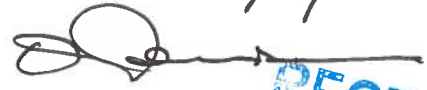


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**Minutes: Reorganizational and Regular Meeting
January 14, 2016**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 7:45PM by Chairman John Rogalo with flag salute.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE: was read by John Rogalo in compliance with the New Jersey Assembly Bill no. 1030, notice for this meeting was sent to the *New Jersey Herald* and the *Daily Record* on January 13, 2015 and posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on the same day.

ROLL CALL: Owen Newson, John Rogalo, Michael Balogh, Jason Heymer
ABSENT: Lorraine Bender, Nicole Member

RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

John Rogalo: Reappointed as Chairman to a 1 year term to expire 12-31-16

Nicole Member: Reappointed as Vice-Chairwoman for a 1 year term to expire 12-31-16

Owen Newson: Re-appointed as Recording Secretary

Designation of official newspapers: *New Jersey Herald* and *Daily Record*

Approval of meeting dates/time/place: Proposed: 2/11, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12, 6/9, 7/14, 8/11, 9/8, 10/13, 11/10, 12/8, 1/12/17 (2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM at Borough Hall.)

John Rogalo took the Oath of Allegiance and Office administered by Owen Newson. 3 year term to expire 12/31/18.

Board Liaisons as agreed to for 2016:

Board of Health: Mike Balogh

Mayor and Council: Nicole Member

Lake Musconetcong Planning Board: John Rogalo

Land Use Board: John Rogalo

Musconetcong Foundrymen Historical Society: Lorraine Bender and Owen Newson

Musconetcong Sewerage Authority: Owen Newson

Recreation Commission: Mike Balogh

Shade Tree Commission: Jason Heymer

Plaster Mill: John Rogalo and Owen Newson

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A motion was made by Owen Newson and seconded by Mike Balogh to accept the changes as recorded of the EC Re-organizational meeting. (UC)

REGULAR MEETING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 10, 2015 minutes were approved. Motion made by Mike Balogh and seconded by Jason Heymer. (UC)

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received:

Mayor and Council: Invitation to Annual Reorg. Meeting 1/5/16
1/5 Ellen Horak, Clerk: Mayor's appointments to Env. Comm.
1/6 Ellen Horak, Clerk: Resolution designating official newspapers

Sent:

Follow-up email to Borough Administrator Brian McNeilly, re: Stanhope/Mt. Olive grant

CURRENT ACTIVITY:

The EC discussed applying for a 2016 ANJEC grant. It was suggested that grant money could be used to replace the invasive Winged Euonymus that was planted by borough on Continental Drive.

OLD BUSINESS:

DEP permission for creation of additional trails on state property at Furnace Pond was discussed. Since our last contact on this topic at DEP has retired, John will invite Assistant Director of Parks, John Trontis, to visit the Furnace Pond site. It is hoped that this will expedite the trail approval process.

In reference to the allocation of monies for the Mt. Olive/Stanhope Trail grant, Owen spoke with borough administrator Brian McNeilly. Brian is working on getting this information and will get back to us.

NEW BUSINESS:

The state tree nursery is offering free seedlings to 3rd grade classes for planting. Mike Balogh will check for application and contact Valley Road School.

Stanhope Day in June was discussed. It was suggested that we use our EC funds to make more trail maps for distribution. Also provide information leaflets on topics such as bears, recycling, invasives, and local endangered species. In addition, it was suggested

that we invite the local DEP Watershed Ambassador to Stanhope Day to give informative demonstrations as done in the past.

BILLS:

None

LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Health: Minutes for 11/11/15 meeting were read. Nothing to report.

Mayor and Council: Nicole Member

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM. Motion by Jason Heymer and seconded by John Rogalo. (UC)

Respectfully submitted,

Owen Newson
Secretary

