

## **MINUTES – REORGANIZATION MEETING**

**March 7, 2017**

Chairman Polo called the meeting to order on the above mentioned date at 6:30 pm, at the Fire Commissioner's office at 434 Route 10, Whippany, NJ.

Commissioners present: M. Mihalko, Kitchell, Polo, J. Mihalko & Shearer

Also Present: Commissioner-Elect James Kraley

Absent: None

- 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 Daily Record and filed with the clerk of the Township of Hanover and the Clerk of this Board.

### **ELECTION RESULTS**

The election results were as follows:

Elections were held on February 18 th, 2017. Polls were open from 2-9 p.m.

There were 115 votes cast, including 6 absentee votes.

The highest candidates was James Kraley with 72 votes.

Robert Johnston received 43 votes.

The budget passed by a vote of 82 FOR and 10 AGAINST.

At this time James Kraley was sworn in to the Board of Fire Commissioners by the Chairman. The Board Congratulated Mr. Kraley and also thanked outgoing Commissioner Julie Mihalko, for her 9 years of service to the Board.

A motion was made by Comm. Polo to declare all Commissioner seats vacated and to make Fire Chief Joseph Cortright temporary chairman. It was seconded by Comm. Shearer and passed by the following vote:

AYES: M. Mihalko, Polo Kraley, Kitchell & Shearer

ABSENT: None

NAYS: None

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

Comm. M Mihalko nominated Comm. Polo for the position of Chairman. It was seconded by Comm. Shearer.

Comm. M Mihako then nominated Comm. Kitchell for Vice-Chairman. This nomination was seconded by Comm. Shearer.

Comm. Polo nominated Comm. M. Mihalko for Treasurer. This nomination was seconded by Comm. Kitchell.

Comm. M. Mihalko nominated Comm. Shearer for Secretary. This nomination was seconded by Comm. Polo.

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

Note: Commissioner Shearer is willing to take on the Secretary position but has requested and been assured of assistance in this position due to occupational constraints.

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

The New Board for the year 2015-2016 is:

Chairman: Randy Polo  
Vice Chairman: Jim Kitchell  
Secretary: Derrick Shearer  
Treasurer: Michael Mihalko  
Commissioner: James Kraley

New Committee Assignments were discussed and appointed.  
The new Committee Assignments are as follows:

Personnel: Jim Kitchell  
Apparatus: Derrick Shearer  
Insurance: Mike Mihalko  
First Aid: Randy Polo  
Fire Company: Jim Kitchell  
Relocation: Mike Mihalko & James Kraley

**RESOLUTIONS:**

A motion was then made to approve the following dates for the Commissioner's meetings for the year 2017 – 2018 but table the other Resolutions to be passed until the next Commissioner's meeting. Meeting dates will be: April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13, and December 11 of 2017 and January 9, February 13, and March 13<sup>th</sup> of 2018. This schedule will be entered into the newspapers.

The motion to approve these dates was made by Commissioner Polo and seconded by Comm. Mihalko. It passed by the following vote:  
AYES: M. Mihalko, Polo Kraley, Kitchell & Shearer  
ABSENT: None  
NAYS: None

Next Commissioner's meeting is March 13<sup>th</sup> and the Joint meeting with Cedar Knolls is March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Cedar Knolls.

Chief Cortright mentioned that our auditor, Vince Montenino is merging with another firm and we will need to get that name for our Resolution for an auditor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The meeting was then open for public comment. None was made.

There was 1 member of the public present.

Comm. Polo moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50. It was seconded by Comm. Shearer and passed by the following vote:  
M Mihalko: AYE, Kitchell: AYE, Kraley: AYE, Polo: AYE, Shearer: AYE

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Gant-Hammond Board Assistant