

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

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

JULY 5, 2017

1. ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Tanella called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councilman Cicala, Kumburis, Mayor Tanella

Also Present: Township Manager Tucci, Township Attorney Zielinski, and Township Clerk Stutz
Councilwoman-elect Peterson and Councilman-elect Vargo

Absent: Councilman Longo, Deputy Mayor Maffucci

The flag salute was led by Deputy Mayor Tanella.

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 29, 2016 and January 6, 2017 respectively, 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. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE (NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEN AND COUNCILWOMAN)

- a) Joseph Cicala - Mayor Tanella administered oath of office to Joseph Cicala.
- b) Kerry Peterson – Judge John Zunic administered oath of office to Kerry Peterson
- c) Robbie Vargo – Mayor Tanella administered oath of office to Robbie Vargo

3. 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, 2017 and terminating July 1, 2018.

Councilman Cicala moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Cicala, Peterson, Vargo, Mayor Tanella

NO: Councilman Kumburis

Former Senator Kevin O'Toole, Esq. 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 Joseph Cicala 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, 2017 and terminating July 1, 2018.

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

AYE: Councilmember Cicala, Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

Mayor Tanella administered the oath of office to Deputy Mayor Cicala.

(c) Comments from Councilmembers

Mayor Tanella thanked his family, friends, township employees, volunteers, and residents for their support. Mayor Tanella specially thanked and acknowledged former Councilman E. Romeo Longo for his 29 years of service to the community as a member of the Planning Board and years of service as Councilman. Mayor Tanella congratulated and welcomed new Councilmembers Kerry Peterson and Robbie Vargo. Mayor Tanella also extended his personal thanks to the Township Manager for his constant loyalty and thanked the dedicated professionals for their service, particularly the Police Department and emergency responders, and all Township volunteers. Mayor Tanella cited several capital improvements projects that have been completed or are ongoing; reconstruction of Cedar Street, replacement of Library footbridge, North End road overlay, acquisition of new senior bus, and acquisition of body cameras for police officers. Mayor Tanella also commented that the governing body strives to be fiscally responsible to residents and noted that the Township has had one of the lowest property tax rates in Essex County for past four 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 Cicala thanked Mayor Tanella for his support and guidance in his initial term. Deputy Mayor Cicala thanked his family for their support, as well as all families of elected officials for their sacrifices. Deputy Mayor Cicala thanked friends and residents for electing him to office. Deputy Mayor Cicala pledged to work tirelessly for all residents of the Township, congratulated fellow Councilmembers Peterson and Vargo, and stated that he has no doubt the Township is in good hands. Deputy Mayor Cicala also thanked the governing body for their confidence in selecting him to serve as Deputy Mayor.

Councilwoman Peterson cited her deep roots in the Township and thanked residents for electing her to office, and her family for their support of her desire to serve. Councilwoman Peterson

thanked former Councilmembers Longo and Maffucci for their service, congratulated Councilmen Vargo and Cicala on their successful election, and looked forward to the serving with them for the next four years. Councilwoman Peterson commended Mayor Tanella for his leadership and stated that she is proud and honored to serve the residents of Cedar Grove.

Councilman Vargo thanked everyone in attendance, particularly his wife and children. Councilman Vargo congratulated fellow councilmembers on their successful election, former Councilmembers Longo and Maffucci for their service. Councilman Vargo also thanked Township residents for their faith, belief and trust placed in him, looks forward to what can be accomplished together, and pledged to always put residents first.

Councilman Kumburis congratulated newly elected Councilmembers and stated that he looks forward to working with them.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- (a) To consider resolution appointing Class I 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 Peter Tanella is hereby re-appointed as the Council Class I Member to the Planning Board of Cedar Grove effective immediately and terminating July 1, 2018.

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

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

- (b) 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, 2018.

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

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

- (c) To consider resolution 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 Joseph Cicala is hereby appointed as the Council Class III Member to the Planning Board of Cedar Grove effective immediately and terminating July 1, 2018.

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

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(d) To consider resolution appointing Council Liaison member to 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 Joseph Cicala is hereby appointed to serve as the Council Liaison Member to the Cedar Grove Board of Education, effective immediately and terminating July 1, 2018.

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

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(e) To consider resolution appointing member to the Peckman River Regional Flood Control 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 Joseph Cicala is hereby appointed to serve as a Cedar Grove representative to the Woodland Park – Cedar Grove – Little Falls Passaic Valley Flood Control Board to fill an unexpired effective immediately and terminating July 1, 2019.

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

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(f) To consider resolution appointing member to the Environmental Commission

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 Kumburis is hereby appointed to serve as Councilmember to the Environmental Commission to fill an unexpired term effective immediately and terminating December 31, 2018.

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

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(g) To consider resolution 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 appointed to serve as the Council Liaison member to the Senior Citizens Club for a one-year term effective immediately and terminating July 1, 2018.

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

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(h) To consider resolution 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 Kerry Peterson be hereby appointed to serve as the Council Liaison member to the Advisory Health Council for a one-year term effective immediately and terminating July 1, 2018.

Councilwoman Peterson moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Vargo, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(i) To consider resolution appointing Council Liaison member to the Municipal Alliance 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 Kerry Peterson be hereby 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, 2018.

Councilman Peterson moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Vargo, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(j) To consider resolution 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 Kerry Peterson be hereby 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, 2018.

Councilwoman Peterson moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Vargo, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(k) To consider resolution appointing member to the Downtown Advisory 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 Robbie Vargo is hereby designated to serve as the Councilmember on the Downtown Advisory Committee.

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

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(l) To consider resolution appointment of Council Liaison member to 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 Robbie Vargo be hereby appointed to serve as the Council Liaison Member on the Cedar Grove Historical Society, effective immediately and terminating July 1, 2018.

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

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

(m) To consider resolution appointing Council Liaison member to 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 Robbie Vargo be hereby appointed to serve as the Council Liaison member to Cedar Ridge Senior Citizens for a one-year term effective immediately and terminating July 1, 2018.

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

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala, Mayor Tanella
NO: None

(n) To consider resolution concerning re-appointment of Zoning Board members

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 Jason Malyuk and Jason Nardiello are hereby re-appointed to serve as members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for four-year terms effective immediately and terminating July 1, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Zubin Haghi is hereby re-appointed to serve as the Alt. #2 member on the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a two-year term effective immediately and terminating July 1, 2019.

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

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala, Mayor Tanella
NO: None

(o) To consider resolution concerning appointment of 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, 2018:

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| Peter Tanella | Mayor |
| Thomas J. Tucci, Jr. | Township Manager |
| John D'Ascensio | Construction Official |
| Sue Portuese | Health Official |
| Joseph Cirasa | Police Chief |
| John Bannon | Fire Chief |
| Scott Larson | Ambulance & Rescue Squad |

Jerry Vitiello
Alex Palumbo

Supt. of Public Works
Municipal Engineer

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

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a) To consider resolution concerning annual renewal of ABC license – Caidie LLC

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

WHEREAS, the following individual and corporation has applied for the renewal of their Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for the period from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, namely:

<u>LICENSE NO.</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>TRADENAME</u>	<u>FEE</u>
0704-33-011-007	Caidie LLC 505 Pompton Avenue	DelMonico's	\$2,002.00

WHEREAS, the above individual and corporation has submitted their municipal fee for renewal to the Township Clerk, and received the required tax clearance certificate; and

WHEREAS, said application complies with the State Laws regulating the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that the application for renewal of existing alcoholic beverage license from the above mentioned individual and corporation be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk be and is hereby authorized to issue said license to the applicant for the period from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

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

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

6. 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.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Cicala, Mayor Tanella

NO: None

The public meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

PETER H. TANELLA MAYOR

ATTEST:

KATHLEEN R. STUTZ MUNICIPAL CLERK