

## **MONTAGUE TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION MEETING**

### **MINUTES January 1, 2010**

#### **OPENING STATEMENT**

Deputy Clerk Desrie Picinich called the session to order at 12:00 pm and stated that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975 C. 231, and had been duly advertised.

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

All present were asked to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The Deputy Clerk called the roll. Present were Committeemen Darren Ponce, Charles Teufert and George Zitone. Also present was attorney Michael Garofalo.

#### **STATEMENT OF DETERMINATION - OATHS OF OFFICE**

Mr. Garofalo read the Statement of Determination naming Joseph Barbagallo and Paul Brislin as elected Officials in the election held on November 3, 2009. Mr. Garofalo administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Committeemen Joe Barbagallo and Paul Brislin, who were elected for three (3) year terms.

The Deputy Clerk requested a nomination for Mayor from the Township Committee. Mr. Ponce motioned to appoint Joseph Barbagallo to position of Mayor. Mr. Brislin seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a majority roll call vote, Mr. Barbagallo abstaining. Mr. Garofalo administered the Oath of Office for Mayor to Mr. Barbagallo.

The Deputy Clerk then turned the meeting over to the newly sworn Mayor, Joseph Barbagallo.

Mayor Barbagallo called for a nomination for Deputy Mayor. Mr. Ponce made a motion to appoint Paul Brislin Deputy Mayor. Mr. Zitone seconded. The motion was carried by a majority roll call vote, with Mr. Brislin abstaining. Mr. Garofalo advised Mr. Brislin he would be sworn in after the meeting.

#### **ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS**

Acting Municipal Clerk - Mr. Brislin motioned to appoint Desrie Picinich at the hourly rate of Deputy Clerk. Mr. Ponce seconded, and the motion carried with a majority roll call vote, Mr. Teufert and Mr. Zitone voting No.

Township Attorney - Mr. Brislin motioned to appoint the firm of Laddey Clarke & Ryan. Mr. Teufert seconded, and the motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Township Special Counsel - Mr. Brislin motioned to table the appointment. Mr. Teufert seconded, and the motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Bond Counsel - Mr. Teufert motioned to appoint John Draikiwicz from the firm of Gibbons PC. Mr. Zitone seconded, and the motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Township Auditor/Accountant - Mr. Brislin motioned to table the appointment. Mr. Ponce seconded, and the motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Special Engineer - Mr. Ponce motioned to appoint Pellow and Associates. Mr. Teufert seconded, and the motion was carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Insurance Agent - Mr. Brislin motioned to appoint the Morville Agency. Mr. Teufert seconded, and the motion was carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Insurance Fund Commissioner - Mr. Brislin motioned to appoint the Municipal Clerk. Mr. Teufert seconded, and the motion was carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Alternate Insurance Fund Commissioner - Mr. Brislin motioned to appoint Joan Clauberg. Mr.

Ponce seconded, and the motion was carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Deputy Clerk - Mr. Ponce motioned to appoint Desrie Picinich. Mr. Brislin seconded, and the motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

911 Coordinator - Mr. Brislin motioned to appoint Dave Coss. Mr. Teufert seconded, and the motion carried with a majority roll call vote, with Mr. Zitone voting No.

Fire Prevention Coordinator - Mr. Brislin motioned to appoint Matt Kansky. Mr. Teufert seconded, and the motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Fire Marshall - Mr. Brislin motioned to appoint Matt Kansky. Mr. Zitone seconded, and the motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

NIMS Coordinator - Mr. Brislin motioned to appoint Matt Kansky. Mr. Ponce seconded, and the motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Tax Search Officer - Mr. Brislin motioned to appoint Fran Multari. Mr. Teufert seconded, and the motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Solid Waste/Recycling/Clean Communities Coordinator - Mr. Zitone motioned to appoint Toni-Lu Martin. Mr. Brislin seconded, and the motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Township Planner - Mr. Teufert motioned to appoint Harold Pellow and Associates. Mr. Ponce seconded, and the motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Township Historian - Mr. Brislin motioned to appoint Alicia Batko. Mr. Teufert seconded, and the motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Housing Inspector - Mr. Brislin motioned to appoint John deJager. Mr. Ponce seconded, and the motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Recreation Committee Chair and Co-Chair - Mr. Teufert motioned to table the appointment until after a Recreation meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Brislin seconded, and the motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Constables - Mr. Ponce motioned to appoint Bob Benson and Terry Snyder. Mayor Barbagallo seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Brislin, Pass; Mr. Ponce, Yes; Mr. Teufert, No; Mr. Zitone, No, Mayor Barbagallo, Yes; Mr. Brislin, No. The motion did not pass.

#### **LAND USE BOARD MEMBERS**

The following members were successfully appointed through affirmative roll call votes:

Class I: Designee in Mayor's Absence - Charles Teufert

Class II: Employee of the Municipality not from the Committee for a one year term - Sharon Tufaro

Class III: Member of the Governing Body appointed by the Governing Body for a one year term - Darren Ponce

Class IV: Citizens appointed by the Mayor on recommendations from the Township Committee for four year terms - Gene Crawford and Glen Plotsky

Class IV

Alternate: Two year term - Jim Guimes

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**

Administrative:	Chair:	Charlie Teufert
	Co-Chair:	Paul Brislin
Health & Welfare:	Chair:	Joe Barbagallo
	Co-Chair:	George Zitone
Public Works:	Chair:	Darren Ponce
	Co-Chair:	George Zitone
Finance:	Chair:	Paul Brislin
	Co-Chair:	Joe Barbagallo
Public Safety:	Chair:	Darren Ponce
	Co-Chair:	Charlie Teufert

### **RESOLUTIONS (CONSENT AGENDA)**

- R 2010-03     ADOPTING TEMPORARY BUDGET
- R 2010-04     PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
- R 2010-05     AUTHORIZATION FOR ASSESSOR AND ATTORNEY TO DEFEND  
APPEALS
- R 2010-06     OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES
- R 2010-07     MEMBERS IN THE INSURANCE POOL
- R 2010-08     FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST AND PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT  
TAXES
- R 2010-09     APPOINTING INSURANCE FUND COMMISSIONER AND ALTERNATE  
FUND COMMISSIONER
- R 2010-10     RESOLUTION APPOINTING RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

Mr. Brislin motioned to approve the Consent Agenda excluding Township Auditor and Special Counsel, since both appointments were tabled. Mr. Teufert seconded, and the motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Brislin made a motion to amend the Agenda for the committee to create an Economic Development Committee with the appointment of John Soracco as Chairman of the committee. Mr. Teufert seconded, and the motion carried with all in favor.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Brislin motioned to open to the public. Mr. Zitone seconded, and the motion carried with all in favor.

**Jim Guimes** - congratulated the newly elected officials and expressed his hope that the committee will work as a team for the greater good of the community.

**Ed Zitone** - stated that now maybe there will be some peace and no more fighting and bickering at the meetings.

**Ruth Owen** - congratulated the newly elected officials and thanked the entire committee on behalf of the Montague Seniors for all the help they have given over the past year.

With no other member of the public wishing to be heard, Mr. Brislin motioned to close public participation. Mr. Zitone seconded, and the motion was carried with all in favor.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Brislin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Zitone seconded, and the motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Desrie W. Picinich, CMR  
Acting Municipal Clerk