

BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE
Mayor and Council Reorganization Meeting
January 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

STATEMENT OF PRESIDING OFFICER

Notice of this meeting was provided to the Bernardsville News, Courier-News, Star Ledger, filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk, and posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board on December 12, 2017.

OATHS OF OFFICE & PRESENTATIONS

Oaths of Office were administered by Steve Peter, Somerset County Clerk, to Council Members Elect Thomas O'Dea, Jr. and Christine Zamarra, who will serve three year terms expiring December 31, 2020. Mayor Sooy read a proclamation in honor of Kathleen Palmer, who was named 2017 Volunteer of the Year. Mayor Sooy read a proclamation for Brownie Troop 63318. Mayor Sooy read a proclamation honoring Peter Birnbaum for his years of service on council and various committees. Mayor Sooy mentioned that William Youngblood could not be present but a proclamation was done honoring his years of service on council and various committees.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kevin Sooy. Present were Council Members Jeffrey J. DeLeo, Michael dePoortere, Thomas O'Dea, Jr., Michael Sullivan, and Christine Zamarra. Chris Schmidt was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

Mayor Sooy gave the Mayor's Annual Address.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Sooy's appointments were as follows: **Planning Board**, Karen Gardner and Hal Simoff, Class IV Member, 4 years, Jeff Horowitz, Class I Member, and Bonnie Stone Sellers, Class II Member. **Environmental Commission**, Paula Stuart, Chair for 2018, and Johanna Wissinger and Rosalie Ballantine, 3 year terms. **Historic Preservation Advisory Committee**, Gerry Jo Cranmer and Eileen Grippo for 4 years, Margaret Fitzpatrick, Alternate #1 for 2 years. **Shade Tree Advisory Committee**, Barbara Mayurnik, Johanna Wissinger, and Joe Latino for 4 years. **Library Board of Trustees**, Thomas O'Dea as Mayor's Alternate. **Somerset County Wastewater Management Plan Committee**, Mayor Sooy, John Macdowall and Bob Brightly. **Municipal Alliance & Youth Services** appointments were announced, as follows: Coleen Butler, Lisa Drew, Marcy Craver, Chris Habermas, Emily Pike, Kevin Valentine, Cheryl Ferrante and Mayor Sooy. **OEM Deputy Coordinators**: Brian Kelly and John Orfan. **Local Emergency Planning Committee**: Kevin Sooy, Ralph Maresca, Rebecca Baranowski, Kevin Valentine, John Remian, Brian Kelly, John Macdowall,

John Orfan, Glenn Miller , Joseph Rossi, Lucy Forgione, Dr. Francis Wood, Cheryl Ferrante, Janet Murnick, and Steve Schwed.

RESOLUTIONS

- #18- 1 **COUNCIL CONFIRMATION OF THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS**
- #18- 2 **ORGANIZATION OF BOROUGH COUNCIL**
- #18- 3 **BOROUGH COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS AND/OR APPOINTMENTS OR
NOMINATIONS TO SOMERSET COUNTY OFFICES**
- #18- 4 **APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES**
- #18- 5 **AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES APPOINTMENTS AND
CONTRACTS**
- #18- 6 **AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS/CONTRACTS FOR
EXTRAORDINARY, UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES**
- #18- 7 **MEMORIALIZING THE 2018 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**
- #18- 8 **AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR SUPPLIES &
SERVICES**
- #18- 9 **ADOPTING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN**
- #18-10 **AUTHORIZATION FOR INVESTMENTS**
- #18-11 **DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES AND SIGNATORIES**
- #18-12 **AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**
- #18-13 **SETTING RATE OF INTEREST ON 2018 DELINQUENT TAXES, SERVICE
CHARGES FOR CHECKS RETURNED FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS, AND
CHARGES FOR DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATES**
- #18-14 **TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR OPERATING PURPOSES**
- #18-15 **APPROVING TEMPORARY BUDGET LINE ITEMS**
- #18-16 **ADOPTING POLICE DEPARTMENT RULES & REGULATIONS**

#18-17 **DESIGNATING WRECKER SERVICES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#18-18 **DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS**

#18-19 **AUTHORIZING AN EXCHANGE OF CERTAIN HOLIDAYS**

Mr. dePoortere moved adoption of Resolutions #18-1 through #18-19. Mr. DeLeo seconded the motion, which was approved upon a call of the roll. Council Members DeLeo, dePoortere, O'Dea, Sullivan, and Zamarra voted yes. Mr. Schmidt was absent.

TIME CAPSULE

The following letter, dated July 18, 1977, is passed on in the public record, as requested by the Bernardsville Shade Tree Commission (now Shade Tree Committee), membership consisted of John Edmonds, Chair, Victoria D. Schmidt, John Croot, Marty Craig and Basrbara Heckman:

To the Mayor of Bernardsville and Members of the Borough Council:

With the recent restoration of the borough pond, it has been possible to complete the Time Capsule Project by imbedding the capsule in concrete at the base of the Bicentennial Liberty Tree. This tree, a red oak, was planted on April 17, 1976, at a point about 108 feet from the northeast corner of the Borough Hall Building. A plaque is affixed to the top of the concrete marker which reads:

*1776 - 1976
Bicentennial Liberty Tree
Bernardsville
Shade Tree Commission
April 17, 1976*

Information concerning the Time Capsule and its contents are contained in the accompanying envelope addressed to the residents of Bernardsville in the year 2076. Another copy, the original, has been placed in the Time Capsule itself.

It is the wish of the members of the Shade Tree Commission (1976-1977) that this letter be passed on from year to year on January 1 during the swearing in ceremonies of each new council through the year 2076. At that time, during the Tricentennial Celebration of our country, the Time Capsule (see attached plans) is to be broken open for the residents to examine the items we have assembled which reflect the life and times of the Bicentennial Year.

OPEN SESSION

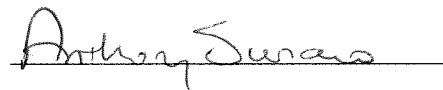
Mayor Sooy read the statement listed below and opened the meeting to the public.

At this point in the meeting, the Mayor & Council welcome comments from any member of the public. To help facilitate an orderly meeting and to permit the opportunity for anyone who wishes to be heard, speakers shall limit their comments to 5 minutes. If reading from a prepared statement, please provide a copy and email a copy to the Clerk's Office after making your comments so it may be properly reflected in the minutes.

Alice Struble, Old Army Road, said there are regulations regarding school bus routes which do not allow them on Old Fort Road, yet she and others have observed school buses using that road. Mr. dePoortere suggested telling a nearby crossing guard to get the number of the school bus and call it into the police department.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. dePoortere moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Mr. DeLeo seconded the motion, which was approved with five yes votes.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Anthony DeLeo", is written over a horizontal line.

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