

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
2023 REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2023**

1. WELCOME

2. REORGANIZATION MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.

Everett Falt called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

3. THIS MEETING WAS ADVERTISED IN THE DAILY RECORD AND THE STAR LEDGER, THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY, ON DECEMBER 1, 2022 AND NOVEMBER 26, 2022 RESPECTIVELY. NOTICE WAS POSTED ON THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN BOARDS OF ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP, THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE, AND NOTICE WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.

Everett Falt led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Mr. Falt announced a moment of silence to remember the service and sacrifices of the Armed Service Members who protect our nation and the first responders who protect our neighborhoods.

5. Rabbi Asher Herson, from the Chabad Center, presented the Invocation and gifted the Township with a charity box.

6. ROLL CALL

Councilman Quinn, Councilman Friedlander, Councilman Brookes, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Salberg, Councilwoman Brookes, Councilman Sackett, and Councilman Kritz were present. Also present were Mayor Joe Jackson, Township Counsel John Iacifano, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Lisa Palmieri, Purchasing Agent, Bryan Coward, Chief Engineer Allison Ferrante, Health Officer Peter Tabbot, Police Chief Martin McParland, DPW Supervisor Al Knoth, Dave Dyer, Recreation Director, and Water Superintendent Ryan Furrey.

7. ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Everett Falt called for a motion to nominate Council President. Councilman Quinn made a motion to nominate Howard Kritz; Councilman Salberg seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote AYE Councilman Brookes, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Salberg, Councilwoman Brookes, Councilman Quinn, Councilman Kritz

NAY Councilman Friedlander, Councilman Sackett

With 6 ayes and 2 nays, the motion carried.

8. MAYOR ADMINISTERS OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor Jackson swore in Council President Kritz.

9. President Kritz began to preside over the meeting and gave his address.

10. ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT

President Kritz called for a motion to nominate Council Vice President. Councilwoman Noon nominated Councilman Quinn; Councilman Salberg seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote AYE - Councilman Friedlander, Councilman Brookes, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Salberg, Councilman Sackett, Councilman Quinn, President Kritz

NAY - Councilwoman Brookes

With 7 ayes and 1 nay, the motion passed.

11. MAYOR ADMINISTERS OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT

Vice President Quinn was sworn in by Mayor Jackson.

12. MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Mayor Jackson discussed Township his achievements in 2022 and goals for 2023.

13. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Jackson announced Committee appointments and reappointments for 2023.

A. Clean Communities Coordinator – 1 year term ending 12/31/2023:

Cara Sileno

B. Recycling Coordinator – 1 year term ending 12/31/2023:

Al Knoth

- C. Community Development and Revenue Sharing Committee – 1 year term ending 12/31/2023:**
 - i. Regular Member:**
Peter Tabbot
 - ii. Alternate Member:**
Howard Kritz
- D. Planning Board:**
 - i. Class I Member – 1year term ending 12/31/202,**
Mayor Joe Jackson
 - ii. Class II Member – 1 year term ending 12/31/2023:**
Captain Robert Scherr (Employee)
 - iii. Class IV Member – 4 year term ending 12/31/2027:**
Douglas Romain
 - iv. Alternate – 2 year term ending 12/31/2024:**
Laura Schievella^{1st}
 - v. 2nd Alternate – 1 year term ending 12/31/2023: Vacant**
- E. Shade Tree Commission – 1 year term ending 12/31/2023:**
Deborah Harrington, Kevin Kasko, Vacant, Vacant, Vacant
- F. Environmental Advisory Committee – 1 year term ending 12/31/2023:**
Gerald Appelbaum, Judith Brown, Mark Hiler, Douglas Bratton, Yonginder Gupta, Erin Dekorte, Vacant
- G. Municipal Alliance Committee – 1 year term ending 12/31/2023:**
Susan Gaeb, Brenda Budd
- H. Emergency Management – 1-year term expiring 12/31/2023**
 - i. Captain Scherr – Coordinator**
 - ii. Chief Martin McParland – First Deputy**
 - iii. Bert Parks – Second Deputy**
- I. Safety Delegate**
 - i. Chief Martin McParland**
 - ii. Captain Paul Reilly**
- J. Local Emergency Planning Council – 3-Year Term expiring 12/31/2025**
 - i. Mayor**
 - ii. Business Administrator**
 - iii. Emergency Management Coordinator**
 - iv. Deputy OEM**
 - v. Deputy OEM (2)**
 - vi. Council President**
 - vii. Council Vice President**
 - viii. Township Engineer**
 - ix. Township Construction Official**

- x. Director Public Works
- xi. Chief Financial Officer
- xii. Township Clerk
- xiii. Fire Prevention Bureau
- xiv. Fire Chief
- xv. Superintendent of Water & Sewer
- xvi. Police Auxiliary
- xvii. Township Attorney
- xviii. Supt. Rockaway Township Public Schools
- xix. Transportation Supervisor to School Board
- xx. Radio Officers (RACES)
- xxi. Howmet Industry Representatives
- xxii. Morris Chapter Red Cross Liaison
- xxiii. Tilcon New York Representative
- xxiv. Fire Chief Picatinny Arsenal
- xxv. Rockaway Townsquare Mall Liaison
- xxvi. Star Ledger Representative

14. COUNCIL PRESIDENT APPOINTMENT

Council President Kritz announced Committee appointments and reappointments for 2023.

A. Council Liaisons – 1 year term ending 12/31/2023:

- i. Board of Education – Regional:**
Douglas Brookes
- ii. Board of Education – Local:**
Rachael Brookes
- iii. Citizen’s Recreation Committee:**
Jack Quinn
- iv. Citizen’s Recreation Committee, Alternate:**
Howard Kritz
- v. County Commissioners:**
Adam Salberg
- vi. County Commissioners, Alternate:**
Pawel Wojtowicz
- vii. Historical Society**
Emanuel Friedlander
- viii. Library Board of Trustees:**
Emanuel Friedlander
- ix. Library Board of Trustees, Alternate:**
Jonathan Sackett

- x. **Morris Council on Older Persons:**
Mary Noon, Howard Kritz
- xi. **Municipal Alliance Committee:**
Emanuel Friedlander
- xii. **Senior Citizens:**
Jonathan Sackett, Jack Quinn, Emanuel Friedlander
- xiii. **Local Emergency Planning Council:**
Pawel Wojtowicz, Jonathan Sackett, Douglas Brookes
- xiv. **Vehicle Review Committee:**
Jack Quinn (Chair), Adam Salberg, Mary Noon,
- xv. **Ordinance Committee:**
Rachael Brookes (Chair), Jonathan Sackett, Douglas Brookes

15. APPOINTMENTS:

A. R-23-02 MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT WITH ADVICE & CONSENT OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Councilman Sackett asked for clarification regarding appointments for Township Attorney and Municipal Prosecutor. Mayor Jackson provided clarification.

Mayor Jackson announced appointments and reappointments for Affordable Housing Liaison, Township Attorney, Labor Council, Bond Council, Municipal Prosecutor, Public Defender, Citizens’ Recreation Committee, Conflict Council, and Department Heads.

President Kritz called for a motion to approve the resolution- Vice President Quinn provided said motion, with Councilwoman Brookes seconding.

Councilman Sackett requested that Township Attorney and Municipal Prosecutor be pulled for a separate vote.

Roll Call Vote AYE- Councilman Brookes, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Salberg, Councilwoman Brookes, Councilman Sackett, Vice President Quinn, President Kritz

NAY None

With 8 ayes and 0 nays, the resolution passed.

President Kritz called for a motion to approve the appointments for Township Counsel & the Township Prosecutor- Councilman Quinn provided said motion, with Councilwoman Noon seconding.

Roll Call Vote AYE- Councilman Brookes, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Salberg, Councilwoman Brookes, Vice President Quinn, President Kritz

NAY- Councilman Sackett

ABSTAIN - Councilman Friedlander

With 6 ayes, 1 nay and 1 abstention, the motion passed.

B. R-23-03 TOWNSHIP COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

President Kritz announced appointments and reappointments for the Auditor, Board of Adjustment, Planning Board, and Community Development and Revenue Sharing Committee. He called for a motion to approve the resolution R-23-03, which was provided by Vice President Quinn. Councilman Salberg seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote AYE - Councilman Friedlander, Councilman Brookes, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Salberg, Councilman Sackett, Councilwoman Brookes, Vice President Quinn, President Kritz

NAY None

With 8 ayes and 0 nays, the resolution passed.

16. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. December 13, 2022 – Regular Meeting

President Kritz called for a motion to approve the December 13, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Vice President Quinn provided said motion, with Councilman Friedlander seconding.

Roll Call Vote AYE - Councilman Friedlander, Councilman Brookes, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Salberg, Councilman Sackett, Councilwoman Brookes, Vice President Quinn, President Kritz

NAY – None

With 8 ayes and 0 nays, the motion passed.

17. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

President Kritz advised residents to keep their comments to 3 minutes. Several residents came forward to wish the Council a Happy New Year and discuss various issues. Assemblywoman Dunn came forward to wish the Township a successful year ahead.

18. ORDINANCES TO INTRODUCE:

- A. O-23-01** ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE INTERIOR RESTORATION AND ROOF REPLACEMENT OF THE FORD-FAESCH HOUSE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$179,272 THEREFOR CONSTITUTING PROCEEDS OF A GRANT FROM THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY.

President Kritz called for a motion to introduce the Ordinance 23-01. Vice President Quinn provided said motion, with Councilman Friedlander seconding.

Roll Call Vote AYE- Councilman Friedlander, Councilman Brookes, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Salberg, Councilman Sackett, Councilwoman Brookes, Vice President Quinn, President Kritz

NAY - None

With 8 ayes and 0 nays, the ordinance was accepted for introduction.

- B. O-23-02** ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$880,517.93 THEREFOR, CONSTITUTING PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS OF THE TOWNSHIP HERETOFORE ISSUED

President Kritz called for a motion to introduce the Ordinance 23-02. Vice President Quinn provided said motion, with Councilman Friedlander seconding.

Aye- Councilman Friedlander, Councilman Brookes, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Salberg, Councilman Sackett, Councilwoman Brookes, Vice President Quinn, President Kritz

With 8 ayes and 0 nays, the Ordinance 23-02 was accepted for introduction.

- C. O-23-03** ORDINANCE REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS CHAPTERS OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

President Kritz called for a motion to introduce the Ordinance 23-03. Vice President Quinn provided said motion, with Councilman Friedlander seconding.

Roll Call Vote AYE - Councilman Friedlander, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Salberg, Councilwoman Brookes, Vice President Quinn, President Kritz

NAY - Councilman Brookes, Councilman Sackett

With 6 ayes and 2 nays, the ordinance was accepted for introduction.

D. O-23-04 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO PONDVIEW ESTATES, INC. A SIGN EASEMENT WITHIN THE ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP RIGHT-OF-WAY AT THE INTERSECTION OF PONDVIEW DRIVE AND UNION TURNPIKE

Allison Ferrante gave a brief explanation of the Ordinance 23-04. President Kritz then called for a motion to introduce the ordinance. Vice President Quinn provided said motion, with Councilwoman Noon seconding.

Roll Call Vote AYE - Councilman Friedlander, Councilman Brookes, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Salberg, Councilman Sackett, Councilwoman Brookes, Vice President Quinn, President Kritz

NAY - None

With 8 ayes and 0 nays, the ordinance was accepted for introduction.

19. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. R-23-04** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
- B. R-23-05** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT TO COLLECT MONEYS AND FEES AND DEPOSIT THEM IN A DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY
- C. R-23-06** RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PETTY CASH FUNDS AND DESIGNATING THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH
- D. R-23-07** RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE FEE FOR RECEIVING NOTICES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR 2023
- E. R-23-08** RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY FOR THE YEAR 2023

- F. R-23-09** RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICER TO PROVIDE SURETY BONDS ON VARIOUS EMPLOYEES AND APPOINTEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
- G. R-23-10** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEFENSE, PROSECUTION AND SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEALS
- H. R-23-11** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY TO JOIN MORRIS COUNTY ADAPTIVE RECREATIONAL PROGRAM (McARP)
- I. R-23-12** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF SMALL BALANCES LESS THAN \$10.00
- J. R-23-13** RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICER TO CERTIFY UNPAID MUNICIPAL LIENS
- K. R-23-14** RESOLUTION TO CHARGE 6% YEAR END PENALTY
- L. R-23-15** RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES
- M. R-23-16** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SEWER ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS
- N. R-23-17** RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORIZATION TO RETAIN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THE COST OF WHICH IS ANTICIPATED TO EXCEED THE BID THRESHOLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW
- O. R-23-18** AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF CERTAIN GOODS AND SERVICES THROUGH THE USE OF STATE, COUNTY AND REGIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACTS FOR THE YEAR 2023
- P. R-23-19** RESOLUTION DESIGNATING COURT ATTENDANTS FOR THE YEAR 2023
- Q. R-23-20** RESOLUTION SETTING THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FEE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE O-20-13
- R. R-23-21** RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
- S. R-23-22** APPOINTING A PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023
- T. R-23-23** APPOINTING AN ADA COORDINATOR FOR 2023
- U. R-23-24** AFFIRMING CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY
- V. R-23-25** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OR THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR TO DETERMINE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS RESPECTING CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT MADE TO THE TOWNSHIP MAY BE FORGIVEN

- W. R-23-26** A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY FOR 2023
- X. R-23-27** RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN BOARD FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY FOR THE YEAR 2023
- Y. R-23-28** RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING CORINNE GARDEPE AS TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:9-141 AND N.J.S.A. 40A:9-145.8
- Z. R-23-29** AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF ALL BIDS, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2, FOR ONE UTILITY TRUCK AND THREE PICK UP TRUCKS INTENDED FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
- AA. R-23-30** AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE PREVIOUSLY POSTED BY DEVELOPER, JERSEY CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY, LLC APPLICABLE TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY DEVELOPER ON REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 10202, LOT 34 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 5 CARRELL STREET
- BB. R-23-31** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF A CERTAIN DEVELOPER’S AGREEMENT RELATED TO A TERMINATED CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO BUILD A BEST WESTERN HOTEL AND TO RELEASE THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTY IN THE AMOUNT OF APPLICABLE TO THE TERMINATED CONSTRUCTION PROJECT THAT WAS SCHEDULED TO BE UNDERTAKEN ON REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 22103 Lot 8 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 14 GREEN POND ROAD
- CC. R-23-32** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2023/2024 ENHANCING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM GRANT

President Kritz called for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Vice President Quinn provided said motion, with Councilman Friedlander seconding.

Roll Call Vote AYE - Councilman Friedlander, Councilman Brookes, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Salberg, Councilman Sackett, Councilwoman Brookes, Vice President Quinn, President Kritz
 NAY - None

With 8 ayes and 0 nays, the ordinance was accepted for introduction.

20. RESOLUTION(S) FOR A SEPARATE VOTE:

A. R-23-33 ADOPT TOWNSHIP COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

Councilman Sackett led a discussion regarding meeting dates. President Kritz then called for a motion to approve the Meeting Schedule. Councilman Friedlander offered said motion, with Councilman Salberg seconding.

Roll Call Vote AYE - Councilman Friedlander, Councilman Brookes, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Salberg, Councilman Sackett, Councilwoman Brookes, Vice President Quinn, President Kritz

NAY – None

With 8 ayes and 0 nays, the meeting calendar was accepted.

21. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

22. REPORTS:

- A.** Council/Committees
- B.** Mayor
- C.** Township Attorney
- D.** Administration

Councilwoman Noon and Councilman Brookes wished everyone a Happy New Year and expressed that they are looking forward to the year ahead.

Councilman Sackett spoke about the Menorah Lighting in December, as well as the New Year's Day Fireman's Swearing In Ceremony. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Salberg congratulated President Kritz and Vice President Quinn and expressed his wishes for a successful year ahead.

Councilwoman Brookes wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the Administration for their help with a neighborhood tree issue.

Councilman Friedlander discussed applications for appointments with Mayor Jackson. He announced the Substance Abuse Alliance will be celebrating their 25th anniversary this year.

The Historical Society is grateful for their recent grant. He wished everyone a happy and healthy 2023.

Vice President Quinn wished everyone a Happy New Year. He is looking forward to seeing games at Peterson Field. He thanked the council and administration for working well together.

President Kritz thanked everyone for working well together.

Mayor Jackson thanked Assemblywoman Dunn and Rabbi Herson for attending. He recognized local business Designed Well to Sell. He then thanked Dial-a-Ride for providing excellent services. He announced new committees being formed- the Mayor's Public Safety Committee and the Water Quality Committee. He is exploring apps for the township to increase community engagement; he is also beginning monthly video blogs. He reported on a fire in the Township. He also discussed recent events and ceremonies.

Attorney Iacifano thanked Rabbi Herson for his time. He also thanked Mayor and Council for granting Iacifano and Perrone a renewed appointment.

Patricia Seger congratulated the councils and committees and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Lisa Palmieri, Bryan Coward, Allison Ferrante, Chief McParland, Al Knoth, and Ryan Furrey also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

23. EXECUTIVE SESSION: R-23-34 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, ET SEQ.) TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

President Kritz called for a motion to adopt Resolution 23-34, to go into Executive Session. Vice President Quinn provided said motion, with Councilman Friedlander seconding.

Roll Call Vote AYE - Councilman Friedlander, Councilman Brookes, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Salberg, Councilman Sackett, Councilwoman Brookes, Vice President Quinn, President Kritz

NAY – None

With 8 ayes and 0 nays, the resolution passed and the meeting moved into Executive Session.

President Kritz called for a motion to return to Regular Session. Vice President Quinn provided said motion, with Councilman Salberg seconding.

Roll Call Vote AYE- Councilman Friedlander, Councilman Brookes, Councilwoman Noon, Councilman Salberg, Councilman Sackett, Councilwoman Brookes, Vice President Quinn, President Kritz

NAY - None

With 8 ayes and 0 nays, the resolution passed and the meeting moved into Regular Session.

President Kritz made a motion authorize Township Counsel to execute a memorandum of agreement with respect to a collective bargain agreement. Vice President Quinn seconded.

With 8 ayes and 0 nays, the motion passed.

24. ADJOURN:

President Kritz made a motion to adjourn- Vice President Quinn seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Everett Falt, RMC
Township Clerk