

THE DECEMBER 10, 2014 SPECIAL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD, CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM BY THE MAYOR, MARYANN MERLINO.

NOTICE WAS SENT TO THE COURIER-POST AND CENTRAL RECORD NEWSPAPERS AS A LEGAL NOTICE AND SUNSHINE NOTICE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW". IT IS ALSO POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

Committeeman Richardson - Present
Committeeman Critelli - Present via telephone conference
Committeeman Yeatman - Present
Mayor Merlino - Present

PROFESSIONALS:

Susan E. Danson, Township Administrator - Present
David C. Patterson, Esquire Township Solicitor - Present
Debra L. Shaw-Blemings, Acting Township Clerk - Present
Kijona L. Thompson, Deputy Clerk - Present

Solicitor Patterson noted for the record that Committeeman Critelli was participating in the meeting via telephone conference

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING :

MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

There were no public comments

MAYOR CLOSSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter and Resolution received from the Waterford Township Democratic Municipal Committee dated November 24, 2014 naming three (3) qualified nominees for consideration to fill the vacancy in office for the unexpired term of Robert Koons through December 31, 2015

Moved by Merlino, 2nd by Yeatman to nominate David Chiddenton to fill the Committeeman vacancy for the unexpired term of Robert Koons

Poll Vote: Committeeman Richardson – Passed, then No (see statement for the record below)
Committeeman Critelli - No
Committeeman Yeatman -Yes
Mayor Merlino - Yes

MOTION FAILED (required 2/3 affirmative vote of remaining Governing Body for adoption)

STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD BY COMMITTEEMAN RICHARDSON:

"While I understand N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11, the municipal vacancy law, it is my belief that as the representative of the minority party the replacement for Mr. Koons' seat is better served to be appointed by the majority party, therefore I vote No".

Moved by Critelli, 2nd by Yeatman to nominate Glenn Garwood to fill the Committeeman vacancy for the unexpired term of Robert Koons

Poll Vote: Committeeman Richardson – No, referred to same reason stated previously
Committeeman Critelli - Yes
Committeeman Yeatman -No
Mayor Merlino - No

MOTION FAILED (required 2/3 affirmative vote of remaining Governing Body for adoption)

All Committee members indicated it was not necessary to nominate the third candidate submitted by the Waterford Township Democratic Municipal Committee

Solicitor Patterson noted the Municipal Vacancy Law *“If the Governing Body fails to appoint one of the nominees the Municipal Political Committee shall within the next 15 days, or 45 days after the vacancy occurrence, appoint one of the nominees as the successor to fill the vacancy”*.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Richardson, 2nd by Yeatman to adjourn meeting at 6:37PM

Voice Vote: Committeeman Richardson - Yes
Committeeman Critelli - Yes
Committeeman Yeatman - Yes
Mayor Merlino - Yes