

MINUTES – REORGANIZATION MEETING

March 2, 2010

Chairman Mihalko called the meeting to order on the above mentioned date at 7:30 pm, at the Fire Commissioner's office at 434 Route 10, Whippany, NJ.

Commissioners present: DeMaio, Cobane, Hansch & Mihalko

Absent: Johnston

Also Present: Township Committee Members Judy Iradi & George Coppola, and Commissioners-Elect, Ron Barz and Michael Mihalko.

- At this time the Chairman read the following: Pursuant to statutes made and provided, let the minutes show that notice of this meeting was transmitted to the following newspapers: The Hanover Eagle and the Daily Record and filed with the clerk of the Township of Hanover and the Clerk of this Board.

Chairman Mihalko congratulated Frank DeMaio for his years of service and dedication to the Board.

ELECTION RESULTS

The election results were as follows:

Elections were held on February 20th, 2010. Polls were open from 2-9 p.m.

There were 332 votes cast, including 30 absentee votes.

The two highest candidates were Michael Mihalko with 171 votes and Ronald Barz with 324.

The budget of \$813,413 passed by a vote of 183 FOR and 83 AGAINST.

At this time, Michael Mihalko was sworn in to the Board of Fire Commissioners by the Chairman. Then, Ronald Barz was sworn in as a Fire Commissioner.

At this time Comm. Mihalko declared all Commissioner's seats vacated. A motion was made by Comm. Cobane to make Chief Joseph Cortright the temporary Chairman of the Board.

The motion was seconded by Comm. Hansch and passed by the following vote:

M. Mihalko: AYE, Barz: AYE, J. Mihalko: AYE, Cobane: AYE, Hansch: AYE

- At this time, nominations were made to fill the vacant seats.

Comm. J Mihalko nominated Com. Hansch for the position of Chairman. It was seconded by Comm. Cobane.

Comm. J Mihako then nominated Comm. Barz for Vice-Chairman. This nomination was seconded by Comm. Hansch.

Comm. J. Mihalko nominated Comm. M. Mihalko for Treasurer. This nomination was seconded by Comm. Hansch.

Comm. Mihalko nominated Comm. Cobane for Secretary. This nomination was seconded by Comm. Hansch.

All the above nominations were voted on and passed unanimously by all Commissioners present.

Roll Call Vote:

M. Mihalko: AYE, Barz: AYE, Mihalko: AYE, Cobane: AYE, Hansch - AYE

At this time, the acting chairman relinquished the chair to the new permanent chairman, who took his new position and the meeting proceeded.

New Committee Assignments were discussed and will be announced at the next regular meeting on Monday, March 8th^h.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was then open for public comment.

There was a short discussion about the new firehouse. The Commissioners did not hear from Anthony Bucco with the information that we are waiting for. Len Fariello, former Township Committeeman, said that we should talk about what we should do with the developer to get what we want.

George Coppola agreed with Lenny and said we should stay after the developer and not let him get away with anything.

Jusy Iradi said that if the builder is going to change anything – to get it in writing.

Lenny asked if the Fire Company owns the property, how many public funds are going into it and if we are going to pay rent forever.

There were 8 members of the public present.

Comm. Cobane moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55. It was seconded by Comm. DeMaio and passed by the following vote:

M Mihalko: AYE, Barz: AYE, Cobane: AYE, J Mihalko: AYE, Hansch: AYE

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Gant-Hammond Board Assistant