

R# 130-17

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LONG
BRANCH TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
CWA LOCAL 1075 WHITE COLLAR UNION**

WHEREAS, the City of Long Branch recognizes that certain employees work in the City of Long Branch and are represented by the CWA Local 1075, White Collar; and

WHEREAS, active negotiations have been ongoing between the City of Long Branch and CWA Local 1075 White Collar; and

WHEREAS, labor counsel for the City of Long Branch has recommended to the City that it enter into an agreement with the CWA Local 1075, White Collar; and

WHEREAS, the contract shall take effect from January 1, 2016 and run through December 31, 2019.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Long Branch authorizes the Mayor to sign the agreement with the CWA Local 1075 White Collar Union.

MOVED: *Partridge*
SECONDED: *Billings*

AYES: 3

NAYES: 0

ABSENT: 2- *Bastelli, Celli*

ABSTAIN: 0

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
CITY OF LONG BRANCH
I, KARY L. SCHALL, CLERK OF THE CITY OF
LONG BRANCH, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING
TO BE A TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT COPY OF
RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 5/25/2014
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET
MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BRANCH, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW
JERSEY, THIS 25 DAY OF MAY, 2014.
[Signature]
KARY L. SCHALL, C.L.C.

AGREEMENT

Between the

CITY OF LONG BRANCH

And

THE COMMUNICATION WORKERS OF AMERICA, LOCAL 1075

AFL-CIO

WHITE COLLAR UNIT

JANUARY 1, 2016 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019

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ARTICLE I
RECOGNITION

- A. The employer hereby recognizes the union as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining representative for all full-time and part-time white-collar employees working more than twenty hours per week and excluding all other employees, including guards, supervisors, managerial executives, confidential employees and all other employees excluded under the Act.
- B. Whenever used herein, the terms “employee” or “employees” shall refer to employees in the negotiations unit noted above.
- C. In the event the City commences use of a new title properly falling within the white-collar bargaining unit, the parties will meet to discuss the appropriate salary level for said position. Any dispute as to the placement of a newly incorporated title in the bargaining unit will be submitted to NJ PERC for clarification. The titles below, including the associated Senior and Principal variations, are currently within the bargaining unit:

Clerk 1
Clerk 2
Clerk Bilingual
Keyboarding Clerk 1
Keyboarding Clerk 2
Registrar of Vital Statistics
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics
Bookkeeping Machine Operator
Student Assistant
Health Aide
Health Aide Supervisor
Animal Control Officer
Deputy Municipal Court Administrator
Violations Clerk
Assistant Violations Clerk
Police Records Clerk
Code Enforcement Officer
Telephone Operator
Public Works Investigator
Public Health Investigator
Account Clerk
Principal Account Clerk
Recreation Leader Senior Citizens
Recreation Program Coordinator
Public Safety Telecommunicator

Purchasing Assistant
Payroll Clerk
Assessing Aide
Data Processing Technician
Housing Assistance Technician
Assessing Aide
Records Support Technician
Assessor Trainee
Principal Payroll Clerk
Account Clerk Cashier
Clerk 1 Telephone Operator
Clerk 2 Typist

ARTICLE II
UNION SECURITY

- A. It is agreed that at the time of hire, new employees who fall within the negotiations unit, will be informed of the union's representation status and that they may join the union thirty-one (31) days thereafter, or pay to the union a Fair Share/Agency Fee in lieu thereof.
- B. The employer agrees to deduct from the wages of employees who submit Dues Authorization Cards, the dues uniformly required by the union pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:14-15.9E. The union shall notify the employer in writing of the amount of membership dues and/or fee.
- C. If an employee does not become a member of the union after thirty-one days employment, and during any period of time when this agreement is in effect, said employee will be assessed a Fair Share/Agency Fee equal to eighty-five percent (85%) of the regular dues amount payable by union members. Such deductions shall be handled in the same manner as normal dues deductions.
- D. All Dues and Fees deducted by the employer shall be forwarded on a monthly basis, along with a list of employees for whom such deductions were made, to the union office. Such transmittal shall be by check by the fifteenth (15th) day of the proceeding month.
- E. Any change in the amount of said dues or fees shall be communicated to the employer by the union at least thirty (30) calendar days in advance.
- F. No deduction will be made for any pay period in which there is insufficient pay available to cover the same after all other deductions required by law have been made.
- G. On or about the last day of each month, the employer will submit to the union a list of employees who began their employment during that month. The list will include name, title and hire date.
- H. The union agrees to indemnify, defend and save the city harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits or other forms of liability that may arise out of or by reason of action taken by the city in reliance upon the salary deduction authorization cards submitted by the union to the city.
- I. The union agrees to establish and maintain a procedure by which a non-member employee may challenge the Agency Fee assessment in accordance with all applicable law. In the event a challenge is filed, the challenging employee's deductions shall be held in escrow by the city pending the resolution of said challenge.

ARTICLE III

UNION REPRESENTATION

- A. Designated representatives of the union may enter City facilities or premises at reasonable hours for the purpose of observing working conditions or assisting in the adjustment of grievances. The union shall notify the Administrator or appropriate supervisor of its desire to enter upon the premises and such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld, provided there shall be no interference with the normal operations of the City.
- B. Shop Stewards shall be allowed a reasonable amount of time to process and investigate grievances. Stewards found abusing this privilege may be subject to disciplinary action.
- C. Whenever an employee is required to attend an investigatory interview, which may result in disciplinary action in excess of an oral reprimand, the employee shall be entitled to have a union representative present.
- D. Whenever an employee is issued written notification of disciplinary action, a copy thereof will be forwarded to the union office.
- E. The City agrees that up to two members of the Union shall be granted up to eight one-half days per year of leave without loss of pay to attend Union conventions and meetings. The Union shall have complete discretion in determining how such leave shall be allocated (e.g., all eight half-days can be granted to a single individual). The Union shall give reasonable advance notice to the Chief Administrative Officer for the City of the dates in which those leaves shall be taken and the identity of the individual(s) who is to take said leave.

ARTICLE IV
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- A. A grievance is a complaint that there has been an improper application, interpretation or violation of this agreement. The purpose of this procedure is to secure a resolution of grievances at the lowest possible level.
- B. To be considered under this procedure, a grievance must be initiated within ten (10) calendar days after the grievant knew or should have known of the event giving rise to the grievance. Matters, which fall within the jurisdiction of the N.J. Department of Personnel, the Merit System Board or the Public Employment Relations Commission shall not be subject to this procedure.
- C. Failure by the City to adhere to the time limits specified herein shall permit the union to proceed to the next step. Failure at any step of this procedure to appeal a grievance to the next step within the specified time limits shall be deemed a waiver of further appeal of the decision. The time limits at any step may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties.

Step One:

The grievance shall be taken up orally between the employee, the shop steward, and the supervisor in an effort to settle the matter informally.

Step Two:

If no settlement is reached at Step One, the grievance shall be reduced to writing and presented to the appropriate supervisor within ten (10) calendar days. The supervisor shall, within five (5) working days thereafter provide a written answer to the grievance.

Step Three:

If the grievance remains unsettled on the basis of the supervisor's answer at Step Two, the Union may forward the written grievance to the Administrator within ten (10) calendar days. Within ten (10) working days thereafter, a meeting will be arranged between the Administrator and the Union to discuss the grievance. A written decision by the Administrator shall be rendered within ten (10) working days of said meeting.

Step Four:

In the event the grievance is not satisfactorily settled at Step Three, the Union may, within thirty (30) calendar days, submit the matter to arbitration pursuant to the rules and regulations of the N.J. PERC.

The Arbitrator shall have full power to resolve the dispute and his decision shall be final and binding on both parties.

The Arbitrator shall set forth his findings of fact and reasons for making the award. The Arbitrator shall have no authority to change, modify, alter, substitute, add to, or subtract from the provisions of this agreement. Only one issue or grievance may be submitted to an arbitrator unless the parties agree otherwise. Attendance at arbitration hearings shall be limited to the parties that have a direct interest in the outcome of said hearing, such as witnesses and major representatives of each party.

The costs of the Arbitrator shall be borne equally by the parties. Any other expenses incurred, including but not limited to the presentation of witnesses, shall be paid by the party incurring same.

ARTICLE V

SENIORITY

- A. The first ninety (90) calendar days of employment shall be considered a probationary period. Upon completion of said period an employee shall have seniority status from the date of hire.
- B. Probationary employees may be disciplined and/or discharged by the City for any reason whatsoever, and shall have no recourse to the grievance procedure under this agreement.
- C. The City shall establish and maintain a seniority list of bargaining unit employees. Such list will be provided to the Union on an annual basis and updated whenever changes occur thereto.
- D. In the event of layoff or promotion Civil Service regulations shall govern.

ARTICLE VI

PROMOTIONS & VACANCIES

- A. Whenever a newly created job or vacancy in an existing position occurs, and the City decides to fill such position, notice of such shall be posted on all bulletin boards for a period of five (5) working days. Such notice shall contain a description of the job and the rate of pay. Employees wishing to bid for such openings shall sign their name to the notice.
- B. Following the posting period, the employer may award the job to the most senior qualified bidder. Final determination as to which employee will be awarded the posted job will be made by the employer. Employees will be considered on the basis of seniority and ability to perform the work required. Vacancies shall be filled in accordance with applicable Civil Service rules and regulations.

ARTICLE VII

HOURS OF WORK & OVERTIME

- A. The normal workweek for clerical employees shall be forty (40) hours, consisting of eight hours per day, Monday through Friday. There shall be a one-hour paid lunch period.
- B. The normal workweek for Communication Operators shall be forty (40) hours, consisting of eight hours per day. There shall be a one-hour paid lunch period. In the event work requirements prevent an Operator from taking their meal period away from the work area, the employee will receive one hour of Compensatory Time in lieu thereof. Overtime slots will be posted prior to temporary employees being assigned.
- C. All hours worked in excess of eight (8) per day or forty (40) per week, shall be compensated at the overtime rate of one and one-half (1 ½) the employee's regular hourly rate. For purposes of calculating overtime, all earned time hours, including the one-hour paid lunch period, shall be considered as hours worked.
- D. Communication Operators fifteen (15) minute pre-shift reporting time is incorporated into, and compensated under, the current schedule in effect.
- E. Compensatory time may, at the employee's option, be taken in lieu of overtime pay to an accumulated maximum of forty (40) total hours. Compensatory time is calculated at the overtime rate of time and one-half.
- F. All hours worked on Saturday shall be paid at one and one-half (1 ½) the regular hourly rate. All hours worked on Sunday shall be paid at double (2X) the regular hourly rate.
- G. In the event an employee is called to back work after the conclusion of their shift, or at a time other than contiguous to their normal work day, the employee will be entitled to a minimum of two hours pay at time and one-half.
- H. Court Clerks will be on call for a period of one week duration on a rotating basis. They will receive a weekly stipend of \$180.00 for being on-call. The foregoing rate is compensation for up to ten hours of actual service per week. All hours actually worked in excess of ten per week shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half, unless such hours occur on a Sunday, in which event all hours shall be paid at the double time rate.

ARTICLE VIII

PART TIME EMPLOYEES

- A. Part time employees will be entitled to pro-rated fringe benefits including Holiday and other paid leave time.
- B. Part time employees working at least twenty-eight (28) hours per week are eligible for health insurance benefits on a pro rated basis. In such event, the employee will be required to pay the difference in the cost of premium for any coverage desired by the employee.

ARTICLE IX

HOLIDAYS

- A. The following days shall be recognized as paid holidays:

New Year's Day	Columbus Day
Martin Luther King Day	General Election Day
Veterans Day	President's Day
Thanksgiving Day	Good Friday
Day after Thanksgiving	Memorial Day
Independence Day	Labor Day
Christmas Eve	Christmas Day

- B. Holidays will be celebrated on the day designated for observation by the City schedule. Holidays falling on Saturday and/or Sunday shall be celebrated on the preceding Friday or proceeding Monday.
- C. All hours worked on a holiday will be paid at the premium rate of time and one-half. If the holiday work is performed on a Sunday the premium rate will be double time. Any premium pay for holiday work will be for work on the observance day only. Animal Control employees will be paid double time for working on a holiday.
- D. If a holiday falls within the vacation period of an employee, the employee will receive the holiday pay or an additional day of vacation at the employee's option.
- E. Communication Operators will be compensated for the above recognized Holidays with a lump sum payment, payable in one check, on or before November 30th of each calendar year.

ARTICLE X

VACATION & PERSONAL LEAVE

- A. All employees shall be entitled to paid vacation leave, if earned, each calendar year of employment in accordance with the following schedule:

In the first calendar year of service:	One day for each full month
One through Three years:	Twelve (12) days
Four through Twelve years:	Fifteen (15) days
Thirteen through Eighteen years:	Twenty (20) days
Nineteen or more years:	Twenty-Five (25) days

Increases in an employee's vacation leave and sick leave entitlements shall be granted by the City on January 1 of each calendar year regardless of the employee's initial date of hire.

- B. Vacation leave must be taken during the current calendar year unless extended by the department head. Any unused vacation may be carried forward into the next succeeding calendar year only.
- C. The annual entitlement of vacation shall be credited as of January 1st of each year. In the event an employee severs employment with the city after using more vacation time than that which would have been accrued on a pro-rata basis in any calendar year, the City shall deduct the value of the unearned days used from the employee's final paycheck.
- D. In special circumstances where an employee is unable to take accrued vacation within two calendar years due to urgent needs of the City, as determined by the Administrator, vacation carryover may be extended accordingly.
- E. When requested, an employee may receive vacation pay on the last working day before the employee's vacation period begins.
- F. At the time of separation from employment, an employee will be entitled to be paid for any accrued and unused vacation on a pro-rated basis. In the event of the death of the employee, such entitlement shall be paid to the estate.
- G. Employees shall be granted three (3) Personal Days annually. Except in the case of an emergency, forty-eight hours notice will be needed for use of Personal Days.
- H. All employees of the bargaining unit may use Vacation and Personal Days in one-half day increments.
- I. Personal days are not accumulative from year to year. New hires will receive Personal time on a pro rated basis in the first calendar year of employment.

ARTICLE XI

SICK LEAVE & DISABILITY

- A. Within the first calendar year of service, an employee shall earn one (1) day of paid sick leave for each month of service.
- B. After the first calendar year of service, each employee shall receive fifteen (15) days of sick leave for each year of service thereafter.
- C. After ten (10) years of continuous employment, each employee shall receive twenty (20) days of sick leave for each year of employment thereafter. Employees hired after 8-1-03 shall not be entitled to the above twenty-day provision.
- D. Unused sick leave shall accumulate to the employee's credit from year to year.
- E. When an employee (hired before 8-1-03) retires with a minimum of ten years of service, such employee shall be entitled to reimbursement for fifty percent (50%) of his unused accumulated sick leave, at the employee's then current rate of pay, up to a maximum reimbursement of \$15,000 in total. The retiring employee shall, if possible, notify the City of the intention to retire by November 1st of the preceding year. In the event of an employee's death, such entitlement shall be made to the employee's estate. Employees hired after 8-1-03 are not entitled to reimbursement for unused Sick Leave.
- F. Sick leave may be used only in one-half day or more increments.
- G. The appointing authority may require proof of illness whenever such requirement appears reasonable. In cases of chronic or recurring illness, only one physician certificate will be required for each period of six months. Abuse of sick leave may be cause for disciplinary action.
- H. The City shall continue to enroll its employees in the State Disability Plan.
- I. The City will adhere to the provisions of the Federal and State Family Medical Leave Acts pertaining to maternity and other applicable leaves.
- J. Any employee disabled due to occupational injury or disease may, on recommendation of the City and approval of the NJ Department of Personnel, be granted a leave of absence with full or reduced pay. Payments made for disability shall be reduced by the amount of worker's compensation awarded. Such leave shall not be granted beyond one year from the date of injury.
- K. An employee who returns to work from a work-related injury and is required by the City's worker's compensation carrier to attend therapy on normal work hours for said work-related injury will be permitted to do so by the City.

ARTICLE XII

MILITARY, BEREAVMENT & JURY DUTY LEAVE

- A. Any employee who is a member of the National Guard, Naval Militia or a reserve component of any of the armed forces of the United States and is required to engage in field training, or other active duty, shall be granted military leave of absence for the period of such duty. Seniority and insurance benefits shall be continued in full force during such leave. The City will pay the employee the difference between his service pay and his regular straight time pay for the scheduled working time lost.
- B. Any employee enlisting in or being drafted into military service shall maintain seniority rights during such period of military service. Upon honorable discharge from service, and upon application within ninety days thereof, such veteran shall be reinstated to the former position held or to a position of equal status.
- C. Each employee shall be entitled to a maximum of five (5) days bereavement leave without loss of pay, for the death of a member of the employee's immediate family. The immediate family is defined as: mother, father, mother-in-law, father-in-law, husband, wife, son, daughter, sister, brother, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, grandparent, grandchildren or any relative residing in the employee's household. Employees will be granted one (1) day leave without loss of pay to attend the funeral of an aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, or first cousin.
- D. Employees hired after 8-1-03 shall be entitled to three (3) days of bereavement leave without loss of pay, for the death of a member of the employee's immediate family. The immediate family is defined as: mother, father, mother-in-law, father-in-law, husband, wife, son, daughter, sister, brother, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, grandparent, grandchildren or any relative residing in the employee's household. Employees hired after 8-1-03 will not be entitled to paid bereavement leave to attend the funeral of an aunt, uncle or first cousin; but may use earned time to do so.
- E. Jury Duty leave shall be granted to any employee summoned to jury duty or as a witness in behalf of the City. Eligible employees shall receive full pay less any court compensation received during the leave period. Prior notice and proof of jury service must be presented prior to payment being made.

ARTICLE XIII

HEALTH INSURANCE & PENSION

- A. The City will provide health insurance and prescription drug coverage to employees through the New Jersey State Health Benefits Plan. Employees who opt to remain in the Traditional Indemnity Plan will pay \$200.00 per month to the City.
- B. Effective June 1, 2017, all employees receiving health insurance will contribute to the City for the cost of said health insurance at the "Tier Two" level established by Chapter 78 of New Jersey Statutes.
- C. The employer will have the right to change insurance carriers or plans provided that substantially similar or better benefits are provided.
- D. The employer has the right to increase the payout amount for employees who opt out of City sponsored health coverage.
- E. A labor/management committee will be established to explore alternate health insurance options. Said committee shall have full access to all necessary information and shall be provided reasonable time during normal working hours.
- F. The employer will continue to enroll all employees in N.J. PERS pension system and make any contributions required to maintain the employee's status in the Plan.
- G. The City will continue to provide a Dental Plan for employees and dependents at least equivalent in coverage levels and deductible costs as is currently in place.
- H. The City shall provide \$5,000.00 of life insurance for all employees and all employees retired under the provisions of the New Jersey Public Employee Retirement Program. Any retired employee who elects to participate in this program shall reimburse the City for the life insurance premiums paid by the City for said insurance.

ARTICLE XIV

MISCELLANEOUS

- A. It is agreed that the City and the Union will continue their practice of not discriminating against any employee on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, nationality, sex or sexual orientation. In addition, no employee shall be discriminated against because of activity or inactivity with respect to union affairs.
- B. No employee shall make or be requested to make any agreement, or enter into any understanding, inconsistent with the terms of this agreement.
- C. The employer shall provide reasonable bulletin board space for the posting of union notices.
- D. Employees shall have the right to review their personnel files and to have any discrepancies removed or corrected. In the event of a disagreement as to an item contained therein, the employee has the right to place in the file a statement concerning said item.
- E. If an employee is required to attend training courses related to their position with the City, and such course has been approved by the Administrator, said employee shall be entitled to time off to attend, without loss of pay if during normal working hours, plus reimbursement for travel at the rate of .30 cents per mile.
- F. Any benefit that the employees are enjoying now, which is set forth in the City Ordinance but not mentioned in this agreement, shall remain in full force.
- G. Notice of all title changes, promotions, changes in rate of pay, other than annual increases per contract, transfers or reclassifications shall be given in writing to the shop steward and the union office.
- H. Employees utilizing FMLA or FLA leave time for maternity reasons may, at the City's sole discretion, be required to exhaust accumulated sick leave and vacation leave in accordance with the law. However, such employees will be allowed to maintain up to ten (10) days of sick leave for use after return from maternity leave.
- I. When the City decides to dismiss employees after a half day worked, court and police records employees will be dismissed at 11:30 A.M., as opposed to 12:00 P.M. for City employees whose shift begins later than court and police record employees.

ARTICLE XV

SEPARATION & SEVERANCE

- A. Employees who resign will tender their resignation in writing, if possible, at least two weeks prior to the effective date of the resignation, in order to provide sufficient time for appointing and training a successor.
- B. Upon leaving the service of the City, an employee who resigns in good standing will be entitled to payment for any earned and unused vacation and personal time.

ARTICLE XVI

SEPARABILITY & SAVINGS

- A. If any provision of this agreement or any application of this agreement to any employee, or group of employees, is held invalid by operation of law or by a court or other tribunal of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be inoperative, but all other provisions shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect. In such an event, the parties shall meet to negotiate new language to replace the clause(s) deemed invalid.

ARTICLE XVII

FULLY BARGAINED PROVISIONS

- A. This agreement represents and incorporates the complete and final understanding and settlement by the parties of all negotiable issues, which were or could have been subject to negotiations. During the term of this agreement, neither party will be required to negotiate with respect to any matter whether or not covered by this agreement, and whether or not within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both parties at the time they negotiated this agreement.

ARTICLE XVIII

COMMUNICATIONS OPERATORS MISCELLANEOUS

- A. The City will reopen negotiations with Local 1075 concerning Communication Operators in the event Local 1075 members assume dispatch functions presently being handled by the Monmouth County 911 center.
- B. Communication Operators assigned to the training of new employees will receive one additional Vacation Day for each such employee trained. This will apply to a regular training regimen spanning several weeks and not to incidental occasions of training.
- C. Overtime assignments for Communication Operators will be handled as follows:

Unanticipated Shortage Requiring Overtime (i.e. sick out):

- 1. Existing shift offered overtime
- 2. Following shift offered overtime
- 3. Off Duty Dispatcher called in order of seniority
- 4. Patrolman hired

Anticipated Overtime (i.e. holidays):

- 1. Patrol Commander posts available slots
- 2. Slots filled on basis of seniority

ARTICLE XIX

SALARY

- A. Employees shall be paid pursuant to the salary guides attached to this Agreement as Schedule A. New employees may be placed on the guide above Step One provided they are not placed at a step higher than a more senior employee in the same title.
- B. Effective January 1, 2016, the salary guides will be improved by 2%.
Effective January 1, 2017, the salary guides will be improved by 2%.
Effective January 1, 2018, the salary guides will be improved by 2%.
Effective January 1, 2019, the salary guides will be improved by 2%.
- C. Step progression shall occur each January 1st.
- D. Effective January 1, 2018, all communication operators will be moved, for salary guide purposes, from Guide 1 to Guide 2.

DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall become effective January 1, 2016 and shall continue in full force and effect through December 31, 2019.

This Agreement shall automatically renew itself from year to year thereafter, unless either of the parties is given notice in writing no sooner than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the expiration date to change or modify or terminate this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be signed by their duly authorized officers.

CITY OF LONG BRANCH



Mayor Adam Schneider

Dated: 6/9/17

ATTEST:

Dated: 6/9/17

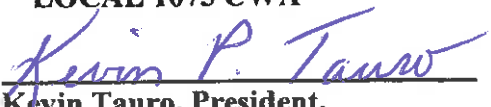


Kathy Schmelz, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Dated:

LOCAL 1075 CWA

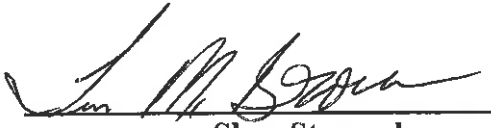


Kevin Tauro, President,

Dated: 5-31-2017

ATTEST:

Dated:



, Shop Steward

, Shop Steward