

APPROVED AS AMMENDED: February 14, 2022

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
INAUGURATION/REORGANIZATION MEETING
AND BUSINESS SESSION
January 3, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Huber called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Ms. Huber led the salute to the flag.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

This is to advise that the notice requirement provided for in the "Open Public Meeting Act" has been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given and transmitted to The Times and Princeton Packet; filed with the Clerk of the Municipality; and posted in the West Windsor Township Municipal Building at North Post and Clarksville Roads on December 17, 2021.

ATTENDEES: President: Gawas; Council: Geever, Mandel, Stevens, Whitfield; Mayor: Marathe (via Zoom); Township Attorney: Herbert; Business Administrator: Schmid; Township Clerk: Huber; Deputy Township Clerk: Sheehan

INAUGURATION MEETING

READING OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS

Ms. Huber read the results of the November 2, 2021 Municipal Election.

Dr. Hemant Marathe was certified as Mayor elected with 5,203 votes.

Ms. Linda Geever was certified as a Council Member elected with 5,681 votes.

Mr. Martin Whitfield was certified as a Council Member elected with 5,437 votes.

Ms. Huber asked the audience to take a moment and congratulate all three elected officials on their achievement.

Ms. Huber stated that Dr. Hemant Marathe was unable to attend the meeting in person due to receiving a positive COVID-19 test. She stated that he will be sworn in at the next Business Session.

OATH OF OFFICE - Linda GeEVERS

Ms. Huber asked Ms. Linda GeEVERS to come forward and be sworn in. Ms. Huber administered the Oath of Office. Ms. GeEVERS was joined by her husband Neil. Ms. Huber provided Ms. GeEVERS with her official Certification of Election certificate.

OATH OF OFFICE - Martin Whitfield

Ms. Huber asked Mr. Whitfield to come forward and be sworn in. Ms. Huber administered the Oath of Office. Mr. Whitfield was joined by his children Makala, Bryson, Blake and Brock. Ms. Huber provided Mr. Whitfield with his official Certification of Election certificate.

COMMENTS BY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Ms. GeEVERS wished everyone a Happy New Year. She noted she is excited to be serving her 5th term as a Council Member. She congratulated Dr. Hemant Marathe and Mr. Martin Whitfield and noted she is looking forward to working with Council. Ms. GeEVERS encouraged residents to get their COVID-19 vaccinations and booster shots. She reminded residents to check the Township website for Township information and encouraged residents to be involved in the Township. Ms. GeEVERS thanked Township staff and all residents who serve in various ways for the Township.

Mr. Whitfield thanked his family for their support. He expressed his belief in the importance of working together and respecting each other. He noted he is looking forward to working with Council, the Mayor, and Administration and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Ms. Gawas wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated Mayor Marathe, Ms. Geevers and Mr. Whitfield. She thanked her family for their support and the Township Staff. Ms. Gawas stated that she is looking forward to working with Council. She encouraged residents to stay involved in the Township and to reach out to Council with any concerns.

Mr. Brian Hughes, Executive Director for Mercer County, (via Zoom) expressed the County's willingness to work with the Township in the future regarding the former Howard Hughes property, now owned by Atlantic Realty.

Mayor Marathe (via Zoom) thanked Mr. Hughes and Ms. Sollami Covello for attending the meeting via Zoom. He noted that he will be in contact with Mr. Hughes. Mayor Marathe congratulated Ms. Geevers and Mr. Whitfield.

Ms. Paula Sollami Covello, Mercer County Clerk, (via Zoom) congratulated the newly elected officials.

COMMENTS BY OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Mandel wished everyone a Happy New Year and wished Dr. Marathe well in his recovery. She congratulated Mayor Marathe and Ms. Geevers and welcomed Mr. Whitfield to Council. She noted she would like to have the Regional Stormwater Resolution that was discussed by Council last year put on the Business agenda for vote this January. Ms. Mandel thanked Council for her time as President and stated she is looking forward to working with everyone this year.

Mr. Stevens wished everyone a Happy New Year. He welcomed Mr. Whitfield to Council and welcomed Ms. Geevers returning to Council. Mr. Stevens thanked all Township Staff, Police and Fire Departments. He noted the 225th Anniversary of West Windsor this year, encouraged residents to participate in Township events, and to reach out to Council for any concerns or comments.

REORGANIZATION AND BUSINESS SESSION

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Ms. Huber called for nominations for Council President.

Ms. Mandel nominated Ms. Gawas to serve as Council President.
Mr. Stevens seconded the nomination.

Ms. Huber asked for any further nominations. Seeing none, she asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion to close nominations: Mandel

Second: Geever

RCV: Aye Gawas

Aye Geever

Aye Mandel

Aye Stevens

Aye Whitfield

Ms. Huber called for a vote to confirm the election of Ms. Gawas as Council President.

RCV: Aye Gawas

Aye Geever

Aye Mandel

Aye Stevens

Aye Whitfield

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Ms. Gawas, with her children Aadi and Isha, and her husband Ram by her side, was sworn in by Ms. Huber.

Ms. Huber turned the meeting over to Council President Gawas.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

President Gawas called for nominations for Council Vice President.

Mr. Stevens nominated Ms. Geevers to serve as Council Vice President.

Ms. Mandel seconded the nomination.

President Gawas asked for any further nominations. Seeing none. She asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion to close nominations: Stevens

Second: Mandel

RCV: Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel

Aye Stevens

Aye Whitfield

Aye Gawas

President Gawas called for a vote to confirm the election of Ms. Geevers as Council Vice President.

RCV: Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel

Aye Stevens

Aye Whitfield

Aye Gawas

ADMINISTRATION AND OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Ms. Geevers, with her husband Neil by her side, was sworn in by Ms. Huber. She thanked her husband Neil and daughters Jessica and Ashley for their love and support.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBER

President Gawas called for nominations for Affordable Housing Committee Member.

Ms. Geevers nominated President Gawas to serve as Affordable Housing Committee Member.

Mr. Whitfield seconded the nomination.

President Gawas asked for any further nominations. Seeing none, she asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion to close nominations: Stevens

Second: Mandel

RCV: Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel

Aye Stevens

Aye Whitfield

Aye Gawas

President Gawas called for a vote to confirm the election of President Gawas as Affordable Housing Committee Member.

RCV: Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel

Aye Stevens

Aye Whitfield

Aye Gawas

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBER

President Gawas, with her children Aadi and Isha, and her husband Ram by her side, was sworn in by Ms. Huber.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PLANNING BOARD CLASS III MEMBER

President Gawas called for nominations for Planning Board Class III Member.

Ms. Geevers nominated Ms. Mandel to serve as Planning Board Class III Member.

Mr. Whitfield seconded the nomination.

President Gawas asked for any further nominations. Seeing none, she asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion to close nominations: Geevers

Second: Stevens

RCV: Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel

Aye Stevens

Aye Whitfield

Aye Gawas

President Gawas called for a vote to confirm the election of Ms. Mandel Planning Board Class III Member.

RCV: Aye Geevers
Aye Mandel
Aye Stevens
Aye Whitfield
Aye Gawas

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO PLANNING BOARD CLASS III MEMBER

Ms. Mandel was sworn in by Ms. Huber.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

President Gawas called for nominations for Emergency Management Council Representative.

Ms. Mandel nominated Mr. Stevens to serve as Emergency Management Council Representative.
Ms. Geevers seconded the nomination.

President Gawas asked for any further nominations. Seeing none, she asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion to close nominations: Mandel

Second: Geevers
RCV: Aye Geevers
Aye Mandel
Aye Stevens
Aye Whitfield
Aye Gawas

President Gawas called for a vote to confirm the election of Mr. Stevens as Emergency Management Council Representative.

RCV: Aye Geevers
Aye Mandel
Aye Stevens
Aye Whitfield
Aye Gawas

ADMINISTRATION AND OATH OF OFFICE TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Stevens was sworn in by Ms. Huber.

LIAISONS FOR BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

NOMINATION OF BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS LIAISON

President Gawas called for nominations for Board of Recreation Commissioners Liaison.

Ms. Geevers nominated Mr. Whitfield to serve as Board of Recreation Commissioners Liaison.

Ms. Mandel seconded the nomination.

President Gawas asked for any further nominations. Seeing none, she asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion to close nominations: Mandel

Second: Stevens

RCV: Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel

Aye Stevens

Aye Whitfield

Aye Gawas

President Gawas called for a vote to confirm the election of Mr. Whitfield as Board of Recreation Commissioners Liaison.

RCV: Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel

Aye Stevens

Aye Whitfield

Aye Gawas

NOMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION LIAISON

President Gawas called for nominations for Environmental Commission Liaison.

Ms. Mandel nominated Mr. Stevens to serve as Environmental Commission Liaison.

Ms. Geevers seconded the nomination.

President Gawas asked for any further nominations. Seeing none, she asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion to close nominations: Stevens

Second: Geevers

RCV: Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel

Aye Stevens

Aye Whitfield

Aye Gawas

President Gawas called for a vote to confirm the election of Mr. Stevens as Environmental Commission Liaison.

RCV: Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel

Aye Stevens

Aye Whitfield

Aye Gawas

NOMINATION OF HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL LIAISON

President Gawas called for nominations for Human Relations Council Liaison.

Mr. Stevens nominated Mr. Whitfield to serve as Human Relations Council Liaison.

Ms. Geevers seconded the nomination.

President Gawas asked for any further nominations. Seeing none, she asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion to close nominations: Mandel

Second: Geevers

RCV: Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel

Aye Stevens

Aye Whitfield

Aye Gawas

President Gawas called for a vote to confirm the election of Mr. Whitfield as Human Relations Council Liaison.

RCV: Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel

Aye Stevens

Aye Whitfield

Aye Gawas

NOMINATION OF PARKING AUTHORITY LIAISON

President Gawas called for nominations for Parking Authority Liaison.

Mr. Stevens nominated Ms. Geevers to serve as Parking Authority Liaison.

Ms. Mandel seconded the nomination.

President Gawas asked for any further nominations. Seeing none, she asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion to close nominations: Mandel

Second: Stevens

RCV: Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel

Aye Stevens

Aye Whitfield

Aye Gawas

President Gawas called for a vote to confirm the election of Ms. Geevers as Parking Authority Liaison.

RCV: Aye Geevers
Aye Mandel
Aye Stevens
Aye Whitfield
Aye Gawas

NOMINATION OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION LIAISON

President Gawas called for nominations for Shade Tree Commission Liaison.

Mr. Whitfield nominated Mr. Stevens to serve as Shade Tree Commission Liaison.

Ms. Mandel seconded the nomination.

President Gawas asked for any further nominations. Seeing none, she asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion to close nominations: Geevers
Second: Whitfield

RCV: Aye Geevers
Aye Mandel
Aye Stevens
Aye Whitfield
Aye Gawas

President Gawas called for a vote to confirm the election of Mr. Stevens as Shade Tree Commission Liaison.

RCV: Aye Geevers
Aye Mandel
Aye Stevens
Aye Whitfield
Aye Gawas

NOMINATION OF SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON

President Gawas called for nominations for School Board Liaison.

Mr. Whitfield nominated Ms. Geevers to serve as School Board Liaison.

Ms. Mandel seconded the nomination.

President Gawas asked for any further nominations. Seeing none, she asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion to close nominations: Stevens

Second: Whitfield

RCV: Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel

Aye Stevens

Aye Whitfield

Aye Gawas

President Gawas called for a vote to confirm the election of Ms. Geevers as School Board Liaison.

RCV: Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel

Aye Stevens

Aye Whitfield

Aye Gawas

RESOLUTIONS

2022-R001 Regular Meetings for Calendar Year 2022

2022-R002 Legal Newspapers for Calendar Year 2022

2022-R003 Establishing Procedural Guidelines for the Council of West Windsor Township

2022-R004 Municipal Holidays for Calendar Year 2022

2022-R005 Cash Management Plan Authorization for West Windsor Township

- 2022-R006 Establishing the Rate of Interest Charged on Delinquent Taxes and 6% Year End Penalty
- 2022-R007 Authorizing the Cancellation of any Property Tax Refund or Delinquency less than \$10.00
- 2022-R008 Authorizing Temporary Municipal Budget Appropriations for 2022
- 2022-R009 Appointing Janis DiNatale as Affirmative Action Public Agency compliance Officer through December 2022
- 2022-R010 Authorizing the Reappointment of Michael Cerullo as a Member of the West Windsor Parking Authority with a Term to Expire on December 31, 2026
- 2022-R011 Authorizing the Reappointment of John Church as a Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment with a Term to Expire on December 31, 2025
- 2022-R012 Authorizing the Reappointment of Michael Garzio, as an Alternate 1 Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment with a Term to Expire on December 31, 2023
- 2022-R013 Authorizing the Reappointment of Eileen O'Donnell-Lennox as a Member of the Affordable Housing Committee with a Term to Expire on December 31, 2024
- 2022-R014 Authorizing the Reappointment of Douglas Tindall as a Member of the Agricultural Advisory Committee with a Term to Expire on December 31, 2024
- 2022-R015 Authorizing the Reappointment of Henry Hsiao as a Student Member of the Human Relations Council with a Term to Expire on December 31, 2023
- 2022-R016 Authorizing the Reappointment of Dr. Ephraim Buhks as a Member of the Human Relations Council with a Term to Expire on December 31, 2023
- 2022-R017 Authorizing the Reappointment of Jyotima Prasad as a Member of the Human Relations Council with a Term to Expire on December 31, 2023

- 2022-R018 Authorizing the Reappointment of Kevin Appelget as an Advisor on the Shade Tree Commission with a Term to Expire on December 31, 2022
- 2022-R019 Authorizing the Appointment of Paul Pitluk as an Advisor on the Shade Tree Commission with a Term to Expire on December 31, 2022
- 2022-R020 Authorizing the Appointment of Dana Garcia as a Member on the Shade Tree Commission with a Term to Expire on December 31, 2026
- 2022-R021 Authorizing the Reappointment of Miguel Vilaro-Munet as Township Representative to the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority

President Gawas asked if anyone on Council wanted to pull any of the Resolutions.

Ms. Geevers made a motion to pull Resolution 2022-R003 for discussion.

Motion to approve resolutions 2022-R001 through 2022-R021, excluding resolution 2022-R003: Stevens

Second: Mandel

RCV: Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel

Aye Stevens

Aye Whitfield

Aye Gawas

A discussion ensued among Council members regarding resolution 2022-R003. All Council Members agreed to amend the resolution to keep agenda item #16 as Council reports/discussion/New Business.

Motion to approve resolution 2022-R003 as amended: Geevers

Second: Mandel

RCV: Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel

Aye Stevens

Aye Whitfield

Aye Gawas

BILLS AND CLAIMS

Motion to approve: Geevers

Second: Stevens

RCV: Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel

Aye Stevens

Aye Whitfield

Aye Gawas

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, congratulated all of the newly elected officials.

Ms. Tirza Wahrman, 5 Stonelea Drive, congratulated Dr. Hemant Marathe on his election as Mayor, and Ms. Linda Geevers and Mr. Martin Whitfield on their election to Council. She expressed her concern for the preliminary concept plans for warehouse development on the property owned by Atlantic Realty.

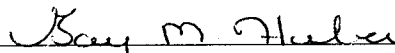
ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Geevers

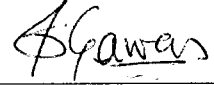
Second: Stevens

VV: All approved

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.



Gay M. Huber
Township Clerk
West Windsor Township



Sonia Gawas
Council President
West Windsor Township

List of Bills - (100001) CASH - PNC - CURRENT DISBURSEMENTS CURRENT FUND

Meeting Date: 01/03/2022 For bills from 12/20/2021 to 01/02/2022

Check#	Vendor	Description	Account	PO Payment	Check Total
78635	168 - MID JERSEY MUN. JOINT INS FUND	2022 INSURANCE - DUE 1/1/22 WORKER'S COM	193,582.00	193,582.00	
78636	2318 - PROVIDENT AGENCY INC.	2022 EMERGENCY SERVICES INVOICE #61131	13,318.00	13,318.00	
TOTAL					----- 206,900.00
Total to be paid from Fund 10 CURRENT FUND		206,900.00			
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