

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

SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

JULY 9, 2020

1. ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Councilman Maceri, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

Also Present: Township Manager Tucci, Attorney Asbury for Township Attorney Semeraro,

Township Clerk Stutz, Joseph Zichelli

Absent: Councilman Cicala

The flag salute was led by Mayor Peterson.

Deputy Mayor Peterson 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 by fax and on June 30, 2020, 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.

Deputy Mayor Peterson announced the resignation of Mayor Vargo as of June 12, 2020. Deputy Mayor Peterson thanked the former Mayor/Councilman for his service to the Township.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a) To consider resolution concerning temporary appointment to Council vacancy

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

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2020, Mayor Robbie Vargo submitted a letter of resignation from his elected office on the Township of Cedar Grove Township Council (the "Council"), effective immediately; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal Vacancy Law, the remaining members of the Council may appoint a successor to fill the vacancy within 30 days of the effective date thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to appoint someone to temporarily fill the vacancy until a successor is elected at the next general election to serve the remainder of the unexpired term pursuant to the Municipal Vacancy Law; and

WHEREAS, the Council interviewed residents who had submitted letters of interest in the temporary vacancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, hereby finds Joseph Zichelli to be qualified to serve as

a member of the Council and hereby appoints Joseph Zichelli to serve as a Councilman until the election of a successor to fill the remainder of the unexpired term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

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

AYE: Councilman Maceri, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Township Clerk Stutz administered oath of office to Councilman Joseph Zichelli

4. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Maceri moved adjournment of the meeting, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tanella, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Maceri, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

KERRY PETERSON

MAYOR

ATTEST:

KATHLEEN R. STUTZ MUNICIPAL CLERK