

DOWNE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2014
7:00 P.M.

The Downe Township Committee met in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. John G. Carr, Municipal Solicitor presided. Committee members present were Christine Wilford, Dennis Cook and Robert Campbell. Committeeman Edward Bart was absent.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / STATEMENT
REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Municipal Solicitor Carr called the meeting to order; led the Pledge of Allegiance and stated that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE

Dennis M. Cook was sworn into office by John Carr, Municipal Solicitor, and will serve as a member of the Downe Township Committee for a three (3) year term (2014 – 2016).

Larry M. Jordan, Sr. was sworn into office by John Carr, Municipal Solicitor, and will serve as a member of the Downe Township Committee for a three (3) year term (2014 – 2016).

NOMINATION/APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR BY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Wilford to nominate/appoint Robert G. Campbell, Mayor of the Township of Downe for the year 2014. There were no other nominations.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE

John Carr, Municipal Solicitor, administered the Oath of Office to Robert G. Campbell, Mayor, for the year 2014.

NOMINATION/APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR BY TOWNSHIP
COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Wilford and seconded by Campbell to nominate/appoint Dennis Cook, Deputy Mayor of the Township of Downe for the year 2014. There were no other nominations.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE

John Carr, Municipal Solicitor, administered the Oath of Office to Dennis Cook, Deputy Mayor, for the year 2014.

ROLL CALL OF 2014 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Present – Jordan, Wilford, Cook, Campbell

Absent - Bart

PRESENTATION

Meghan Wren presented Mayor Campbell with a Superstorm Sandy Hero Award and thanked him for his efforts and leadership relative to Superstorm Sandy. Mayor Campbell graciously accepted the award and thanked and recognized fellow Committee Members as well.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Wilford and seconded by Cook, to adopt the following resolutions via consent agenda. Mayor Campbell stated that all fees for the professionals will remain the same as 2013, no increases.

Roll Call: Aye – Jordan, Wilford, Cook, Campbell

Nay - 0

Absent - Bart

- R-01-2014 *Appointing John G. Carr, Esquire The Municipal Solicitor For A One (1) Year Term*
- R-02-2014 *Appointing David Battistini, PE, CME The Municipal Engineer For A One (1) Year Term*
- R-03-2014 *Appointing David Battistini, PE, CME The Stormwater Manager For A One (1) Year Term*
- R-04-2014 *Designating David Battistini, PE, CME As Public Agency Compliance Officer For A One (1) Year Term*
- R-05-2014 *Appointing A Registered Municipal Accountant For A One (1) Year Term*
- R-06-2014 *Appointing Bond Counsel For A One (1) Year Term*
- R-07-2014 *Appointing A Risk Management Consultant For The Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund*
- R-08-2014 *Designating The Primary Care Providers For Emergency Medical Service Calls Within The Township Of Downe For 2013 As Downe Township Emergency Medical Services, Inc.*
- R-09-2014 *Appointing Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner*
- R-10-2014 *Appointing Safety Coordinator For The Municipal Joint Insurance Fund*
- R-11-2014 *Appointing Tax Map Maintenance Engineer For A One (1) Year Term*
- R-12-2014 *Appointments For The Township Of Downe For A One (1) Year Term*
- R-13-2014 *Appointments To The Planning Board*

- R-14-2014 *Designating Municipal Depositories For The Township Of Downe*
R-15-2014 *Cash Management Plan*
R-16-2014 *Authorizing Dog Account Change Fund Of \$20.00 For The Municipal Clerk's Office*
R-17-2014 *Authorizing A Change Fund Of \$100.00 For The Tax Collector's Office*
R-18-2014 *Fixing The Delinquency Rate And Penalty And Enforcement On Delinquent Taxes And Assessments*
R-19-2014 *2014 Temporary Budget*
R-20-2014 *Approving An Agreement With Downe Township Seniors, Inc. And The Township Of Downe To Use The Premises For Public Purpose And Authorizing The Mayor And Municipal Clerk To Execute The Agreement*
R-21-2014 *Establishing Meeting Dates For The Township Of Downe Township*
R-22-2014 *Designating Official Newspapers For The Township Of Downe*

PUBLIC COMMENT

On a motion by Wilford and seconded by Cook, the meeting was opened to the public for comment.

Vote: All in favor

David Battistini, Municipal Engineer, congratulated those elected to the Township Committee and thanked the Mayor and Township Committee for his reappointment in various capacities. He also informed those in attendance that Mayor Campbell received another award last November at the League of Municipalities Convention. The American Public Works Association honored the Mayor for his dedication and support relative to Public Works. He went on say how devoted Mayor Campbell is to the Township and how much time, effort and energy he puts in, almost above and beyond the call of duty. Lastly, he asked that everyone pray for NO STORMS!

Phil Tomlinson, South Jersey Times – Reporter, asked about the delinquency rate for taxes and the amount of the 2014 Temporary Budget. The Municipal Clerk confirmed that the delinquency rate shall not exceed 8% per annum on the first \$1500 of the delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1500. The amount of the 2014 Temporary Budget is \$252,336.

DelBay Briggs, Money Island, asked if a museum can be built about ancient Greek history...the ancient Gods Poseidon and Zeus, etc. Mayor Campbell responded that it can be talked about.

Jesse Briggs, Money Island, asked about the lack of Roll Calls relative to the nominations for Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Solicitor Carr, hearing no other nominations, felt the vote was clear but was not opposed to going back and taking Roll Calls. The Township Committee was agreeable to address the Roll Calls after the Public Comment segment.

Mike Dudo, Raybin's Beach, asked for the status of the road being repaired. Mayor Campbell responded that he has been down there, understands the problem and committed that Public Works will address the poor road conditions tomorrow.

There being no further comments from the public, the segment was closed on a motion by Wilford and seconded by Cook.

Vote: All in favor

ROLL CALLS

As pertains to the nomination of Robert G. Campbell as Mayor for the year 2014.

Roll Call: Aye – Jordan, Wilford, Cook, Campbell
Nay – 0
Absent – Bart

As pertains to the nomination of Dennis M. Cook as Deputy Mayor for the year 2014.

Roll Call: Aye – Jordan, Wilford, Cook, Campbell
Nay – 0
Absent – Bart

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Committee will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

OTHER - RECOGNITION

Committeewoman Wilford thanked Meghan Wren for the positive recognition she brought to the Township of Downe in accomplishing her amazing swim across the Delaware Bay.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Wilford and seconded by Cook.

Vote: All in favor



Constance S. Garton
Municipal Clerk