

THE TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2012 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD, CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:35 PM BY THE DEPUTY MAYOR, CHARLES HAMILTON.

NOTICE OF TIME AND DATE FOR THIS MEETING WAS SENT ON MAY 11, 2012 TO THE CENTRAL RECORD AND COURIER-POST NEWSPAPERS AS A SUNSHINE NOTICE AND IS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW".

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG:**

**ROLL CALL:**

Committeeman Richardson - Present  
Committeeman Hurley - Present  
Committeeman Hamilton - Present  
Committeeman Critelli - Present  
Mayor Merlino - Absent

**PROFESSIONALS:**

Virginia L. Chandler, Township Clerk - Present  
Lawrence C. Ruocco, Township Administrator - Present  
Debra L. Shaw-Blemings, Deputy Township Clerk - Present  
John P. Maroccia, Esq., Township Solicitor - Absent  
Michael E. Joyce, Attorney for Conflict Matter - Present

**MATTER OF PERSONNEL AND APPOINTMENTS:**

**CLOSED SESSION:** (5:37 PM)

Resolution # 2012-138

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION.

Moved by Hurley, 2nd by Richardson to adopt Resolution #2012-138.

Voice Vote:

Committeeman Richardson - Yes  
Committeeman Hurley - Yes  
Committeeman Hamilton - Yes  
Committeeman Critelli - Yes

**MATTER OF PERSONNEL AND APPOINTMENTS:**

MAYOR RECONVENE MEETING: (6:55 PM)

ROLL CALL:

Committeeman Richardson - Present  
Committeeman Hurley - Present  
Committeeman Hamilton - Present  
Committeeman Critelli - Present  
Mayor Merlino - Absent

RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION STATEMENT: NO ACTION TAKEN

Resolution #2012-139

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUSPENSION OF THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR, JOHN P. MAROCCIA WITHOUT PAY.

Moved by Hurley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richardson to adopt Resolution #2012-139.

Committeeman Richardson - Yes  
Committeeman Hurley - Yes  
Committeeman Hamilton - No  
Committeeman Critelli - Yes

Committeeman Richardson noted the committee needs to appoint a temporary legal representative so the Township will not be under legal exposure. He stated he had a discussion with Mayor Merlino about appointing a temporary solicitor and she suggested David Patterson be appointed as temporary solicitor as he was the Township Solicitor last year and is familiar with the Township.

Resolution #2012-140

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF A TEMPORARY SOLICITOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD APPOINTING DAVID C. PATTERSON, ESQUIRE FOR THE TERM MAY 15, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 13, 2012 AT THE RATE OF \$135.00 PER HOUR.

Moved by Richardson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Critelli to adopt Resolution #2012-140.

Poll Vote:

Committeeman Richardson - Yes  
Committeeman Hurley - Yes  
Committeeman Hamilton - No  
Committeeman Critelli - Yes

Resolution #2012-141

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF RFP'S FOR THE POSITION OF TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD.

Moved by Richardson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hurley to adopt Resolution #2012-141.

**Poll Vote:**

- Committeeman Richardson - Yes
- Committeeman Hurley - Yes
- Committeeman Hamilton - Yes
- Committeeman Critelli - Yes

**PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING:**

**MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:**

Deputy Mayor Hamilton asked that everyone speaking please try to keep their comments and questions short as the Planning Board Meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 PM. He asked that everyone be respectful.

Ralph Condo, Condo Avenue inquired about the suspension of John Maroccia. He noted that the position of Township Solicitor holds sacred trust for residents and felt the public deserves some explanation of the suspension.

Committeeman Richardson responded by asking Michael Joyce, Esquire for his opinion on reading Resolution #2012-139 into the record.

Michael Joyce, Esquire responded that the Resolution #2012-139 could be read into the record.

Deputy Mayor Hamilton read Resolution #2012-139 into the record. (Resolution Attached)

Joseph Palladino, Jr., Atco Avenue inquired if the Township will still be retaining Michael Joyce, Esquire.

Michael Joyce, Esquire noted that he was hired to handle a conflict matter only.

Committeeman Richardson noted Michael Joyce was hired for a limited matter.

**MAYOR CLOSSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Hurley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richardson to adjourn.

**ALL IN FAVOR:**

- Committeeman Richardson - Yes
- Committeeman Hurley - Yes
- Committeeman Hamilton - Yes
- Committeeman Critelli - Yes

**ATTACHMENT: Resolution #2012-139**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:**

*Virginia L. Chandler*  
Virginia L. Chandler, RMC  
Township Clerk