

The Township Committee of the Township of Raritan met on December 15, 2016 at the Municipal Building, One Municipal Drive, Flemington, New Jersey

**MEETING
CALLED**

Mayor Gilbert called the regular meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following were present: Mayor Karen Gilbert, Deputy Mayor Michael Mangin Comm. Richard Chen, Comm. Craig O'Brien and Comm. Louis Reiner. Also present were Acting Township Administrator Don Hutchins, and Acting Township Clerk William Bray.

**MEETING
ADVERTISED**

Mayor Gilbert advised that the meeting was noticed on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016 by providing notice to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Star Ledger, Courier-News, Trenton Times and Express Times in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and posted on the office bulletin board and the Township Website.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Gilbert asked all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag and to remain standing for a Moment of Silence to remember our Men and Women serving in the Armed Forces and in Particular Those Serving in Troubled Areas Around the World.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

It is the policy of the Township Committee that all public comments on an issue shall be limited to three minutes per person. Public comment shall be permitted on items of concern regarding the agenda only. In addition, time will be allotted at the end of the meeting for public comment on any issue.

2017 Board and Committee Appointments Mayor Gilbert asked the Committee to begin the discussion with the 2017 Mayoral Appointment. Comm. Reiner told the Committee that he supports Mayor Gilbert for reappointment. Comm. Mangin seconded the comments of Comm. Reiner. Mayor Gilbert told the Committee that she does not take the position lightly and did not expect reappointment. Mayor Gilbert asked for the support of the other members. Mayor Gilbert proposed Comm. Mangin continue as Deputy Mayor. Comm. Reiner told the Committee he supports Comm. Mangin for Deputy Mayor.

Professional Appointments Mayor Gilbert told the Committee the professional appointments are complete.

Agriculture Advisory Board Mayor Gilbert told the Committee a replacement may be needed for Mr. Bowlby. Mayor Gilbert said Mr. Bowlby may have a conflict because he wants to preserve his farm. Mr. Bray told the Committee that he spoke with Mr. Bowlby and he said he'd like to step down to avoid a conflict. Mr. Bray told the Committee that Mr. Bowlby suggested Tom Zeng.

Alternate Prosecutor Comm. Mangin recommended Steven Farsiou to be the Alternate Prosecutor. It was the consensus of the Committee to nominate Mr. Farsiou.

Board of Adjustment Mayor Gilbert told the Committee there are two alternate members needed. Comm. Reiner told the Committee that Tom Smith is interested in a seat on the Board of Adjustment. Comm. Reiner told the Committee he would ask Kevin Kuhl to speak with Mr. Smith.

Board of Health Mayor Gilbert told the Committee Former Township Clerk and Board of Health Secretary Rose Sollena is excited to be appointed to the board.

Environmental Commission Mayor Gilbert told the Committee that Ray Simonds reached out to Nicholas Tauriello to discuss his interested in serving. Comm. Chen asked if Steve Della Vella is being considered. Mayor Gilbert said he is as an alternate. Mayor Gilbert asked if anyone had an objection to appointing Mr. Della Vella. There were no objections.

Open Space Mayor Gilbert told the Committee that Gary Hazard is stepping down. Comm. O'Brien nominated Ryan Edge. Mayor Gilbert asked if there were any objections to Ryan Edge. The Committee came to a consensus to appoint Ryan Edge.

Planning Board Comm. Reiner asked which seats are mayoral appointments. Mr. Bray told the Committee that the Class III member is the only Committee appointment. Mayor Gilbert said Joel Throne is not being reappointed.

RTMUA Mayor Gilbert told the Committee one candidate did not respond. Mayor Gilbert shared the resume of Valerie Robitzski. Mayor Gilbert asked the Committee to contact Ms. Robitzski with any questions they have.

Mr. Bray told the Committee that he received a volunteer application from Jeff Donaldson.

Board of Adjustment Mayor Gilbert suggested Kevin Kuhl reach out to Tom Smith and Jeff Donaldson for the alternate positions and the commitment it requires.

Flemington-Raritan Parks and Recreation Mayor Gilbert told the Committee that Tim McCarthy is interested. Mayor Gilbert told the Committee that Ray Simonds is also interested. Mayor Gilbert asked if anyone objected to Mr. Simonds. There were no objections. Mayor Gilbert said she would appoint Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Simonds.

Hunterdon Senior Services Mayor Gilbert asked Mr. Bray to contact Jayne Gilbert to ask if she wants to be reappointed. Mr. Bray said he would.

County Solid Waste Advisory Council Mayor Gilbert told the Committee that Ray Simonds would like to be reappointed.

Senior Protected Tenancy Mr. Bray told the Committee that no appointment is required and the position is held by default by the Township Clerk.

Green Team Mr. Hutchins asked the Committee if they want to continue to have a Green Team. Comm. Reiner asked what benefit does it bring the Township. Comm. Mangin said having a Team makes the Township eligible for certain grants. Mayor Gilbert said there is no harm in having the Green Team.

Alternate Prosecutor Comm. O'Brien asked for the individuals who conducted the Prosecutor interviews to review and approve Steven Farsiou. Mayor Gilbert said Mr. O'Brien could reach out to Chief Tabasko.

Mayor Gilbert asked the Committee had any further items to review. There were no items. Mayor Gilbert reviewed the decisions made on appointments.

Meeting adjourned at: 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

William Bray
Acting Township Clerk