

**TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE  
ESSEX COUNTY NEW JERSEY**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**JULY 1, 2016**

**1. ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE**

Deputy Mayor Tanella called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Present: Councilman Kumburis, Longo, Maffucci, Deputy Mayor Tanella

Also Present: Township Manager Tucci, Attorney Mulvaney for Township Attorney Zielinski, and Township Clerk Stutz

The flag salute was led by Deputy Mayor Tanella.

Deputy Mayor Tanella made the required announcement concerning the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Adequate notice of this meeting was duly provided to the Verona-Cedar Grove Times and the Star Ledger on December 31 2015, filed with the Township Clerk, and posted on the public bulletin board in the Municipal Building Lobby in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

**2. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

- (a) To consider resolution designating the Mayor

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, Essex County, New Jersey that Peter H. Tanella be and is hereby chosen to preside at all meetings of the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, and that he be and is hereby appointed the Mayor of the Township of Cedar Grove for a one-year term, effective July 1, 2016 and terminating July 1, 2017.

Councilman Maffucci moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Kumburis, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Kumburis, Longo, Maffucci, Deputy Mayor Tanella

NO: None

Former Mayor Robert O'Toole ceremonially administered the oath of office to Mayor Tanella.

- (b) To consider resolution designating the Deputy Mayor

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, Essex County, New Jersey, that Michael Maffucci be and is hereby chosen in the absence of the Mayor of the Township of

Cedar Grove to preside in his place and stead at all meetings of the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, and that he is hereby designated the Deputy Mayor of the Township of Cedar Grove for a one-year term effective July 1, 2016 and terminating July 1, 2017.

Councilman Kumburis moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Longo, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Kumburis, Longo, Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

Municipal Judge Nicholas Brindisi administered the oath of office to Deputy Mayor Maffucci.

(c) Comments from Councilmembers

Mayor Tanella thanked his family, friends, township employees, volunteers, and residents for their support. Mayor Tanella specially thanked Township Manager Thomas Tucci for his constant leadership and guidance provided to the governing body. Mayor Tanella also extended his thanks to former Mayor Robert O'Toole, whom he described as the ultimate role model, and stated that he was proud to have served beside the former mayor. Mayor Tanella highlighted several recent controversial issues that came before the governing body and stated that he was proud of the way they were handled by the governing body. Mayor Tanella cited several capital improvements projects that have been completed. Mayor Tanella also commented that the governing body strives to be fiscally responsible to residents and noted that the Township has had the lowest property tax rate in Essex County for three years in a row. Mayor Tanella closed his comments stating that the integrity, transparency, and efficiency of the local government are of paramount importance.

Deputy Mayor Maffucci thanked fellow councilmembers for selecting him to serve as deputy mayor. Deputy Mayor Maffucci also thanked Judge Brindisi for administering his oath. Deputy Mayor Maffucci further thanked his family, and particularly his wife Gina for their support. Deputy Mayor Maffucci stated that he looks forward to serving the Township residents and is cognizant of the trust placed in him as Councilman.

Councilman Kumburis and Longo both extended congratulations to the Mayor Tanella and Deputy Mayor Maffucci.

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) To consider resolution appointing Council Liaison member to the Recreation Advisory Board

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, Essex County, New Jersey, that Peter Tanella be hereby appointed to serve as the Council Liaison Member on the Recreation Advisory Board for a one-year term, effective immediately and terminating July 1, 2017.

Deputy Mayor Maffucci moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Longo, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(b) To consider resolution re-appointing Council Liaison members to the Board of Education

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, Essex County, New Jersey, that Peter Tanella and Michael Maffucci are hereby re-appointed to serve as the Council Liaison Members to the Cedar Grove Board of Education, effective immediately and terminating July 1, 2017.

Councilman Longo moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Kumburis, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(c) To consider resolution re- appointing Council Liaison member to the Advisory Health Council

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, Essex County, New Jersey, that Michael Maffucci is hereby re-appointed to serve as the Council Liaison Member to the Advisory Health Council, effective immediately and terminating July 1, 2017.

Councilman Kumburis moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Longo, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(d) To consider resolution re-appointing Council Liaison member to the Cedar Grove Historical Society

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, Essex County, New Jersey that Michael Maffucci be hereby re-appointed to serve as the Council Liaison Member on the Cedar Grove Historical Society, effective immediately and terminating July 1, 2017.

Councilman Kumburis moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Longo, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

- (e) To consider resolution re-appointing Council Liaison member to the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention Committee

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, Essex County, New Jersey, that Harry J. Kumburis be hereby re-appointed to serve as the Council Member on the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention Committee for a one-year term, effective immediately and terminating July 1, 2017.

Councilman Longo moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maffucci, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

- (f) To consider resolution re-appointing Council Liaison member to the Senior Citizen Club

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, Essex County, New Jersey, that Harry J. Kumburis be hereby re-appointed to serve as the Council Liaison member to the Senior Citizens Club for a one-year term effective immediately and terminating July 1, 2017.

Deputy Mayor Maffucci moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Kumburis, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

- (g) To consider resolution re-appointing Class III member to the Planning Board

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, Essex County, New Jersey that E. Romeo Longo is hereby re-appointed as the Council Class III Member to the Planning Board of Cedar Grove effective immediately and terminating July 1, 2017.

Councilman Kumburis moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maffucci, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

- (h) To consider resolution re-appointing Council Liaison member to Library Board of Trustees

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, Essex County, New Jersey, that E. Romeo Longo be hereby re-appointed to serve as the Council Liaison member to the Library Board of Trustees for a one-year term effective immediately and terminating July 1, 2017.

Councilman Kumburis moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Maffucci, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

- (i) To consider resolution appointing Council Liaison member to the Cedar Ridge Senior Citizens

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, Essex County, New Jersey, that E. Romeo Longo be hereby re-appointed to serve as the Council Liaison member to Cedar Ridge Senior Citizens for a one-year term effective immediately and terminating July 1, 2017.

Deputy Mayor Maffucci moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Kumburis, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

- (j) To consider resolution concerning re-appointment/appointment of members to Zoning Board of Adjustment

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that Cheryl Brown and Robbie Vargo are hereby re-appointed to serve as members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for four-year terms effective immediately and terminating July 1, 2020.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Jason Nardiello is hereby appointed to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Adjustment for an unexpired term effective immediately and terminating July 1, 2017.

Deputy Mayor Maffucci moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Kumburis, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci

NO: None

ABSTAIN: Mayor Tanella

- (k) To consider resolution re-appointing members to Emergency Management Council

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, Essex County, New Jersey, that it does hereby appoint/re-appoint the following individuals to Cedar Grove’s Emergency Management Council effective immediately through July 1, 2017:

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| Peter Tanella        | Mayor                    |
| Thomas J. Tucci, Jr. | Township Manager         |
| John D’Ascensio      | Construction Official    |
| Sue Portuese         | Health Official          |
| Richard Vanderstreet | Police Chief             |
| John Bannon          | Fire Chief               |
| Scott Larson         | Ambulance & Rescue Squad |
| Jerry Vitiello       | Supt. of Public Works    |
| Alex Palumbo         | Municipal Engineer       |

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Jeff McElroy is hereby re-appointed as Emergency Management Co-ordinator for a three-year term effective immediately and expiring July 1, 2019.

Councilman Kumburis moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Longo, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

- (l) To consider resolution concerning re-appointment of Regional Flood Control Board member

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, Essex County, New Jersey, that E. Romeo Longo is hereby re-appointed to serve as a Cedar Grove representative to the Woodland Park – Cedar Grove – Little Falls Passaic Valley Flood Control Board for a three-year term effective immediately and terminating July 1, 2019.

Deputy Mayor Maffucci moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Kumburis, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

**4. MEETING OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP WISHING TO BE HEARD ON ANY ITEM ON OR OFF THE AGENDA CONCERNING TOWNSHIP BUSINESS**

Mayor Tanella opened this portion of the meeting to anyone wishing to be heard. There being no one present wishing to be heard, Mayor Tanella closed this portion of the meeting.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Deputy Mayor Maffucci moved adjournment of the public council meeting, seconded by Councilman Kumburis, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Kumburis, Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

The public meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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PETER H. TANELLA      MAYOR

ATTEST:

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KATHLEEN R. STUTZ      MUNICIPAL CLERK