



BOROUGH OF ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS  
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

# REORGANIZATION MEETING

## JANUARY 1, 2012

The Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council, of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands, was held on January 01, 2012 in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 100 First Avenue Atlantic Highlands NJ.

Mayor Rast called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Mr. Harris stated that notice of this meeting has been transmitted to the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times, continuously posted in the Borough Hall on a bulletin board reserved for such announcements, and filed with the Municipal Clerk of Atlantic Highlands, on 1/04/2011. He read the "Open Public Meetings Act" compliance statement and stated that formal action would be taken.

Rev. Michael Riley from the Atlantic Highlands Presbyterian Church offered an opening prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **THE OATH OF OFFICE WAS ADMINISTERED TO THE ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

Retired Colonel and Superior Court Judge, Richard Plechner administered the oath of office to Mayor Rast. He was joined by his grandchildren. Mayor Rast thanked the people of Atlantic Highlands for having enough faith in him to re-elect him.

Council member John Archibald, Jr. was administered the oath of office by Senator Joseph Kyrillos. He was joined by his son John and his father John.

Council member Peter T. Doyle was administered the oath of office by Senator Joseph Kyrillos. He was joined by his friend Barbara.

Mayor Rast acknowledges the honored guest present today, Senator Joseph Kyrillos, Assemblyman Declan O'Scanlon, Freeholder Lillian Burry, Freeholder Arnone, Sherriff Golden and Freeholder Gary Rich.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Archibald Jr. John, Dellosso Roy, Doyle Peter T., Fligor Lou, Hoffmann Jacob, Sutton Robert, Mayor Rast, III Frederick J.

### **CERTIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESULTS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTIONS:**

Thomas Porter, Chief, Scott Burbank, Deputy Chief, Chris Vasto, Captain

Motion moved by Fligor Lou, Seconded by Dellosso, Roy.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Rast Administered the Oath of office to Chris Vasto, who was joined by his wife Magic and father Butch Vasto.

Mayor Rast Administered the oath of office to Deputy Chief Scott Burbank who was joined by his wife Amanda and his two sons, who are also firefighters.

Mayor Rast administered the oath of office to Fire Chief Thomas Porter who was joined by his wife Liz, his son and daughter and his mother.

Mayor Rast administered the oath of office to the elected Lieutenants of the Atlantic Highlands they were joined by Chief Porter.

Chief Porter made a presentation to the outgoing Chief Russell Mount, thanking him for two years of service as Chief.

**RESOLUTION 001-2012, ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT-JACOB HOFFMANN**

Approval was Moved by John Archibald, Seconded by Lou Fligor.

Roll Call:

AYES: Archibald Jr. John, Dellosso Roy, Doyle Peter T., Fligor Lou, Sutton Robert.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Hoffmann Jacob

Mayor Rast administered the Oath of office to Council President Jacob Hoffmann who was joined by his wife Veronica and daughter Sandra.

**RESOLUTION 002-2012, APPOINTMENT-MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY-BERNARD REILLY, ESQ.**

Approval was Moved by Archibald Jr. John, Seconded by Hoffmann Jacob.

Roll Call:

AYES: Archibald Jr. John, Dellosso Roy, Doyle Peter T., Fligor Lou, Hoffmann Jacob, Sutton Robert.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

**RESOLUTION 003-2012, CONTINUING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR-ADAM HUBENY**

Approval was Moved by Dellosso Roy, Seconded by Archibald Jr. John.

Roll Call:

AYES: Archibald Jr. John, Dellosso Roy, Doyle Peter T., Fligor Lou, Hoffmann Jacob, Sutton Robert.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

**RESOLUTION 004-2012, APPOINTMENT-AUDITOR-THOMAS FALLON, RMA**

Approval was Moved by Dellosso Roy, Seconded by Fligor Lou.

Roll Call:

AYES: Archibald Jr. John, Dellosso Roy, Doyle Peter T., Fligor Lou, Hoffmann Jacob, Sutton Robert.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

**RESOLUTION 005-2012, APPOINTMENT –BOND COUNSEL-JOHN DRAIKOWITZ, ESQ.**

Approval was Moved by Archibald Jr. John, Seconded by Fligor Lou.

Roll Call:

AYES: Archibald Jr. John, Dellosso Roy, Doyle Peter T., Fligor Lou, Hoffmann Jacob, Sutton Robert.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

**RESOLUTION 006-2012, APPOINTMENT- MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR AND ALTERNATE-CHRISTINE GIORDANO HANLON, ESQ & JAMES BUTLER JR.**

Approval was Moved by Fligor Lou, Seconded by Archibald Jr. John.

Roll Call:

AYES: Archibald Jr. John, Dellosso Roy, Doyle Peter T., Fligor Lou, Hoffmann Jacob, Sutton Robert.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

**RESOLUTION 007-2012, AWARD CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL ON COAH MATTERS-JEFFREY SURENIAN, ESQ.**

Approval was Moved by Fligor Lou, Seconded by Dellosso Roy.

Roll Call:

AYES: Archibald Jr. John, Dellosso Roy, Doyle Peter T., Fligor Lou, Hoffmann Jacob, Sutton Robert.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

**RESOLUTION 008-2012, APPOINTMENT- PUBLIC DEFENDER-ARTHUR SORENSEN, ESQ.**

Approval was Moved by Archibald Jr. John, Seconded by Hoffmann Jacob.

Roll Call:

AYES: Archibald Jr. John, Dellosso Roy, Doyle Peter T., Fligor Lou, Hoffmann Jacob, Sutton Robert.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

**RESOLUTION 009-2012, APPOINTMENT-CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER-RICHARD RAST**

Approval was Moved by Sutton Robert , Seconded by Archibald Jr. John.

Roll Call:

AYES: Archibald Jr. John, Dellosso Roy, Doyle Peter T., Fligor Lou, Hoffmann Jacob, Sutton Robert.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

**MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:**

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION: NJSA 40:56A-1

CHAIR: James Krauss- 1 year, ending 12/31/12

REGULAR MEMBERS: - 3 years ending 12/31/14

James Krauss

William Kuzman – Planning Board Rep.

Don Gates

Theresa Radigan - 1 year vacant term – 12/31/2012

ALTERNATE #1 Brent Sonnek-Schmelz - 2 years, ending 12/31/13

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: 1 year, ending 12/31/12

Justin D'Aguzzo

SHADE TREE COMMISSION: NJSA 40:64-1

REGULAR MEMBER - 5years, ending 12/31/16

Mary Wall

Jennifer Marston - vacancy ending 12/31/2013

ALTERNATE #2 – Mary Thompson- 2 years, ending 12/31/13

ASSOCIATE MEMBER – 1 year ending 12/31/12

Billy Thorn

Daniel Lunney

PLANNING BOARD

Class I MEMBER:

Edward Kelly [Mayor's Designee] - 1 year, ending 12/31/12

Class II MEMBER

Martin Hawley - 1 year, ending 12/31/12

CLASS III MEMBER - COUNCIL MEMBER: [NOMINATED BY COUNCIL]

Louis Fligor– 1 year, ending 12/31/12

CLASS IV MEMBERS - 4 years, ending 12/31/15

Wilbur Bishof

Edward Cetron

ALTERNATE #2- Dave Ottignon- 2 years, ending 12/31/13

ALTERNATE #3 – Rich White - 2 years, ending 12/31/13

Atlantic Highlands Beautification and Public Relations Committee

Kimberly Spatola - Chair

Mary Wall

Regina Hawley-Keelen

Edward Cetron

Cindy Fligor

Michele Rast

Mary Thompson

Tracy White

Mayor's Committee on Senior Volunteerism and Support

Former Mayor Helen Marchetti, Co-Chair

Former Mayor Robert Schoeffling, Co-Chair

**CONSENT AGENDA:** These items were enacted by one motion. If detailed deliberation was desired on any item, Council may have removed that item from the consent agenda and considered it separately.

RESOLUTION 010-2012 APPOINTMENT-POLICE PHYSICIAN

RESOLUTION 011-2012, COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTION 012-2012, APPOINTMENT/ASSIGNMENT OF DUTIES - MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

RESOLUTION 013-2012, APPOINTMENTS - AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES

RESOLUTION 014-2012, COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2012-ANNUAL NOTICE

RESOLUTION 015-2012, DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

RESOLUTION 016-2012, APPROVING THE BOROUGH'S CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN

RESOLUTION 017-2012, SETTING GRACE PERIOD, TAX INTEREST RATES AND POLICY FOR 2012

RESOLUTION 018-2012, APPROVING THE TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR 2012

Approval was Moved by Archibald Jr. John, Seconded by Hoffmann Jacob.

Roll Call:

AYES: Archibald Jr. John, Dellosso Roy, Doyle Peter T., Fligor Lou, Hoffmann Jacob, Sutton Robert.

NAYS: None

**ORDINANCE 01-2012, ORDINANCE FIXING SALARY RANGES FOR 2012**

Councilman, Fligor Lou made a motion to introduce this Ordinance; it was seconded by Dellosso Roy

Roll Call:

AYES: Archibald Jr. John, Dellosso Roy, Doyle Peter T., Fligor Lou, Hoffmann Jacob, Sutton Robert.

NAYS: None

Public Hearing and Possible Adoption will be held on January 25, 2012 at 7:00pm.

## **MAYOR'S MESSAGE:**

### *1 January 2012 – Mayor Frederick J. Rast III Speech*

My dear friends, we are very lucky to be residents of Atlantic Highlands. Our town is truly the “Jewel of the Bayshore”. We have a lot to be thankful for. We live in one of the few communities that still have a walkable downtown and numerous recreation venues. This town is truly “small town USA”. We still have community events that bring together families in complete harmony with one another.

“Yes, things are expensive”, but things are good. At least we get the best bang for our buck that we can expect.

People say, you can always tell how good a community is to live in by the number of children and pets you see walking on Main Street. As a lifelong resident of town, nothing makes me happier than seeing families and their dogs continually walking our main street. New babies and puppies always are signs of a happy community.

When I hear people who think they are sophisticated and educated, (at least in their own minds), criticize our simple way of life or in a negative fashion call Atlantic Highlands, “Mayberry USA”, it makes me want to choke someone. When they say that it is not “chic” to respect GOD, our flag, our elderly citizens or our town’s history, it shows me actually how ignorant and phony they are.

I am proud to be part of a community that still feels it is good to attend religious services on Saturday or Sunday; fly our Nation’s flag not only on town property, but at many private homes; still has a parade on Memorial Day down First Avenue where you see almost everyone participating; still supports our Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts; and where many people are part of the volunteer Fire and First Aid Squad. I think it is great to block off traffic on our streets for block parties, chillifests, car shows, arts & crafts shows, haunted house tours, and bike races. I think it is wonderful that I can teach my grandchildren how to ride a 2 wheeler on the safe hiking and bike path from our Harbor to Highlands. I LOVE being able to take my kids and their kids to our fishing pier to go “Snapper fishing”.

I smile with pride to see grown men dressed up as silly Disney characters so they can walk their babies down First Avenue in the Halloween parade. Often they are also dragging their family German Sheppard, who I’m sure is embarrassed wearing rabbit ears and a bunny costume.

I love the fact that we still have a Christmas Tree Lighting in the center of town, still have Santa riding around town on a sled pulled by our First Aid Squad bringing so much joy to our beautiful children.

I am especially proud to be a member of a community that “cries” when a house fire takes the life of one our own. I am proud to be a member of a community where rich men, poor men, black, white, Christian, non Christian, have true respect and love for their neighbors. I am proud that no person needs to be in fear of walking our streets, unless they are walking our streets to do harm to our citizens.

I am also proud to be part of the governing body of this great town, a governing body that has put aside all political ambition and has worked side by side with our professional town employees to keep Atlantic Highlands as great as it truly is!

We have accomplished a lot over the last four years and will continue to make all of our citizens proud of the job we will do over the next four years. I pray that the team we have been so successful with these past four years will continue as a working team for the next four years.

We have been the governing body during one of the most trying times in our history and have managed to keep our town fairly safe from financial harm!

Today we are celebrating the start of a new year “2012”. We have a new and beautiful Borough Hall and library to go forward with. Today we have thoughts of future prosperity for our home town. We all must work together to build up our town and the “Hell” with those that want to run it down.

Thank you and God bless you and your families, our town, our State and this Great Nation.

Adjourn - Benediction - Rev. William Dunlap – St. Agnes Church

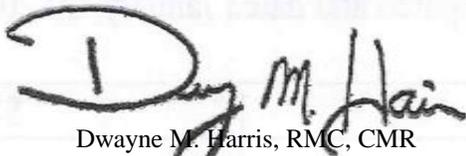
**Motion to Adjourn, [1:58pm] Moved by Dellosso Roy , Seconded by Sutton Robert .**  
Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was offered by Councilman R Sutton to approve these minutes. It was duly seconded by Councilman L Fligor

This motion was passed by the following vote:

<b>Ayes:</b>	Councilman J Archibald, Councilman P Doyle, Councilman L Fligor, Councilman J Hoffmann and Councilman R Sutton (5)
<b>Nays:</b>	None (0)
<b>Abstain:</b>	Councilman R Dellosso (1)
<b>Absent:</b>	None (0)

I, Dwayne M, Harris, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, hereby certify this to be the action of the Governing Body at its meeting held January 25, 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dwayne M. Harris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dwayne M. Harris, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk