

May 18, 2017
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD, NJ

A Special Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at the Scottish Rite Ballroom, 30 Collings Avenue, Collingswood, N.J., at 7:00 P.M. Mayor M. James Maley, Jr. called the meeting to order, with Commissioner Joan Leonard present and Commissioner Robert Lewandowski present. Mayor Maley led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the 48 Hour Sunshine Notice stating that the Borough has complied with the 48 hour notice provisions of the Sunshine Law by giving written advance notice of at least 48 hours to two local newspapers, stating the time, date, location and to the extent known, the agenda of this meeting. Copies of this notice were posted in the Borough Hall and filed with the Borough Clerk.

The Pastor Sam Mountain gave the invocation.

The Honorable Judge Daniel Bernardin, of Camden County, read the Oath of Office to Commissioner Joan Leonard and Mayor James Maley.

Collingswood School Board Member Regan Kaiden read the Oath of Office to Commissioner Robert Lewandowski

The following resolutions were approved without a dissenting vote

Assigning Departments to the Commissioners:
Commissioner Robert Lewandowski as Director of Public Works, Parks and Public Property;
Commissioner Joan Leonard as Director of Revenue and Finance and Sustainability Initiatives;
Mayor M. James Maley, Jr. as Mayor and Director of Public Safety and Public Affairs

Commissioner Lewandowski talked a about the protests held in Beijing China 28 years ago to the day; that had called for a more democratic political system in China. Commissioner Lewandowski also talked about the Community of Collingswood and our willingness as a community to work toward making our town better each and every day. Commissioner Lewandowski thanked his family for their support. Commissioner Lewandowski said he is thankful for the support of the community adding that he will work very hard to provide the same support to all.

Commissioner Leonard, thanked everyone present and for being a part of her life for the past 30 years as a member of the community and for the past 20 years as serving as Borough Commissioner. Commissioner Leonard talked about the Collingswood Community being a web of service, work and play. Commissioner Leonard talked about her tradition of prayer and being open to the miracles that are before us, to respond to the unexpected with faith and openness. Commissioner Leonard said she will continue to be open to the unexpected as she continues to serve. Commissioner Leonard ended her remarks by saying thank you for your confidence and we will work to do a great job to serve you.

Mayor Maley, thanked his wife Mary Kay for her support over the years. Mayor Maley said she may not have always love local government but she has always been the first signature on a petition for me. Mary Kay has always been a great partner through all of this. Many years ago, in the early days of the Mayfair a group of us were discussing what could be, what could Haddon Ave be? Mary Kay has always said we can do this, we can be that, we can do it. And we have. Mayor Maley said he is very proud when other towns mimic Collingswood and do the things we are doing. It is a pleasure to serve with Rob and Joan. Over the years I have had the great fortune to have worked with great partners. Team Collingswood is a true team, everyone brings different things to the table, sometimes we butt heads but we work through it. Joan and I have been doing this together for a long time now. Mayor Maley talked a little about the election being uncontested, he said that it is great running uncontested; adding he understands the importance of democracy but it is a wonderful thing running uncontested. Mayor Maley said the uncontested election is a tribute to our Borough staff; the Uniformed and Clerical employees of Collingswood go above and beyond for our residents. We have a staff of professional, efficient, and extraordinary men and woman. The work they do is a Hallmark of Collingswood. I I am excited to start this term. I love the work, I love the people and I love getting things done. The greatest compliment I get is from people who live here and I do not know; the people who have lived here for years and never told anyone where they were from and now they are proud of our town and what it is today. Mayor Maley added that 750 people voted in this election even though it was uncontested. Mayor Maley talked about all how well town is doing; rateables have grown, we have new businesses and new construction projects happening; some of the great problems we have are so many recreation programs and trying to find room for them all, and the many people coming into town and trying to increase parking for them. Mayor Maley thanked everyone for coming out and added Collingswood has been a great place to live and raise a family and it will stay that way for the next four years and the years to follow.

Mayor Maley opened the meeting to the public, and with no one responding, moved the meeting be adjourned which was seconded at 7:30 pm.

M. James Maley, Jr.

Joan Leonard

K Holly Mannel, Borough Clerk

Robert Lewandowski
Board of Commissioners