

**BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
114 Crown Point Road  
Sunday, January 4, 2009**

The Reorganization Meeting was called to order by Mayor Russell W. Welsh, Jr. at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was opened with the salute and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The Clerk read the opening statement.

The invocation was given by Pastor Gary Brennan of the Westville Methodist Church.

Ceremonial Oaths of Office were given by Senator Stephen M. Sweeney to Council Member James A. Pennington, Jr., Council Member, Charles D. Murtaugh, and Police Sergeant, John R. Grady.

**Roll Call – Present**

Mayor Welsh, Council Members: Ledrich, Baker, Pennington, Muhlbaier, Rebel and Murtaugh.

Also Present were: Administrator Bittner, Solicitor Alice, Municipal Clerk Helder, Police Chief Lederer, Public Works Manager Domico and Housing Official Wasson.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

A Proclamation “Honoring Grace M. Williams” was read by the Mayor. He announced that a plaque will be affixed to the new Library when it opens. The new library will be known as the “Grace M. Williams” Library. A lengthy round of applause was held for Mrs. Williams. Mrs. Williams stated that she is honored and flattered, and thanked everyone.

A resolution was read by the Mayor from the Westville Library Trustees “Honoring Mark R. Cipolone”, (Mrs. Williams son-in-law) a civil engineer, for his dedication, volunteer services and support to the Westville Library.

The Mayor thanked Senator Sweeney for giving the oaths of office to the new council members and police sergeant.

Councilman Baker made a motion to nominate Councilman Ledrich as Council President. Councilman Pennington seconded the motion which was approved by a roll call vote of 5 ayes and 1 abstention by Councilman Ledrich.

A List of Appointments for 2009 was discussed. Mayor Welsh thanked Administrator Bittner, Councilman Pennington and Councilman Ledrich for all their work on this list of appointments. Councilman Pennington made a motion to approve the list of appointments, and Councilman Murtaugh seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

The Mayor acknowledged newly appointed Solicitor, John A. Alice, newly appointed Prosecutor Kelly Conroy, newly appointed Public Defender, Lawrence Hubert, Engineer Norman K. Rodgers, III, and past Mayor William C. Packer, III.

RESOLUTION #1-2009 Adopting a Temporary Budget for 2009. (Res. Bk. 19)

RESOLUTION #2-2009 Designating Depositories for 2009. (Res. Bk. 19)

RESOLUTION #3-2009 Providing for a Petty Cash Fund. (Res. Bk. 19)

RESOLUTION #4-2009 Providing for Penalty on delinquent taxes, sewer charges, water charges, etc. (Res. Bk. 19)

RESOLUTION #5-2009 Designating Legal Publications for 2009. (Res. Bk. 19)

RESOLUTION #6-2009 Adopting Roberts Rules of Order. (Res. Bk. 19)

RESOLUTION #7-2009 Providing for Professional Services. (Res. Bk. 19)

RESOLUTION #8-2009 and AGREEMENT Appointing a Risk Management Consultant for Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund. (Res. Bk. 19)

RESOLUTION #9-2009 Appointing Primary Physician under the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund. (Res. Bk.19)

RESOLUTION #10-2009 Designating Borough Council Meeting Dates. (Res. Bk. 19)

RESOLUTION #11-2009 Approving an Additional Year End Penalty of 6% on outstanding taxes and/or water and/or sewer arrears exceeding \$10,000.00. (Res. Bk. 19)

RESOLUTION #12-2009 Adopting a Cash Management Plan for 2009. (Res. Bk. 19)

RESOLUTION #13-2009 Designating Christine A. Helder, William J. Bittner, Jr., Donna M. Domico and Frederick J. Lederer, III as contact persons for TRICOJIF for EPL for 2009. (Res. Bk. 19)

RESOLUTION #14-2009 Designating Tax Search/Assessment Search Officers. (Res. Bk. 19)

RESOLUTION #15-2009 Omitting from tax sale real property-equal monthly installments. (Res. Bk. 19)

RESOLUTION #16-2009 Regarding issuance of duplicate tax sale certificate. (Res. Bk. 19)

RESOLUTION #17-2009 Authorizing a service charge for returned checks. (Res. Bk. 19)

RESOLUTION #18-2009 Authorizing bidding by municipal officers at tax sale. (Res. Bk. 19)

RESOLUTION #19-2009 Regarding in rem foreclosure. (Res. Bk. 19)

RESOLUTION #20-2009 Allowing purchases of materials supplies, equipment and labor under State Contracts. (Res. Bk. 19)

RESOLUTION #21-2009 Authorizing the certified tax collector, deputy tax collector and municipal court administrator to file proof of claim forms with the U.S. bankruptcy Court. (Res. Bk. 19)

RESOLUTION #22-2009 Authorizing a Tax Sale pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-10. (Res. Bk. 19)

RESOLUTION #23-2009 Approving a \$25.00 fee for issuance of tax sale certificates of redemption. (Res. Bk. 19).

RESOLUTION #24-2009 Approving a Consent Agenda. (Res. Bk. 19)

RESOLUTION #25-2009 Appointing a Fund Commissioner and Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund. (Res. Bk. 19)

Councilman Murtaugh made a motion to approve the foregoing resolutions.  
Councilman Ledrich seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**LIST OF BILLS:**

Councilman Pennington made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills and a second was made by Councilman Muhlbaier. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Pennington made a motion to pay the bills and a second was made by Councilman Rebel. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Joyce Lovell, 328 Summit Ave., requested a copy of the appointments.

COMMENTS FROM GOVERNING BODY AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Housing Official Wasson and Public Works Manager Domico congratulated everyone on their appointments.

Councilman Pennington stated that he feels honored and privileged to have been selected as councilman again, and he looks forward to working with everyone. He then wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Baker congratulated Councilman Pennington, and Councilman Murtaugh on their election, Solicitor Alice on his appointment, and Engineer Rodgers on his reappointment.

Councilman Ledrich congratulated Councilman Pennington and Councilman Murtaugh and all new appointees.

Clerk Helder congratulated everyone.

Solicitor Alice thanked everyone for his appointment, stating he looks forward to working with everyone this year.

Councilman Muhlbaier congratulated everyone and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Rebel welcomed Solicitor Alice and congratulated Councilman Pennington and Councilman Murtaugh, stating that he hopes a lot will be accomplished this year.

Councilman Murtaugh thanked everyone for supporting his team. He looks forward to working with everyone and hopefully get a lot done.

Administrator Bittner congratulated everyone, stating that he looks forward to working with everyone.

Police Chief Lederer congratulated everyone on their appointments. He stated he looks forward to a lot of challenges and a lot of new positive things coming to town.

Mayor Welsh discussed the untimely passing of Mayor Michael Galbraith, advising that his picture is now hanging on the wall in the Council Chambers. He reflected on many accomplishments over the past year including the Interlocal Merger with National Park Police Department and Court, dedication of the Michael K. Galbraith Park on River Drive, new web-site, new police canine unit, new library which should be opening the end of the month, sanitation rehabilitation program, town watch program, reconstruction of Burr Avenue, codification process, flooding improvements, homeowner protection ordinance, personnel and procedure process. He stated that the Governing Body will look for ways to cut spending in the Borough. He discussed tentative projects for 2009.

Mayor Welsh stated the Mayor's office will be open for a few hours two times a month in the Borough Offices. Residents will be invited to come in and voice their opinions and make suggestions.

Pastor Gary Brennan advised that he has been honored to be a pastor for ten years in Westville. He stated that the passing of Mayor Michael Galbraith was quite a blow to many individuals. He hopes everyone will continue to work together to make Westville a better place. Pastor Brennan then gave the benediction.

With no further business to come before the meeting, a motion to adjourn carried at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Helder, Municipal Clerk