

Minutes of a Reorganization Meeting of the Verona Township Council on Saturday, July 1, 2017 in the Verona Civic Center, 600 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey beginning at 9:00 A.M.

Municipal Clerk Jennifer Kiernan welcomes everyone and states the reason for the meeting is to swear in the newly elected officials. She asks Township Manager Matthew Cavallo to call the roll: present are Councilman Nochimson and Councilman Roman.

Father Joseph D'Amico of Our Lady of the Lake Church gives the invocation.

Jennifer Kiernan leads the Flag Salute and calls Lindsey Rawding to the podium to sing the National Anthem.

Jennifer Kiernan reads the Open Public Meetings Act Statement of Compliance.

Jack McEvoy is administered the oath of office as Councilmember-at Large by Jennifer Kiernan. Ms. Kiernan also presents Councilman McEvoy with the Certificate of Election. Councilman McEvoy gives his acceptance speech.

Kevin Ryan is administered the oath of office as Councilmember-at Large by Jennifer Kiernan. Ms. Kiernan also presents Councilman Ryan with the Certificate of Election. Councilman Ryan gives his acceptance speech.

Ted Giblin is administered the oath of office as Councilmember-at Large by his father, New Jersey State Assemblyman Thomas P. Giblin. Ms. Kiernan also presents Councilman Giblin with the Certificate of Election. Councilman Giblin gives his acceptance speech.

Township Manager Matthew Cavallo calls the roll. Present are Councilman Giblin, Councilman McEvoy, Councilman Nochimson, Councilman Roman and Councilman Ryan.

Election of Mayor:

For the election of mayor the Municipal Clerk cites that State statute dictates that the mayor shall be chosen, by ballot, by a majority vote of all members of the municipal council. If the members shall be unable to come to a majority after five separate votes, then the councilmember who received the greatest number of votes in the last election in which they were individually elected shall be offered the office. Should that person decline to accept the office, then the person receiving the next highest number of votes, and so on, until the office is filled.

Each councilman has in front of them 5 laminated placards each one containing the name of each councilman. For the election of Mayor, when asked, the members will cast their vote by holding up the card representing their selection for mayor. The votes will then be recorded. If a majority vote is not been reached, a second ballot will be taken in the same manner and so on.

The Municipal Clerk asks that each Councilman select the placard containing the name of the Councilman who they nominate for mayor.

Council is asked to please reveal their vote to the public.

Councilman Giblin selects Councilman Roman; Councilman McEvoy selects Councilman Ryan; Councilman Nochimson selects Councilman Ryan; Councilman Roman selects Councilman Ryan and Councilman Ryan selects himself.

Councilman Ryan has been chosen as Mayor with a vote of 4-1.

Jennifer Kiernan swears in Councilman Ryan as Mayor for a second term as Mayor. Following the administration of the oath, Mayor Ryan gives his acceptance speech.

Mayor Ryan presides over the remainder of the meeting.

Election of Deputy Mayor:

The selection of Deputy Mayor is performed in the same fashion. Council reveals their vote to the public. Councilman Roman elects himself; Councilman Giblin elects Councilman Roman; Councilman McEvoy elects Councilman Nochimson; Councilman Nochimson elects himself; Mayor Ryan elects Councilman Nochimson.

Councilman Nochimson has been chosen as Deputy Mayor with a vote of 3-2.

Essex County Freeholder Leonard M. Luciano swears in Councilman Nochimson for a second term as Deputy Mayor. Following the administration of the oath, Deputy Mayor Nochimson give his acceptance speech.

Council Appointments:

Appointments to the Board of Adjustment are as follows: Lawrence Lundy, Regular Member, 4 year term; Michael Zichelli, Regular Member, 4 year term; Coleen D'Alessandro, Alternate Member #2, 2 year term. Appointments to the Planning Board are as follows: Jennifer Critchley, Regular Member, Class IV, 4 year term; Thomas Freeman, Regular Member Class IV, 4 year term; Al DeOld, Alternate Member #2, 2 year term.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Roman, Giblin, McEvoy, Nochimson, Ryan.

NAYS:

Public Participation:

Santi Condorelli, 59 Brookside Terrace, Verona, New Jersey

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting is moved by Deputy Mayor Nochimson; seconded by Councilman Roman. Vote: 5 ayes.

The meeting is adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Jennifer Kiernan
Jennifer Kiernan, Municipal Clerk

Kevin Ryan
Kevin Ryan, Mayor