

JANUARY 6, 2023 4:30 PM

REORGANIZATION MEETING

A Reorganization Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Berkeley was held on Monday, January 6, 2023 , at the Municipal Building, Pinewald Keswick Road, Bayville, New Jersey. Present were Council Members Bacchione, Guadagno, Byrnes, Gingrich, Signorile, Buscio, and Grosse. Also present were Mayor Amato, Administrator Camera, CFO Ebenau, Deputy Chief Santucci, Attorney Staiger, Engineer Dittenhofer and Planner Oris.

Township Clerk read the following Open Public Meetings Statement:

This is the Reorganization meeting of January 6, 2023. Ladies and Gentlemen, pursuant to the applicable portions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, adequate notice of this meeting has been given. This meeting is posted on the Bulletin board located in the corridor of this building and published in the Asbury Park Press on November 25, 2022 and The Press of Atlantic City on January 5, 2023.

Clerk Carle led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Bacchione, Guadagno, Byrnes, Gingrich, Signorile, Buscio, Grosse
ABSENT: None

Councilwoman Gingrich noted that 2022 was an interesting year. She thanked the Mayor and fellow Council members for making her term as President easy and noted that many projects were completed and handled any problems that were given the Council. She wished everyone a happy 2023.

On motion by Councilman Guadagno, seconded by Councilman Buscio, to appoint Councilman John Bacchione as Council President for 2023.

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Bacchione, Guadagno, Byrnes, Gingrich, Signorile, Buscio, Grosse
NAY: None

Council President Bacchione thanked the Council for their confidence in electing him to lead. He wished all a happy, heathy, prosperous & safe New Year and noted that he was looking forward to working with the Mayor and the Administration to complete the many projects that were started.

On motion by Councilman Byrnes, seconded by Councilman Signorile, to appoint Councilman Keith Buscio as Council Vice President for 2023.

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Gingrich, Guadagno, Byrnes, Signorile, Buscio, Grosse, Bacchione
NAY: None

On motion by Councilman Grosse, seconded by Councilman Buscio, approval of Resol. #23-01-R re: Appointment of Deputy Clerk and Authorizing Mayor Amato to enter into an annual agreement with **Karen Stallings**

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Gingrich, Guadagno, Byrnes, Signorile, Buscio, Grosse, Bacchione
NAY: None

Administrator Camera advised of the change to the reorganization agenda with Consent Agendas listing the appointments and resoluticns by department.

On motion by Councilman Grosse, seconded by Councilman Guadagno, approval of Resol. #23-02-R re: Consent Agenda for Mayoral Appointments Requiring Advice & Consent of Council:

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Gingrich, Guadagno, Byrnes, Signorile, Buscio, Grosse, Bacchione

NAY: None

1. Resol. #23-03-R re: Appointment of Bond Counsel – 1-yr. Term
expiring 12/31/23 **Meghan Bennett, Esq. – Gluck Walrath
John Cantalupo - firm of Archer & Greiner**
2. Resol. #23-04-R re: Appointment of Historian 1-yr. term expiring 12/31/23
Steven J. Baeli
3. Resol. #23-05-R re: Appointment of Labor Counsel 1-yr. Term expiring
12/31/23 **Chris Dasti**
4. Resol. #23-06-R re: Appointment of Alternate Labor Counsels 1-yr. Term
expiring 12/31/23 **Citta, Holzapfel & Zabarsky Brown & Connery
Armando V. Riccio, LLC**
5. Resol. #23-07-R re: Appointment of Licensing Official for Dogs 1-yr. Term
expiring 12/31/23 **Diane Laird**
6. Resol. #23-08-R re: Appointment of Mount Laurel Counsel and Conflict
Mount Laurel Counsel 1-yr. Term Expiring 12/31/21
**Counsel: Michael Jedziniak, Esq.
of Carluccio, Leone, Dimond, Doyle & Sacks
Conflict Counsel: Jeffery R. Surenian
of Jeffery R. Surenian, Edwards & Nolan**
7. Resol. #23-09-R re: Appointment of Township Physician 1-yr. Term expiring
12/31/23 **Dr. Theodore Ende, Concentra Medical & Hackensack
Meridian**
8. Resol. #23-10-R re: Recommendation of Workmen’s Compensation Doctors
1-yr. Term expiring 12/31/23
Dr. Theodore Ende, Concentra Medical & Hackensack Meridian
9. Resol. #23-11-R re: Appointment of Zoning Prosecutors - 1-yr. term
expiring 12/31/23 **Michael Tier, Esq & Bonnie Peterson, Esq.**
10. Resol. #23-12-R re: Appointment of Police Chaplains
Pastor Robert Clark & Pastor Donnie Clyburn
11. Resol. #23-13-R re: Community Development Block Grant
Coordinator - **Alan Dittenhofer of Remington, Vernick & Vena**
Alternate – **John LeCompte of Remington, Vernick & Vena**
12. Resol. #23-14-R re: Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee
Liaison **Sophia Gingrich, Liaison**

On motion by Councilman Grosse, seconded by Councilman Guadagno, approval of
Resol. #23-15-R re: Consent Agenda for Financial Matters

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Gingrich, Guadagno, Byrnes, Signorile, Buscio, Grosse, Bacchione

NAY: None

1. Resol. #23-16-R re: Official Depositories
2. Resol. #23-17-R re: Cash Management Plan
3. Resol. #23-18-R re: Temporary Budget Appropriations

4. Resol. #23-19-R re: Fix the Rate of Interest to be Charged on Delinquent Taxes or Assessments
5. Resol. #23-20-R re: Tax Assessor or Tax Appeal Attorney is Hereby Authorized to Act as the Agent for the Taxing District During the Year of 2023
6. Resol. #23-21-R re: Authorizing Purchasing Through the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program
7. Resol. #23-22-R re: Authorizing Purchasing Through the County of Ocean Cooperative Purchasing Program
8. Resol. #23-23-R re: Authorizing Purchasing Through the Federal Law Enforcement Support Purchasing Program
9. Resol. #23-24-R re: Authorizing Purchasing Through the Omnia Partners
10. Resol. #23-25-R re: Authorizing Purchasing Through the Middlesex Regional Education Services Commission
11. Resol. #23-26-R re: Authorizing Purchasing Through the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO)
12. Resol. #23-27-R re: Authorizing Purchasing Through the Somerset County Co-operative (#2-SOCCP)
13. Resol. #23-28-R re: Authorizing Purchasing Through the Sourcewell National Co-operative
14. Resol. #23-29-R re: Authorizing Purchasing Through the Bergen County Co-operative
15. Resol. #23-30-R re: Authorizing Purchasing Through the Cranford Police Co-operative Pricing System
16. Resol. #23-31-R re: Authorizing Purchasing Through the Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC)
17. Resol. #23-32-R re: Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes as to Block: 4.36 Lot: 5 for a Totally Disabled Veteran
18. Resol. #23-33-R re: Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes as to Block: 4.255 Lot: 1 for a Totally Disabled Veteran
19. Resol. #23-34-R re: Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes as to Block: 10.12 Lot: 24 for a Totally Disabled Veteran
20. Resol. #23-35-R re: Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Taxes as to Block: 980 Lot: 7 for a Totally Disabled Veteran

On motion by Councilman Grosse, seconded by Councilman Buscio, approval of Resol. #23-36-R re: Designation of Official Newspapers-

Asbury Park Press The Press of Atlantic City Berkeley Times

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Gingrich, Guadagno, Byrnes, Signorile, Buscio, Grosse, Bacchione

NAY: None

On motion by Councilman Grosse, seconded by Councilman Buscio, approval of Resol. #23-37-R re: Annual Schedule of Meetings 4th Monday except where noted

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Gingrich, Guadagno, Byrnes, Signorile, Buscio, Grosse, Bacchione

NAY: None

<i>January</i> 23	<i>February</i> 27	<i>March</i> 27	<i>April</i> 24	<i>May</i> 22	<i>June</i> 26
<i>July</i> 24	<i>August</i> 28	<i>September</i> 25	<i>October</i> 23	<i>November</i> 20 3 rd Monday	<i>December</i> 18 3 rd Monday

Administrator Camera noted a change to Resolution #23-47-R re: Appointments to the Waterways Advisory Committee adding James Sullivan as Alternate Member #3.

On motion by Councilman Byrnes, seconded by Councilman Signorile, approval of
Resol. #23-38-R re: Consent Agenda for Appointments to Boards & Committee including the addition of Alt. Member #3 appointment to the Waterways Advisory Committee

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Gingrich, Guadagno, Byrnes, Signorile, Buscio, Grosse, Bacchione

NAY: None

1. Resol. #23-39-R re: Appointment – Recreation Advisory Council
Mbr. #11 **Keith Fisher** 1-yr. term expiring 12/31/2023
2. Resol. #23-40-R re: Appointment – Zoning Board of Adjustment
3. Resol. #23-41-R re: Appointment – Municipal Utilities Authority
Alt. Mbr. # 1 **Fred Bekarian** 5-yr. term expiring 1/31/27
4. Resol. #23-42-R re: Appointment – Sewerage Authority
Mbr. #4 **Joseph Bruscino** 5-yr. term expiring 1/31/27
Mbr. #5 **James Blavat** 5-yr. term expiring 1/31/28
Alt. Mbr. #1 **Kevin Askew** 5-yr. term expiring 1/31/28
5. Resol. #23-43-R re: Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund Committee
Mbr. #1 **James J. Byrnes** 1-yr. Term expiring 12/31/2023
6. Resol. #23-44-R re: Fire Committee Appointments
Mbr. #1 - Council Liaison - Tom Grosse
Mbr #10 **Kenneth Anderson** 2-yr. term expiring 12/31/2024
Mbr #11 **Richard Jennings** 2-yr. term expiring 12/31/2024
7. Resol. #23-45-R R re: Appointing Veterans Advisory Commission Members
James Byrnes, Liaison
Mbr. #2 **James Egan** 1-yr. term expiring 12/31/2023
8. Resol. #23-46-R re: Appointing Economic Development Commission
Members **Keith Buscio, Liaison**
9. Resol. #23-47-R R re: Appointment – Waterways Advisory Commission
Council Liaison – James Byrnes
Mbr #5 **Edwin Figler, Jr.** 2-yr. term expiring 12/31/2024
Mbr #6 **Lee Gashlin** 2-yr. term expiring 12/31/2024
Mbr #7 **William McGrath** 4-yr. term expiring 12/31/2026
Mbr #8 **Tom Bellinato** 4-yr. term expiring 12/31/2026
Mbr #9 **Jerome Bollettieri** 4-yr. term expiring 12/31/2026
Alt. Mbr 2 **James Blavat** 2-yr. term expiring 12/31/2024
ADDED Alt. Mbr. 3 **James Sullivan** 2-yr. term expiring 12/31/2024
10. Resol. #23-48-R R re: Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
Council Liaison – Michael Signorile

On motion by Councilman Buscio, seconded by Councilman Byrnes, approval of **Resol. #23-49-R re: Consent Agenda for Professional Appointments**

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Gingrich, Guadagno, Byrnes, Signorile, Buscio, Grosse, Bacchione

NAY: None

1. Resol. #23-50-R re: Consenting to Annual Contract with Director of Law

2. Resol. #23-51-R re: Consenting to Annual Contract with Director of Engineering
3. Resol. #23-52-R re: Consenting to Annual Contract with Director of Planning
4. Resol. #23-53-R re: Appointment of Auditing, Special Auditing and Related Services (1- yr. Term to expire 12/31/2022)
 Holman, Frenia & Allison, PC – Township Auditor
 Antonides & Sibilia, CPA's. – Accountant in Fee
5. Resol. #23-54-R re: Appointing Township Psychologist
 The Institute for Forensic Psychology
6. Resol. #23-55-R re: Appointment – Real Estate Appraisal Services for 1-yr term expiring 12/31/23: **Henry Mancini & Associates**
7. Resol. #23-56-R re: Authorizing the Business Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Conner, Strong & Buckelew to Act as the Township's Risk Manager and Brokers of Record
8. Resol. #23-57-R re: Appointing Grant Writer
 Bruno & Associates
9. Resol. #23-58-R re: Appointing Financial Advisor
 Phoenix Advisors, LLC
10. Resol. #23-59-R re: Appointing Township Affordable Housing Administrative Agent Community Grants, Planning & Housing
11. Resol. #23-60-R re: Appointing Affordable Housing Administrative Agent
 NW Financial Group

On motion by Councilman Byrnes, seconded by Councilman Signorile, approval of
Resol. #23-61-R re: Consent Agenda for Attorneys, Prosecutors & Public Defenders

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Gingrich, Guadagno, Byrnes, Signorile, Buscio, Grosse, Bacchione
 NAY: None

1. Resol. #23-62-R re: Appointing Conflict Township Attorneys
 Kevin B. Riordan, Esq. **Peter Van Dyke, Esq.**
 John J. Novak, Esq. **Citta Holzapfel & Zabarsky**
 Brown & Connery **Meghan Bennett, Esq. of Gluck Walrath**
 Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani, P.C.
2. Resol. #23-63-R re: Appointing Special Redevelopment Counsel
 GluckWalrath & Archer Law **John Novak, Esq.**
3. Resol. #23-64-R re: Appointment of Disciplinary Hearing Officers- 1-yr. term expiring 12/31/23 **Bonnie R. Peterson, Esq.** **Kevin B. Riordan, Esq.**
4. Resol. #23-65-R re: Appointing Tax Appeal Attorneys
 Christopher Dasti, Esq. **Kevin B. Riordan, Esq.** **Robin LaBue, Esq.**
5. Resol. #23-66-R re: Appointing Tax Foreclosure Attorney – 1-yr. Term expiring 12/31/23 **Coronato Law**
6. Resol. #23-67-R re: Consenting to the Appointment of Chief Municipal Prosecutors – 1-yr. term - 1/1/23 expiring 12/31/23
 Chief Prosecutors: Steven A. Zabarsky, Esq. & Bonnie Peterson, Esq.
 Joseph Coronato, Esq. of Coronato Law
 From the Firm of Citta, Holzaphel, & Zabarsky
 Brian Wilkie, Esq. **Barry Stieber, Esq.** **David Bakardjiev, Esq.**
7. Resol. #23-68-R re: R re: Consenting to the Appointment of Municipal Public Defender – 1-yr. term – 1/1/23 and expiring 12/31/23
 Brian DiStefano, Esq.
8. Resol. #23-69-R re: Consenting to the Appointment of Conflict Public Defenders – 1-yr. terms – 1/1/23 and expiring 12/31/23
 Gregory Hock, Esq. **John Novak, Esq.**

On motion by Councilman Buscio, seconded by Councilman Grosse, approval of Resol.
#23-70-R re: Consent Agenda for Engineers, Planners and Architects

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Gingrich, Guadagno, Byrnes, Signorile, Buscio, Grosse, Bacchione
 NAY: None

1. Resol. #23-71-R re: Appointing Conflict Township Engineers

<i>Najarian Associates</i>	<i>Alaimo Group</i>	<i>Suburban Engineering</i>
<i>Morgan Engineering</i>	<i>Colliers</i>	<i>ACT CME</i>

2. Resol. #23-72-R re: Appointing Conflict Township Planners

<i>CME</i>	<i>ARH</i>	
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3. Resol. #23-73-R re: Appointing Consulting Township Engineers

<i>T & M Assoc.</i>	<i>Najarian Associates</i>	<i>Alaimo Group</i>
<i>CME</i>	<i>Colliers</i>	<i>Morgan Engineering</i>
<i>ACT</i>	<i>Suburban Engineering</i>	

4. Resol. #23-74-R re: Appointing Capital Project Township Engineers

<i>Najarian Associates</i>	<i>Alaimo Group</i>	<i>T & M Associates ACT</i>
<i>CME</i>	<i>ARH</i>	<i>Morgan Van Cleef</i>
<i>Suburban Engineering</i>		

5. Resol. #23-75-R re: Appointment – Open Space Planner for 1-yr term expiring 12/31/23: *Remington, Vernick & Vena*

6. Resol. #23-76-R re: Appointing General Architect for as needed Architectural Services 1-yr. Term expiring 12/31/23
Yezzi Associates Architect & Planners

7. Resol. #23-77-R re: Appointing Historical Architect for 1-yr. Term expiring 12/31/23 *Mills & Schnoering for Architectural Services for Manitou Park Schoolhouse Project*

On motion by Councilman Byrnes, seconded by Councilman Signorile, approval of Resol. #23-78-R re: Authorizing The Township Administrator And Engineer To Apply For Grants

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Gingrich, Guadagno, Byrnes, Signorile, Buscio, Grosse, Bacchione

NAY: None

On motion by Councilman Grosse, seconded by Councilman Signorile, approval of Resol. #23-79-R re: Appointment of Commissioners to the Garden State Joint Insurance Fund – 1-yr. term expiring 12/31/23

Fund Commissioner – James Byrnes

Fund Alternate Commissioner – John Camera

Fund Alternate Commissioner – Debbie Ozut

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Gingrich, Guadagno, Byrnes, Signorile, Buscio, Grosse, Bacchione

NAY: None

On motion by Councilman Byrnes, seconded by Councilman Signorile, approval of Resol. #23-80-R re: Appointment of Planning Board Class III Member – Council Liaison- *John Bacchione*

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Gingrich, Guadagno, Byrnes, Signorile, Buscio, Grosse, Bacchione

NAY: None

On motion by Councilman Grosse, seconded by Councilman Buscio, approval of Resol. #23-81-R re: Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer

Angela Jimenez

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Gingrich, Guadagno, Byrnes, Signorile, Buscio, Grosse, Bacchione

NAY: None

On motion by Councilman Byrnes, seconded by Councilman Grosse, approving the introduction of Ordinance #23-01-OA re: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER II, ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION” SO AS TO REVISE SECTION 2-2.7(to be found by title at the end of the minutes)**

ATTORNEY STAIGER NOTED THE ORDINANCE CHANGES THE SIGNING OF RESOLUTIONS TO THE TOWNSHIP CLERK, MAKING THE TOWNSHIP MORE EFFICIENT.

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Gingrich, Guadagno, Byrnes, Signorile, Buscio, Grosse, Bacchione
NAY: None

On motion by Councilman Grosse, seconded by Councilman Buscio, **APPROVAL OF TOWING LICENSE MIDNITE TOWING**

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Gingrich, Guadagno, Byrnes, Signorile, Buscio, Grosse, Bacchione
NAY: None

Administrator Camera noted the change to the agenda and added that this format changed the length of the meeting and thanked the Clerk for the work to get this done.

Council President Bacchione announced that the meeting was open for public comments. Seeing none.

On motion by Councilman Byrnes, seconded by Councilman Signorile, to close the public comment portion.

A voice vote was taken with no **NAYS** heard.

Comments

Mayor Amato thanked Council President Emeritus – Councilwoman Gingrich for the great job in 2022 and he looks forward to working with Council President Bacchione. He recommended that he Council form an Engineering Committee as there are many projects scheduled and looks forward to the additional input. He wished all a happy, prosperous New Year. Mayor Amato reminded residents to file for ANCHOR program that has a deadline of January 31, 2023.

Administrator Camera thanked all and was looking forward to 2023.

Councilwomen Gingrich the current Council is a great team. They take every situation and fully investigate and work to solve any and all issues hoping to satisfy all. She thanked all and noted that they will miss CFO Ebenau. She thanked Chief Santucci, Deputy Clerk Stallings, Clerk Carle, Attorney Staiger, Mayor Amato and the all the professionals for all the work they do. She wished all a great year.

Councilman Guadagno thanked Councilwoman Gingrich for all her work as president and noted that she kept all in line. He added that we all work as a team for the residents of Berkeley to get things done for the residents. He wished all a happy, healthy New Year.

Councilman Byrnes noted that we have many projects on tap and added that we have to fight to get approval for many of the plans for improvements.

Councilman Signorile wish all a very happy healthy New Year and noted that he is proud and honored to serve with this great team. He added that they will work hard to get all that needs to be completed. Mr. Signorile added “Good Luck Mr. President”

Council Vice President Buscio noted that he was proud to get this done with one vote unlike the Congress. He wished all a happy New Year and was looking forward to working with everyone to take care of the constituents. He noted that there are exciting things in the works, and he was looking forward to working with everyone.

Councilman Grosse congratulated Councilwoman Gingrich on her work as president and added that Council President Bacchione will do a great job. He added that the Clerks are the backbone for the Council and thanked them. He thanked the public for supporting them and looked forward to the upcoming year. He wished all a happy New Year.

Council President Bacchione noted that they do have a good team and they work well with Mayor Amato. He added that we are proud that the Berkeley taxes are the second lowest in Ocean County, and also very proud of the AA- rating with Standard & Poor's. He thanked the employees, engineers, Chief Santucci and Attorney Staiger. Excited to move forward with the many projects. Mr. Bacchione added that he wanted to recognize the service of the volunteers and noted that they keep us safe.

On motion by Councilman Byrnes, seconded by Councilman Signorile, approval of Resol. #23-82-R re: **CLOSED SESSION – Attorney Client Privilege (Clerk Carle read the resolution.**

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Gingrich, Guadagno, Byrnes, Signorile, Buscio, Grosse, Bacchione

NAY: None

On motion by Councilman Byrnes, seconded by Councilman Signorile, to reconvene the Official meeting.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Bacchione, Guadagno, Byrnes, Gingrich, Signorile, Buscio, Grosse

ABSENT: None

On motion by Councilman Byrnes, seconded by Councilman Signorile, approval of Resol #23-83-R re: REQUESTING AN APPORTIONMENT OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE NO. 16-00131

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Bacchione, Guadagno, Byrnes, Gingrich, Signorile, Buscio, Grosse

ABSENT: None

On motion by Councilman Grosse, seconded by Councilman Byrnes, to adjourn the meeting.

A voice vote was taken with no **NAYS** heard.

Following are the Ordinances and Resolutions adopted by the Township Council and made a part of this meeting.



Beverly M. Carle
Township Clerk



John A. Bacchione
Council President