

**Township of Greenwich
Reorganization Meeting
January 5, 2015 Minutes**

The Clerk called the reorganization meeting to order of the Greenwich Township Council for January 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Municipal Clerk read the required "Open Public Meetings Act Statement."

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation given by Geraldine Pohlig, Lay Member of Clonmell United Methodist Church

Administration of the Oath of Office to incumbent Mayor George W. Shivery, Jr. by Thomas H. Ward, Esq.

Roll Call:

Present - Councilman DiMenna, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Williams, Mayor Shivery

Absent - Councilman Franklin

Election of the President of Council – by Members of the Township Council

Councilman Giovannitti motioned, seconded by Councilman Williams to elect Councilman DiMenna to President of Council. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 4-0

Consent Resolutions (1-34)

#1-2015	2015 Temporary Budget
#2-2015	Adopting a Schedule of Meeting Dates
#3-2015	Designating Official Newspapers
#4-2015	Confirming Mayor's Appointments
#5-2015	Harry L. Rink – Fund Commissioner/Safety Coordinator-JIF
#6-2015	Individuals to Represent Matters Concerning JIF
#7-2015	Appointing Crossing Guards and Alternates
#8-2015	Appointing Special Law Enforcement Officer
#9-2015	Michael Welding, Bowman and Co. - Auditor
#10-2015	James Clancy of Clancy & Associates, Inc., Township Engineer
#11-2015	Thomas H. Ward, Township Solicitor
#12-2015	Special Counsel for "Sluice Gates" Project - Kenneth A. DiMuzio, Esquire
#13-2015	Designating Depositories
#14-2015	Authorizing Court Adm/Deputy to Withdraw Funds
#15-2015	Authorizing Certain Officials to Deposit/Withdraw Funds
#16-2015	Fixing Interest Rates on Delinquent Accounts
#17-2015	Designating Certifying Agent - PERS
#18-2015	Designating Certifying Agent - Police & Fire
#19-2015	Michael Bojarski, M.D. - Township Physician
#20-2015	Theodore Pohlig - Volunteer to Zoning Officer
#21-2015	Risk Management Consultant - David J. Strout, Jr.
#22-2015	Contact Person for the Employment Practices Liability
#23-2015	Harry Haushalter, Esq. - Special Tax Counsel
#24-2015	Marla D. Gaglione - Township Prosecutor
#25-2015	Samuel Myles - Public Defender
#26-2015	John A. Moustakas - Conflict Prosecutor
#27-2015	Louis Rosner - Special Employment Counsel
#28-2015	Establishing the Rules and Regulations
#29-2015	Cash Management Plan
#30-2015	Jason DeMarco-Health & Dental Insurance
#31-2015	911 Coordinator
#32-2015	Bond Counsel – Philip Norcross/Parker McCay
#33-2015	Business & Economic Development Consultant
#34-2015	QPA

Mayor Shivery asked that Resolution #10 be pulled from the consent group per Council.

Councilman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Giovannitti to approve all Resolutions except for #10. Roll call was unanimous for all the other Resolutions. Vote 4-0

Resolution #10: Mayor Shivery motioned, seconded by Councilman Williams to approve this Resolution. Roll call was as follows: Aye 2 (Williams, Shivery), Nay 2 (DiMenna, Giovannitti) Mayor Shivery said that this will be a carry-over position.

Statement by Mayor Shivery

Good evening and best wishes to everyone for a healthy and Happy New Year in 2015. He congratulated Councilman DiMenna for being re-elected to President of Council. He thanked the voters for electing him to his fifth term as Mayor. He is humbled by their vote of confidence and promises to work for continued success in Greenwich Twp.

Mayor's Remarks:

There are a number of positive signs for the future of our community. Most significant is the sale of the DuPont-Repauno site. This will add new businesses with new jobs, new construction and new ratables. This past year I directed a new tax abatement ordinance to be adopted to attract new businesses and to give reasons for existing businesses to remain and expand. This action has been successful with Thayer Distribution, Inc. greatly expanding its facility on Swedesboro Ave.

This past year brought challenges to our water treatment system by the threat of contamination of PFC's. With the cooperation of Council we were proactive and took prompt action to have a carbon filter treatment system installed in all our public wells. Installation is expected to be completed by June. This will assure us of having the best water in Gloucester County. We will be among the first to have this enhancement in all our wells.

Cost of government continues to be a challenge. It has always been a priority to keep costs stable or reduce them. Our effective tax rate remains among the lowest in Gloucester County. This has been accomplished while avoiding any loss of service. It is my hope we can continue this path.

I want to thank my team of employees, professionals and volunteers who have been with me over the past 12 years for their outstanding efforts. Our municipal employees are great and know their jobs well. Our volunteers who serve on many committees are the best and we should be proud of their service. The professionals do an outstanding job in serving and promoting Greenwich Twp. It is because of this I intend to keep our team in place and hope for the cooperation of Council in keeping a good team together.

The future looks promising for Greenwich Twp. With our low taxes, future business development, and services second to none, people will consider making Greenwich Twp. their home.

Again, I wish to thank the voters, our employees, volunteers and professionals for all their hard work. I am looking forward to the cooperation of Council this coming year. Working together is the key to our success in Greenwich Twp. With cooperation, there is nothing that can prevent our success for the Twp.

Happy New Year everyone!

Benediction given by Sister Jerilyn Einstein, Principal of Guardian Angels Regional Catholic School and St Clare of Assisi Church

Adjournment

Councilman DiMenna, motioned, seconded by Councilman Giovannitti to adjourn the meeting. Roll call was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 4-0
Time 7:14 p.m.

Township of Greenwich

George W. Shivery, Jr., Mayor

Attest

Lori L. Biermann, Municipal Clerk