

ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – JANUARY 3, 2022
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

The Reorganization Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway was held on Monday, January 3, 2022. This meeting was held remotely/electronically using the platform Webex Events and commenced at approximately 6:30PM.

Township Clerk called the meeting to order.

Township Clerk welcomed everyone to the Reorganization Meeting of the Township Council for the year 2022.

Township Clerk stated, "Please be advised that all electronic/remote meetings of the Township Council held on Webex are recorded. Full and complete information concerning public attendance at all Webex meetings is published on the Township website. All members of the public will be provided the opportunity to speak. Please be further advised that during any "public hearing" or "open to the public" sections of the meeting, the Township Clerk will send an "unmute request" to each member of the public and ask if they wish to speak. Once the Township Clerk has sent the unmute request: If you are attending the meeting by telephone, you will be prompted to press *6 to unmute yourself and if you are attending the meeting using your computer, you will receive a pop-up requesting that you unmute yourself. As per Rockaway Township Code 2-5.14, any person desiring to address the Council shall first seek recognition by the presiding officer; and upon recognition by the chair, the person shall give their name and address for the record. Unless further time is granted by the Council, they shall limit their statement to five minutes. Statements shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any member thereof. A Councilman shall not direct any question to a speaker addressing the Council, except through the presiding officer. In addition to speaking on the record during Council Meetings, members of the public may submit questions and comments to the Council by emailing questions@rockawaytownship.org by the end of the "Open to the Public" session."

Township Clerk stated, "This meeting was advertised in the Daily Record and the Star Ledger, the official newspapers for the Township of Rockaway, on December 22, 2021. Notice was posted on the official bulletin boards of Rockaway Township."

Township Clerk lead those present in the Salute to the American Flag.

Township Clerk called for a Moment of Silence to remember the service and sacrifices of the Armed Service Members who protect our Nation and the First Responders who protect our neighborhoods.

Township Clerk presented the Official Canvass:
Council Members for a 4 year term, to expire 12/31/2025:

- Mary Noon – Ward 1
- John (Jack) Quinn – Ward 2
- Doug Brookes – Ward 3
- Jonathan Sackett – Ward 4
- Emanuel (Manny) Friedlander – Ward 5
- Rachael Brookes – Ward 6

Mayor Puzio stated that over the weekend all of the Ward Council Members have been sworn in and have received the Oaths of Office.

Rabbi Asher Herson of the Chabad Center of Northwest New Jersey, Rockaway Township, presented the Invocation.

Roll call was taken for attendance.

Present: CM Brookes, CW Brookes, CM Friedlander, CM Jackson, CM Kritz, CW Noon, CM Sackett, CM Salberg, and CM Quinn.

Present from Administration: Mayor Michael Puzio, Attorney Iacofano, Ms. Patricia Seger, Mr. Bryan Coward, Ms. Lisa Palmieri, Ms. Allison Ferrante, and Mr. Peter Tabbot.

Mayor's Address:

Mayor Puzio reported that his end of the year wrap up is posted on the website and social media with the accomplishments made in Rockaway Township by the Administration, Council and himself. He mentioned people who are here tonight include elected officials, County Commissioners, and a State representative from Mikie Sherrill's, our congresswoman's, office. He stated that it has been great working with everyone, and we are looking forward to 2022 to keep projects and that partnership and collaboration moving forward.

Election of Council President:

Motion was made by Councilman Quinn, seconded by Councilman Brookes, to nominate Councilman Jackson for Council President.

Roll call was taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (CM Brookes, CW Brookes, CM Friedlander, CM Jackson, CM Kritz, CW Noon, CM Sackett, CM Salberg, CM Quinn)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion carries.

Mayor Puzio administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Jackson for the position of Council President.

Council President Jackson began to preside over the meeting at this time and gave his address. He thanked everyone for their support for this position. He stated that as he enters his third year he believes that we've accomplished much together. He said that in 2021 we worked with the Mayor, Business Administrator, and department heads and are well underway in developing Peterson Field as one of the premier sports complexes and recreation facilities in Morris County and probably in the State when done. He continued that we've made many improvements in infrastructure and held great family events, all of which make Rockaway Township a great place to live and work. He looks forward to continuing in 2022.

Election of Council Vice-President:

Motion was made by Councilman Friedlander, seconded by Councilwoman Noon, to nominate Councilman Sackett for Council Vice President.

Roll call was taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (CM Brookes, CW Brookes, CM Friedlander, CM Kritz, CW Noon, CM Sackett, CM Salberg, CM Quinn, CP Jackson)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion carries.

Mayor Puzio administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Sackett for the position of Council Vice President.

Council Vice President Sackett thanked the Council for having faith in him and Joe. He spoke about when he started on Council how they've worked hard to push through darkness and get Rockaway moving in the right direction. He is looking forward to 2022 and many improvements throughout the town.

Council President Jackson recognized the dignitaries in the audience.

Tayfun Selen, County Commissioner, congratulated all and said that he will be there for everyone.

Kellie Doucette stated that she attended on behalf on Congresswoman Sherrill and expressed her appreciation to Council for their public service and wished them all the best.

Assemblyman Jay Webber said that he is looking forward to working with the governing body and serving the people of Rockaway Township.

Stephen Shaw, County Commissioner, noted that he is always there to help and wished all a happy 2022.

John Krickus, County Commissioner, congratulated all and looks forward to working with them.

Raymond Sarinelli wished all a successful year.

Adoption of the 2022 Annual Meeting Schedule:

Motion was made by Council Vice President Sackett, seconded by Councilman Quinn, to remove 7/26, 8/23, and 12/27 from the schedule.

Roll call was taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (CM Brookes, CW Brookes, CM Friedlander, CM Kritz, CW Noon, CM Salberg, CM Quinn, VP Sackett, CP Jackson)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion carries.

Motion was made by Councilman Quinn, seconded by Councilman Kritz, to adopt the 2022 Annual Meeting Schedule as amended.

Roll call was taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (CM Brookes, CW Brookes, CM Friedlander, CM Kritz, CW Noon, CM Salberg, CM Quinn, VP Sackett, CP Jackson)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion carries.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Puzio made the following appointments:

Clean Communities Coordinator – 1 year term ending 12/31/2022:

Cara Sileno

Recycling Coordinator – 1 year term ending 12/31/2022:

Al Knoth

Community Development and Revenue Sharing Committee – 1 year term ending 12/31/2022:

Regular Member:

Peter Tabbot

Alternate Member:

Allison Ferrante

Library Board of Trustees – 5 year term ending 12/31/2026:

Carol Tauber

Emily Kullmann

Ray C. Furman

Parks and Recreation Planning Committee – 1 year term ending 12/31/2022:

Regular Members:

Yoginder Gupta
Jonathan Sackett, Chair
Douglas Brookes, Jr.
Douglas Bratton

Planning Board – Class II Member– 1 year term ending 12/31/2022:

Capt. Robert Scherr

Class IV Member – 4 year term ending 12/31/2025:

Jack Elko
Kathleen Platts

1st Alternate – 2 year term ending 12/31/2024:

Craig Babcock

2nd Alternate – 2 year term ending 12/31/2024:

Laura Schievella

Shade Tree Commission – 1 year term ending 12/31/2022:

Alan Baldwin
Deborah Harrington
Kevin Kasko

Environmental Advisory Committee – 1 year term ending 12/31/2022:

Gerald Applebaum
Judith Brown
Mark Hiler

Municipal Alliance Committee – 1 year term ending 12/31/2022:

Susan Gaeb
Brenda Budd

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE COUNCIL:

Affordable Housing Officer – 1 year term ending 12/31/2022:

Erin Murray

Motion was made by Councilman Quinn, seconded by Councilman Salberg, to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Affordable Housing Officer.

There was no Council discussion.

Roll call was taken.

Yah Votes: 8 (CM Brookes, CW Brookes, CM Kritz, CW Noon, CM Salberg, CM Quinn, VP Sackett, CP Jackson)

Nah Votes: 0

Not Available: 1 (CM Friedlander)

Motion carries.

Township Attorney – 1 year term ending 12/31/2022:

Iaciofano & Perrone, Esqs.

Motion was made by Councilman Quinn, seconded by Councilman Friedlander, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Township Attorney.

There was no Council discussion.

Roll call was taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (CM Brookes, CW Brookes, CM Friedlander, CM Kritz, CW Noon, CM Salberg, CM Quinn, VP Sackett, CP Jackson)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion carries.

Labor Counsel – 1 year term ending 12/31/2022:

Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP

Motion was made by Councilman Quinn, seconded by Councilman Friedlander, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Labor Counsel.

There was no Council discussion.

Roll call was taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (CM Brookes, CW Brookes, CM Friedlander, CM Kritz, CW Noon, CM Salberg, CM Quinn, VP Sackett, CP Jackson)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion carries.

Bond Counsel – 1 year term ending 12/31/2022:

Hawkins, Delafield & Wood, LLP

Motion was made by Councilman Quinn, seconded by Councilman Friedlander, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Bond Counsel.

There was no Council discussion.

Roll call was taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (CM Brookes, CW Brookes, CM Friedlander, CM Kritz, CW Noon, CM Salberg, CM Quinn, VP Sackett, CP Jackson)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion carries.

Municipal Prosecutor – 1 year term ending 12/31/2022:

Peter J. King, Esq.

Motion was made by Councilman Quinn, seconded by Councilwoman Noon, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Municipal Prosecutor.

There was no Council discussion.

Roll call was taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (CM Brookes, CW Brookes, CM Friedlander, CM Kritz, CW Noon, CM Salberg, CM Quinn, VP Sackett, CP Jackson)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion carries.

Public Defender – 1 year term ending 12/31/2022:

Joseph O'Toole, Jr., Esq.

Motion was made by Councilman Quinn, seconded by Councilman Friedlander, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Public Defender.

There was no Council discussion.

Roll call was taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (CM Brookes, CW Brookes, CM Friedlander, CM Kritz, CW Noon, CM Salberg, CM Quinn, VP Sackett, CP Jackson)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion carries.

Citizen's Recreation Committee – 1 year term ending 12/31/2022:

Thomas Maginley, Chair

Tim Forton

Jaqueline Baeder

Patrick Egan

Sean Connolly

Richard Oller

Motion was made by Councilman Quinn, seconded by Councilman Salberg, to approve the Mayor's appointments to the Citizen's Recreation Committee.

There was no Council discussion.

Roll call was taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (CM Brookes, CW Brookes, CM Friedlander, CM Kritz, CW Noon, CM Salberg, CM Quinn, VP Sackett, CP Jackson)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion carries.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APPOINTMENTS:

A. Council Liaisons – 1 year term ending 12/31/2022:

- i. Board of Education – Regional:**
Doug Brookes
- ii. Board of Education – Local:**
Rachael Brookes
- iii. Citizen’s Recreation Committee:**
Jonathan Sackett
- iv. Citizen’s Recreation Committee, Alternate:**
Jack Quinn
- v. County Commissioners:**
Adam Salberg
- vi. County Commissioners, Alternate:**
Howard Kritz
- vii. Historical Society**
Manny Friedlander
- viii. Library Board of Trustees:**
Manny Friedlander
- ix. Library Board of Trustees, Alternate:**
Adam Salberg
- x. Morris Council on Older Persons:**
Mary Noon
- xi. Municipal Alliance Committee:**
Manny Friedlander
- xii. Senior Citizens:**
Rachael Brookes

B. Council Committees – 1 year term ending 12/31/2022:

- i. Local Emergency Planning Council:**
Mary Noon
Rachael Brookes
Howard Kritz
- ii. Vehicle Review Committee:**
Jack Quinn, chair
Doug Brookes
Jonathan Sackett
- iii. Ordinance Committee:**
Jack Quinn, chair
Manny Friedlander
Doug Brookes

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS:

Auditor – 1 year term ending 12/31/2022:

Nisivoccia & Company, LLP

Motion was made by Councilman Quinn, seconded by Council Vice President Sackett, to appoint Nisivoccia & Company, LLP as the Township’s Auditor.

There was no Council discussion.

Roll call was taken.

Yah Votes: 8 (CM Brookes, CW Brookes, CM Kritz, CW Noon, CM Salberg, CM Quinn, VP Sackett, CP Jackson)

Nah Votes: 0

Not Available: 1 (CM Friedlander)

Motion carries.

Board of Adjustment – Full Member – 4 Year Term Ending 12/31/2025:

Citizen Leadership Forms submitted: Eric Wekilsky and Susan Royek

Motion was made by Council Vice President Sackett, seconded by Councilman Salberg, to nominate Susan Royek to the Board of Adjustment as a Full Member.

There was no Council discussion.

Roll call was taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (CM Brookes, CW Brookes, CM Friedlander, CM Kritz, CW Noon, CM Salberg, CM Quinn, VP Sackett, CP Jackson)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion carries.

Planning Board, Class III – 1 Year Term ending 12/31/2022 (Member of the Council):

Motion was made by Council President Jackson, seconded by Council Vice President Sackett, to appoint Jack Quinn to the Planning Board as a Class III member.

There was no Council discussion.

Roll call was taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (CM Brookes, CW Brookes, CM Friedlander, CM Kritz, CW Noon, CM Salberg, CM Quinn, VP Sackett, CP Jackson)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion carries.

Community Development and Revenue Sharing Committee – 1 year term ending 12/31/2022 (Member of the Council):

Motion was made by Council President Jackson, seconded by Councilman Brookes, to appoint Howard Kritz to the Community Development and Revenue Sharing Committee.

There was no Council discussion.

Roll call was taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (CM Brookes, CW Brookes, CM Friedlander, CM Kritz, CW Noon, CM Salberg, CM Quinn, VP Sackett, CP Jackson)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion carries.

Firefighters:

Richard Troina

Matthew Coyle

Christopher Schottinger

Motion was made by Councilman Quinn, seconded by Councilman Brookes, to appoint Richard Troina, Matthew Coyle, and Christopher Schottinger as Firefighters.

There was no Council discussion.

Roll call was taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (CM Brookes, CW Brookes, CM Friedlander, CM Kritz, CW Noon, CM Salberg, CM Quinn, VP Sackett, CP Jackson)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion carries.

Council President Jackson asked to make an amendment by consent to change Junior EMS to Junior Firefighter for the appointment of William Bruseo. Council gave consent.

Junior Firefighter:

William Bruseo

Motion was made by Councilman Quinn, seconded by Councilman Friedlander, to appoint William Bruseo as Junior Firefighter.

There was no Council discussion.

Roll call was taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (CM Brookes, CW Brookes, CM Friedlander, CM Kritz, CW Noon, CM CM Salberg, CM Quinn, VP Sackett, CP Jackson)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion carries.

Junior Firefighter:

Ashley Farro

Motion was made by Councilman Quinn, seconded by Councilwoman Noon, to appoint Ashley Farro as Junior Firefighter.

There was no Council discussion.

Roll call was taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (CM Brookes, CW Brookes, CM Friedlander, CM Kritz, CW Noon, CM Salberg, CM Quinn, VP Sackett, CP Jackson)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 30, 2021 – Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Councilman Quinn, seconded by Council Vice President Sackett, to approve the November 30, 2021-Regular Meeting minutes.

Roll call was taken.

Yah Votes: 8 (CM Brookes, CM Friedlander, CM Kritz, CW Noon, CM Salberg, CM Quinn, VP Sackett, CP Jackson)

Nah Votes: 0

Abstention: 1 (CW Brookes)

Motion carries.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Council President Jackson stated that tonight he is setting a three minute limit for each member of the public based on the number of items on the agenda.

Christine Clarke, address not stated. Ms. Clarke said congratulations to Council President Joe Jackson and Council Vice President Jonathan Sackett, and good luck.

John Knab, address not stated. Mr. Knab stated good luck and happy New Year.

Lisa Salberg, 10 Bergen Hill. Ms. Salberg said thank you and congratulations to all Council Members, noting that they've been through a great deal.

Lili Sweet, 9 Oakland Ave. Ms. Sweet said congratulations to everyone and this should be a fantastic year.

Patrick Egan, 59 Lenox Rd. Mr. Egan wished all a happy, healthy new year and thanked Administration for doing a great job and the Council for their service.

ORDINANCES TO INTRODUCE:

O-22-01 AMENDING CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATIVE CODE), ARTICLE 3, SECTION 2-5.14 (ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Motion was made by Councilman Quinn, seconded by Councilman Friedlander, to introduce Ordinance O-22-01.

Roll call was taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (CM Brookes, CW Brookes, CM Friedlander, CM Kritz, CW Noon, CM Salberg, CM Quinn, VP Sackett, CP Jackson)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion carries.

O-22-02 AMENDING CHAPTER 7 (TRAFFIC) ARTICLE 6 (PARKING), SECTION 7-6.2 (PARKING PROHIBITED DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Motion was made by Councilman Quinn, seconded by Councilman Friedlander, to introduce Ordinance O-22-02.

Roll call was taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (CM Brookes, CW Brookes, CM Friedlander, CM Kritz, CW Noon, CM Salberg, CM Quinn, VP Sackett, CP Jackson)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion carries.

O-22-03 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF VARIOUS OFFICIALS AND NON-CONTRACTURAL EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

Motion was made by Councilman Quinn, seconded by Councilman Kritz, to introduce Ordinance O-22-03.

Roll call was taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (CM Brookes, CW Brookes, CM Friedlander, CM Kritz, CW Noon, CM Salberg, CM Quinn, VP Sackett, CP Jackson)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion carries.

O-22-04 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF VARIOUS OFFICIALS AND CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

Motion was made by Councilman Quinn, seconded by Councilwoman Noon, to introduce Ordinance O-22-04.

Roll call was taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (CM Brookes, CW Brookes, CM Friedlander, CM Kritz, CW Noon, CM Salberg, CM Quinn, VP Sackett, CP Jackson)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion carries.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. R-22-01 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OR THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR TO DETERMINE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS RESPECTING CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT MADE TO THE TOWNSHIP MAY BE FORGIVEN**
- B. R-22-02 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY FOR 2022**
- C. R-22-03 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN BOARD FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY FOR THE YEAR 2022**
- D. R-22-04 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY**
- E. R-22-05 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT TO COLLECT MONEYS AND FEES AND DEPOSIT THEM IN A DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY**
- F. R-22-06 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PETTY CASH FUNDS AND DESIGNATING THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH**
- G. R-22-07 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE FEE FOR RECEIVING NOTICES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR 2022**
- H. R-22-08 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY FOR THE YEAR 2022**
- I. R-22-09 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICER TO PROVIDE SURETY BONDS ON VARIOUS EMPLOYEES AND APPOINTEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY**
- J. R-22-10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEFENSE, PROSECUTION AND SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEALS**
- K. R-22-11 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY TO JOIN MORRIS COUNTY ADAPTIVE RECREATIONAL PROGRAM (McARP)**
- L. R-22-12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF SMALL BALANCES LESS THAN \$10.00**
- M. R-22-13 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICER TO CERTIFY UNPAID MUNICIPAL LIENS**

- N. R-22-14** RESOLUTION TO CHARGE 6% YEAR END PENALTY
- O. R-22-15** RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES
- P. R-22-16** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SEWER ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS
- Q. R-22-17** RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORIZATION TO RETAIN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THE COST OF WHICH IS ANTICIPATED TO EXCEED THE BID THRESHOLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW
- R. R-22-18** AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF CERTAIN GOODS AND SERVICES THROUGH THE USE OF STATE, COUNTY AND REGIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACTS FOR THE YEAR 2022
- S. R-22-19** RESOLUTION DESIGNATING COURT ATTENDANTS FOR THE YEAR 2022
- T. R-22-20** RESOLUTION SETTING THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FEE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022 PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE O-20-13
- U. R-22-21** AUTHORIZING THE CANCELATION AND REFUND OF 2021 & 2022 TAXES ON A CERTAIN PROPERTY KNOWN AS: 163 WEST LAKE SHORE DRIVE, BLOCK 20901 LOT 5 WHERE THE OWNER QUALIFIES FOR A 100% DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION
- V. R-22-22** 2019 TAX COURT JUDGMENT REFUND
- W. R-22-23** REDEMPTION OF TAX TITLE LIEN C#18-025 AGAINST BLOCK 20505 LOT 26 KNOWN AS 20 DELAWARE AVE.
- X. R-22-24** REDEMPTION OF TAX TITLE LIEN C#21-007 AGAINST BLOCK 30502 LOT 29 KNOWN AS 26 SUNSET TRL.
- Y. R-22-25** REDEMPTION OF TAX TITLE LIEN C#21-009 AGAINST BLOCK 40101 LOT 4 KNOWN AS 4 WEST SHORE.
- Z. R-22-26** RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
- AA. R-22-27** APPOINTING A PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022
- BB. R-22-28** APPOINTING AN ADA COORDINATOR FOR 2022

Motion was made by Councilman Salberg, seconded by Councilwoman Brookes, to table R-22-01 because the link for it didn't work on the Township's website.

Roll call was taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (CM Brookes, CW Brookes, CM Friedlander, CM Kritz, CW Noon, CM Salberg, CM Quinn, VP Sackett, CP Jackson)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion carries.

Motion was made by Council Vice President Sackett, seconded by Councilman Quinn, to approve the consent agenda (excluding R-22-01).

Roll call was taken.

Yah Votes: 9 (CM Brookes, CW Brookes, CM Friedlander, CM Kritz, CW Noon, CM Salberg, CM Quinn, VP Sackett, CP Jackson)

Nah Votes: 0

Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS, NEW BUSINESS, AND REPORTS:

Councilman Salberg said that there is no report regarding the County Commissioners. He proceeded to read a statement regarding the success of previous township centered events for residents asking Administration to form a committee related to community events and noted that he would volunteer to be the Council representative.

Mayor Puzio voiced his and the Administration's support for the idea.

Councilman Brookes reported that recycling was cancelled on Friday and he reminded all to put it out tonight for pickup tomorrow.

Councilman Kritz said that Councilman Salberg's idea is spot on and he would volunteer to serve on committee. He noted that with the current COVID situation, there is much more anger and asked for people to understand the difficult decisions that the Board of Education has to make and that they are made in the best interest in all. He asked that people keep things civil, stay safe and vigilant, adding that we're in this together.

Councilman Quinn thanked all for passing the introduction of tonight's ordinances. He said that we will move forward and have a great year.

Councilman Friedlander reported that last month the Rockaway Township Substance Abuse Alliance met and they have a program that meets at Copeland. These programs don't work when they're virtual so they're trying to determine how to move forward. They will hold the largest fundraiser of the year, partnering with the RR Barn, it's called the Concert for a Cause. He stated that the Historical Society did not meet this month but they are waiting for bids to come back. He reported that the Library Foundation and Friends of the Library had a ribbon cutting ceremony last month for the quiet room downstairs and it's gorgeous. He stated that there was another ribbon cutting ceremony at the new hotel on Green Pond for the Fairfield Marriot and this is a good thing for the township. He ended by noting that he is working on the ordinance committee and is looking forward to 2022.

Councilwoman Noon reported that she attended the ceremony at the hotel and that it's a great addition to Rockaway. She welcomed Councilwoman Brookes and stated that she looks forward to a great year.

Councilwoman Brookes thanked all for the warm welcome. She echoed Councilman Kritz noting that decisions regarding the schools aren't made in a vacuum and to please be patient as they

aren't made lightly. She said that if your child has anxiety or concerns, try to give them some control in the situation. She noted that the school staff is doing absolutely everything to get the kids back in school.

Council Vice President Sackett stated that this has been his first normal meeting in four years and he appreciates all the people who are in the meeting. He said that he is happy to do business for the Township and residents.

Council President Jackson congratulated the Ward Council Members that were elected and he looks forward to working with them. He said that with COVID, stay safe and take precautions. He attended the swearing in for Fire Officers and Council Members on New Year's Day and he thinks we have a good leadership team with Jim Russo in charge as Department Chief.

Mayor Puzio thanked and congratulated all for getting involved. He noted that there is a large agenda and that there is much that goes on behind the scenes to make this run calmly and seamlessly. He said that the Council Members work collaboratively.

Attorney Iacofano congratulated the Council Members who are re-elected and newly elected and stated that it has been a pleasure working together. He thanked all for their confidence in his firm.

Ms. Seger said congratulations to all and she and the staff are looking forward to working with the Council. She noted her phone is always on.

Ms. Ferrante said that if anyone needs anything the Department of Engineering, Planning/Zoning, and Construction, feel free to reach out to the Mayor or Pat and they will pass it along her way.

Mr. Coward said congratulations to all and he is looking forward to working with everyone this year.


Ms. Palmieri stated that the finance team is working together to close out 2021 and they are preparing the 2022 budget so that the Mayor can review and ultimately get this to the Council.

Mr. Tabbot gave a COVID update, noting that we are facing significant challenges.

Motion was made by Councilman Quinn, seconded by Councilwoman Noon, to adjourn this meeting at approximately 7:58PM. **There was general consensus.**

The next Regular Meeting of the Council of the Township of Rockaway is scheduled for January 18, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



Christina Clipperton
Municipal Clerk

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
D. Brookes			X			
R. Brookes			X			
E. Friedlander		X	X			
H. Kritz			X			
M. Noon			X			
A. Salberg			X			
J. Quinn	X		X			
J. Sackett			X			