Misiura and Denny Hanson, Plainsboro Mayor Peter Cantu and Deputy Mayor Neil Lewis.

APPOINTMENTS BY COUNCIL:

Township Judge (3 year term)

Council Member Shapiro nominated Edward H. Herman. Council Member Zoller seconded the nomination.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Duke, Lippman Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays - None

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, Edward Herman was elected Township Judge.

Mayor Janice S. Mironov administered the oath of office to Judge Herman.

Township Attorney (1 year term)

Council Member Lippman nominated David E. Orron. Council Member Yeager seconded the nomination.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Duke, Lippman Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays - None

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, David E. Orron was appointed Township Attorney.

Township Prosecutor (1 year term)

Council Member Lippman nominated Jeffrey Rubin. Council Member Duke seconded the nomination.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Duke, Lippman Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays - None

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, Jeffrey Rubin was appointed Township Prosecutor.

Township Public Defender (1 year term)

Council Member Rosenberg nominated Robert M. Schwartz. Council Member Duke seconded the nomination.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Duke, Lippman Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays - None

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, Robert M. Schwartz was appointed Township Public Defender.

Township Attorney Orron read the following list of names of Township Board and Committee appointments:

Clean Communities Advisory Committee:

2 Members - 3 year terms – Barry Fliegelman and Judy Miller
1 Member – Unexpired term to 12/31/15 – Gary Fournier
1 Member – Unexpired term to 12/31/14 – Jose Quiles

Township Council Liaisons - 1 year term - Mayor Janice Mironov and Deputy Mayor Alan Rosenberg

Commission on Aging:

2 Members - 3 year terms – Debra Thomas and Hash Shah

Township Council Liaison - 1 year term- Council Member John Zoller

Economic Development Committee:

3 Members - 3 year terms – Kelly Klein, Magregoir Simeon and George White

Township Council Liaisons - 1 year term – Mayor Janice Mironov and Council Member John Zoller

Health Advisory Board:

1 Member – 5 year term – Christine Muszynski

Township Council Liaisons - 1 year term – Council Members Hector Duke and John Zoller

Local Assistance Board:

Township Council Member - 1 year term – Council Member Hector Duke

Planning Board:

Class III Township Council Member-1 year term – Council Member Perry Shapiro

1 Class IV Member - 4 year term – Barry Clerk

1 Class IV Member, Alt #1 – 2 year term – Denise Daniels

Recreation Commission:

Township Council Liaison - 1 year term – Deputy Mayor Alan Rosenberg

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

2 Members - 4 year term – Christopher Cosenza and Joseph Primiano

1 Member – Unexpired term to 12/31/15 – Michael Bailey

Council Member Yeager moved to nominate all of the above Committee members. The nomination was seconded by Council Member Shapiro.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Duke, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays - None

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, the above Committee and Board members were appointed.

APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR:

Environmental Commission:

2 Members - 3 year terms – Ronald Balint and Gary Wroblewski

Township Council Liaison - 1 year term – Council Member Peter Yeager

Planning Board:

Class II - Township Official (Other Than a Member of Council) – 1 year term – Manager James Brady

Auxiliary Members to Township Boards and Committees (1 year terms):

Mayor Mironov appointed the following persons as Auxiliary Members:

Commission on Aging – Susan Flaster and Nandita Jupudi

Economic Development Committee – Kantilal Patel

Environmental Commission – Hemant Shah

Health Advisory Board – Linda Melchor

Recreation Commission – Manar Aboulenain

Mayor Mironov also named Albert Grupper as a member of East Windsor Municipal Alliance for Prevention of Substance Abuse

East Windsor Municipal Alliance for Prevention of Substance Abuse: Mayor's Representative -
1 year term – Council Member Peter Yeager

East Windsor Representative to the RISE Board of Directors – 1 year term – Council Member Peter Yeager

Fire Companies: Township Council Liaisons – 1 year term – Mayor Mironov and Council Members Marc Lippman and Perry Shapiro

Rescue Squads: Township Council Liaisons – 1 year term – Mayor Mironov and Council Member Shapiro

PUBLIC FORUM: None

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Mironov stated that Resolution R2014-07 will be held until the next meeting.

Resolution R2014-1 Designating Date, Time and Place of Meetings of Council for 2014

Resolution R2014-2 Designating Official Newspapers

Resolution R2014-3 Establishing Interest Rate on Delinquent Taxes

Resolution R2014-4 Designating Certifying Agent for PERS & PFRS

Resolution R2014-5 Designating Cash Management Plan

Resolution R2014-6 By-Laws of Council for Year 2014

It was moved by LIPPMAN and seconded SHAPIRO that Resolutions R2014-1, R2014-2, R2014-3, R2014-4, R2014-5, and R2014-6 be approved as a block.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Duke, Lippman, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Yeager, Zoller, Mironov
Nays - None

There being seven (7) ayes and no nays, Resolutions R2014-1, R2014-2, R2014-3, R2014-4, R2014-5, and R2014-6 were approved as a block.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Mironov presented the following individuals with Certificates of Appreciation to Volunteers: Barry Fliegelman, Deborah Thomas, Hash Shah, Linda Moore, Ronald Balint, Barry Clark, Denise Daniels and Joseph Primiano. She thanked these individuals for their service and dedication.

Mayor Mironov recognized Dick Cunningham for Spotlight East Windsor and for all the assistance that he provides throughout the year.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND MAYOR:

Council Member Zoller wished everyone a happy New Year and thanked everyone for coming out and being present. He reflected on his first two years on Council and has come to appreciate the time and dedication of Mayor and Council Members toward the responsibilities they each have to the residents and businesses in East Windsor. He is looking forward to the new challenges and opportunities as our national and local economies improve in 2014 and he welcomes the chance to meet them in the coming year.

Council Member Yeager welcomed and thanked everyone who came out today. He stated that people often come to him and say that they guess that this is a thankless job but it really isn't. It is an honor to be able to serve the community and look forward to the next two years.

Council Member Lippman wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year. He stated that after all the years of serving it never gets old, he loves what he does and it is an honor to serve the community.

Council Member Duke wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year. He thanked the residents for their faith in reelecting him to office. He has learned much being on the Council and how government works. He stated that this is one of the best organized and managed township in Mercer County. He thanked Mayor Mironov for all her hard work. He spoke about the Senior Center, the walking path and the new open spaces for the community's use.

Council Member Shapiro thanked everyone for coming out and wished everyone a happy New Year. He spoke about how hard the Council works for the people of the Township. He thanked all that came out reelecting him to Township Council. He stated that as a result of being on Council he has met so many wonderful people that has enriched him and his family's life.

Deputy Mayor Rosenberg thanked the residents who voted for him and will serve everyone equally and faithfully. He thanked all that had helped with the campaign. He thanked the two men he ran with, Hector Duke and Perry Shapiro, who made it fun and interesting. He also thanked Bill Spain, former Chief of Police, for always being very supportive and for being there. He spoke about his experience being on the Council and all that will be coming in the future for the Township.

Mayor Mironov thanked all for being present. She thanked all the Council Members for their good service and support to her and she is truly honored to serve this community again. She recognized Township Manager James Brady, Chief of Police James Monahan, Public Works Director Bill Askenstedt and Court Director Claudia Rosenberg and others who do great work for the residents of the community. She thanked all the volunteer organizations for their time and dedication given to the community. She stated that she would like to take a moment to look

back at 2013 and look ahead to 2014. She gave highlights and overview of the funding, finances and spending plan of the Township. The Council will do their best and will continue to work to be proactive in partnership and grant seeking. She said that they will look at year 2014 as a stabilizing year in the finances and anticipate a much continued positive growth.

Mayor Mironov stated that business development and economic vitality will continue to be important to this Council. There has been much business growth in East Windsor in 2013 especially the latter half of the year. They expect this to continue into 2014. Mayor named a few of the new businesses and businesses that expanded their facilities last year. Shiseido America, one of the major businesses in town, has expanded. There is a new business opening in the PA Center on Princeton-Hightstown Road. There is more business occupation in the SciPark Technology and Science Center on Trenton Road. Windsor Center has seen new interest and growth with McGraw Education Component moving in and expanding its facilities. Rainbow Academy is an approved day care center on the north side of Route 130. In Town Center, Starplex has taken over the theater. American Hospitality Group has renovated the building on the north side of Route 130. There are two more new construction buildings anticipated going forward in that development. Bottle King has opened in the available building below that. This is very important to East Windsor as it generates jobs, tax dollars and shopping opportunities. Chase Bank Center will have a new Panera Bread opening early this year. Windsor Center has tremendous revitalization. Bottom Dollar and Retro Fitness has moved in. Ross, Dress for Less will be moving in and other leases are in active negotiations for the center. Agility Physical Therapy has moved into the shopping center on the corner of Maple Stream. Ground Round opened and the MET building is under total renovation. There is excitement in implementing the Route 33 Corridor Study that has been successfully completed with a planning grant. There has been tremendous activity in the turnpike area and anticipates continual and additional new things going into 2014. Some of the new businesses that have moved in – Accel RX, Aprecia Pharmaceuticals, Arrowpac, Innovative Logistics, as well as the East Windsor Animal Hospital.

Mayor Mironov stated that there are a number of roadway improvements that have been completed. Going into 2014, they are hopeful to continue with the remaining portion of Hickory Corner Road. They also hope to move forward on the Route 130/Hankins/Conover intersection improvements. There is hope to continue with the Lanning Blvd. extension project that will link the Windsor Center renovations over to Lanning Blvd. There is a transportation enhancement grant from the Department of Transportation for Route 571 to look at sidewalks and transit improvements. They are working with the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission for enhancements for some east-west transportation here within the area for bus transit.

Mayor Mironov spoke about open space, stating we have received an additional \$325,000 green acres grant last year and are in the process of acquiring an additional 24 acres on Airport Road. We will be continuing with the No-Net-Loss project. With the initiation from the Health Board, the Community Gardens will have its first planting season in 2014. Mayor Mironov spoke about the activities of the different boards and commissions. The new playing fields at Disbrow Hill

Park will be open for the first time this spring. The senior offerings will continue to be expanded.

Mayor Mironov wanted to thank all the officials and volunteers as well as the community for the great support that they have provided. The community has been terrific with its activity and outreach within the community and as a result it has been an honor to serve as Mayor. She wanted to wish all the very best in the New Year and a very healthy and happy New Year, one of great fulfillment for you, your family and friends.

Mayor Mironov asked Harvey Bailey, East Windsor Volunteer Co. #1, to come and sing *America the Beautiful*.

Mayor Mironov adjourned the meeting at 12:42 p.m.

Susan D. Jackson
Deputy Municipal Clerk

JANICE S. MIRONOV
Mayor