

**BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE
COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
January 4, 2022**

This meeting of the Borough of Penns Grove Mayor and Council was held via the Zoom online meeting platform and called to order by Mayor LaDaena D. Thomas.

Mayor Thomas made the Open Public Meeting Statement – In accordance with section V of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975, notice of this meeting was posted on the Borough of Penns Grove Municipal Bulletin Board designed for that purpose. Notice was also posted on the Borough of Penns Grove website: www.pennsgrove-nj.org and was emailed to the official newspaper as provided by Resolution.

Mayor Thomas administered the Oath of Allegiance to John Rambo.
Mayor Thomas administered the Oath of Allegiance to Irene Scarpaci.
Mayor Thomas administered the Oath of Allegiance to Sonya Worley.

Mayor Thomas led the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Invocation by Bishop Freddy Washington.

NOMINATION of COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Councilwoman Scarpaci nominated Councilwoman Carol Mincey for Council President. Roll call. Carter-Nay, Martin-Nay, Mincey-Aye, Rambo-Nay, Scarpaci-Aye, Worley-Aye. Mayor-Nay.
Councilman Carter nominated Councilwoman Martin for Council President. Roll call. All ayes.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: Mayor Thomas made the following Committee Assignments:

Name of Committee	Chairperson	Council Member #1	Council Member #2
Buildings and Grounds/ Shade Tree/Clean Communities	Sonya Worley	Charlyn Martin	Irene Scarpaci
General Government/Finance/personnel	Charlyn Martin	Jonathan Carter	Sonya Worley
Housing/Planning & Zoning	John Rambo	Sonya Worley	Charlyn Martin
Recreation / Board of Health	Jonathan Carter	John Rambo	Carol Mincey
Public Works/Streets & Roads	Irene Scarpaci	Carol Mincey	John Rambo
Public Safety/	Carol Mincey	Irene Scarpaci	Jonathan Carter

Motion to resolve said assignments by Worley; second Carter. All ayes.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY CONSENT:

- 2022-1-1 - Appointment of Solicitor for the Borough of Penns Grove
- 2022-1-3 - Designating Meeting Date and Time
- 2022-1-4 - Designating Newspaper of Record
- 2022-1-5 - Designating Depositories (Fulton Bank of New Jersey, and New Jersey Cash Management Plan)
- 2022-1-6 - Resolution Canceling Tax Overpayments Or Delinquent Amounts Less Than \$10.00
- 2022-1-7 - Resolution Authorizing Compensation To The Borough For Delinquent Tax Payments
- 2022-1-8 - Resolution Appointing Commissioners To the Penns Grove Housing Authority (Jesus Lopez – 5 year term, Ignacia Washington – 5 year term, Margie Pollard – 5 year term)

Motion to adopt, by consent, Resolution No. 2022-1-1 and 2022-1-3 through 2022-1-8 by Carter; second Martin. Roll call. All ayes.

Resolution No. 2022-1-2 - Authorizing 2022 Temporary Budget
Motion to adopt by Worley; second Martin. Roll Call. All ayes.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY CONSENT:

- 2022-1-9 - Resolution To Hire Municipal Auditor (Bowman & Company)
- 2022-1-10 - Resolution To Hire Municipal Engineer (Smithco & Company)
- 2022-1-11 - Resolution To Hire Grant Consultant (TRIAD Associates)
- 2022-1-12 - Resolution To Hire Bond Counsel (Parker McKay)
- 2022-1-13 - Resolution To Hire Risk Management Consultant (Mike Avalon, Conner Strong & Buckelew)
- 2022-1-14 - Resolution To Hire Medical Benefits Broker (Scott Davenport, Conner Strong & Buckelew)
- 2022-1-15 - Resolution to Hire Redevelopment Attorney (Edward Hill, Guzzo Law)
- 2022-1-16 - Resolution to Hire Municipal Attorney for In Rem Tax Sale Foreclosure (Darryl Rhone, CGO Law)
- 2022-1-17 - Resolution to Hire Tax Appeal Attorney (Darryl Rhone, CGO Law)
- 2022-1-18 - Resolution to Hire Conflict Attorney (Darryl Rhone, CGO Law)

Motion to adopt, by consent, Resolutions No. 2022-1-9 through 2022-1-18 by Mincey; second Martin. Roll call. All ayes.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Thomas announced the following appointments to the Penns Grove Planning Board:

- Anjanette Scott – Class IV – 4 year term
- John Rambo – Class III – 1 year term (Elected Official)
- Richard Rivera – Class II – 2 year term (Borough Official)
- Monica Morris – Alternate – 1 year term
- Kyle Goodson – Alternate – 1 year term

MAYORAL ADDRESS:

Mayor Thomas expressed congratulations to Councilman Rambo, Councilwoman Scarpaci and Councilwoman Worley. Mayor Thomas addressed the importance of building a strong foundation; listing the accomplishments achieved in calendar year 2021, such as Transitional Aid, Barber Avenue Park, demolition, Camp-out in Barber Avenue Park, "Shoot 4 Change" basketball tournament, Public Safety and community policing. Mayor Thomas addressed calendar year 2022, stating the goal of Borough owned properties sale, Cannabis market, communications and addressing issues such as flooding and repair of pump stations.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mayor Thomas solicited public comment.

Edward Ramsey, Salem County Freeholder, expressed congratulations to Councilman Rambo, Councilwoman Scarpaci and Councilwoman Worley. Freeholder Ramsey stated his pleasure regarding the goals and events of the past year, and well wishes for calendar year 2022.

Brenda Fowler, Penns Grove resident, expressed congratulations to the newly and re-elected officials. Ms. Fowler stated that she is proud of the work that Mayor and Council has accomplished and expressed special appreciation to Mayor Thomas and Sean Brown for assisting her with her non-profit organization.

Anjanette Scott, Railroad Avenue, expressed congratulations to Councilwoman Worley, Councilwoman Scarpaci and Councilman Rambo. Expressed appreciation for being appointed to

the Planning Board, and congratulations to Councilwoman Martin being chosen for Council President.

Greg Martin, Spruce Street, expressed congratulations to the newly elected and incumbents.

Mayor Thomas expressed appreciation to all and to Bishop Freddy Washington for his support.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Worley; second Carter. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon R. Williams
Municipal Clerk