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**HAINESPORT TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
REORGANIZATION MINUTES  
January 2, 2018  
7:00 P.M.**

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of January 2, 2018 was included in a meeting notice sent to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post on January 10, 2017 and advertised in said newspapers on January 12, 2017, respectively posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building on January 10, 2017 and has remained continuously posted as required under the Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – at 7:00 p.m. Township Clerk Paula Kosko.
2. **FLAG SALUTE**
3. **OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE:**

1. Ted Costa (oath administered by Nicholas J. Costa, Esq.)  
Mr. Costa introduced his family to the audience after the oath was administered.

2. Lee Schneider (oath administered by Kristin Goc, Esq.)

4. **ROLL CALL** – present were Committeewoman Gilmore, Committeeman Fitzpatrick, Committeeman Masciocchi, Committeewoman Schneider and Committeeman Costa.

5. **RESOLUTIONS**

**2018-1-1** Appoint Mayor, Chairman of Township Committee - Frank Masciocchi

*Oath of Office* (oath administered by Township Clerk)

**Motion: Committeeman Fitzpatrick Second: Committeewoman  
Gilmore. All yes.**

**2018-2-1** Appoint Deputy Mayor, Vice Chairman of Township Committee – Leila Gilmore

*Oath of Office* (oath administered by Township Clerk)

**Motion: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. Second: Committeewoman  
Schneider. All yes.**

**2018-3-1** Appoint Liaison & Deputy Committee Persons

Public Safety Liaison – Michael Fitzpatrick  
Public Safety Deputy – Lee Schneider

Construction/Code Enforcement Liaison – Ted Costa  
Construction/Code Enforcement Deputy – Lee Schneider

Administration Liaison – Frank Masciocchi  
Administration Deputy – Leila Gilmore

Finance Liaison – Frank Masciocchi  
Finance Deputy – Leila Gilmore

Public Works Liaison – Leila Gilmore  
Public Works Deputy – Lee Schneider

Economic Development Liaison – Leila Gilmore  
Economic Development Deputy – Frank Masciocchi

Hainesport Education Foundation Liaison – Michael Fitzpatrick

**Motion: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

**2018-4-1** Appoint Liaison Committee Person, Senior Citizens Club – Ted Costa

**Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. All yes.**

## **6. CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

The items listed below are considered routine by the Township of Hainesport and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

**2018-5-1** Adopting Committee Dates

**2018-6-1** Naming Official Newspapers

**2018-7-1** Establish Township Holidays

**2018-8-1** Authorization of Committee Before Encumbering Expenses

**2018-9-1** CFO Notification of All Appointments which Obligate Township to Expend Funds

**2018-10-1** Cash Management Plan

**2018-11-1** Fixing Rate of Interest Charged on Delinquent Taxes and Miscellaneous Charge

- 2018-12-1** Authorizing Assessor to File Appeals with the Burlington County Board of Taxation
- 2018-13-1** Authorizing Tax Assessor to Handle Rollback Assessment Matters on Behalf of the Township
- 2018-14-1** Depository of Funds
- 2018-15-1** Establish the CFO \$250 Petty Cash Fund
- 2018-16-1** Authorized Check Signers
- 2018-17-1** Authorizing State Contract and County Contract for Purchases
- 2018-18-1** Designate Primary Care Physician for Employees
- 2018-19-1** Authorizing Tax Sale in Delinquent Installment Payments for Special Sewage Assessments
- 2018-20-1** Authorizing Tax Collector to Refund or Apply Credits for Taxes
- 2018-21-1** Authorizing Tax Collector to Mail Notice for Tax Sales
- 2018-22-1** Closing Municipal Complex Fields on Certain Dates
- Motion: Committeeman Costa. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

## **7. APPOINTMENT RESOLUTIONS**

- 2018-23-1** Appointment of Township Planner – Ragan Design Group
- Motion: Committeeman Costa. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**
- 2018-24-1** Appointment of Township Solicitor – John C. Gillespie, Esq.
- Motion: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**
- 2018-25-1** Appointment of Township Bond Counsel – Capehart & Scatchard
- Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeeman Costa. All yes.**
- 2018-26-1** Appointment of Township Auditor – Bowman & Company
- Motion: Committeeman Costa. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**
- 2018-27-1** Appointment of Township Engineer – Alaimo Group

**Motion: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.\***

**\*After roll call was complete and motion was closed, Mayor Masciocchi began to read the next resolution, Resolution 2018-28-1. Committeeman Costa interjected and stated that due to the political climate during the recent election, he wanted to change his vote for Township Engineer from yes to an abstention.**

**2018-28-1** Appointment of Council on Affordable Housing Special Counsel – Capehart & Scatchard

**Motion: Committeewoman Schneider. Second: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. All yes.**

**2018-29-1** Appointment of Risk Management Consultant – T.C. Irons Agency

**Motion: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

**2018-30-1** Appointment of Employment Practices Liability Attorney – Armando Riccio, Esq.

**Motion: Committeeman Costa. Second: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. All yes.**

**2018-31-1** Appointment of Conflict Counsel – Capehart & Scatchard

**Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeewoman Schneider. All yes.**

**2018-32-1** Awarding a Contract for Animal Control – NJ Animal Control Services, LLC

**Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. All yes.**

**2018-33-1** Awarding a 2-year Contract for Computer Services - Networks Plus LLC

**Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeewoman Schneider. Committeeman Fitzpatrick recused himself. All others yes.**

**2018-34-1** Appointments to Joint Land Use Board - Class I through IV and Alternate Members

Class I – 1 year term expiring 12/31/2018 – Frank Masciocchi

Class II – 1 year term expiring 12/31/2018 – Paula Kosko  
Class III – 1 year term expiring 12/31/2018 – Leila Gilmore  
Class IV – 4 year term expiring 12/31/2021 – Irene Baggio  
Class IV – 4 year term expiring 12/31/2019 (vacancy) – Jill Tyndale

Class IV – Alternate #1 - 2 year term expiring 12/31/2019 – Bruce Levinson  
Class IV – Alternate #2 - 2 year term expiring 12/31/2019 – Tristan Sylk  
Class IV – Alternate #4 - 2 year term expiring 12/31/2018 –

**Motion: Committeewoman Gilmore. Second: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. All yes.**

**2018-35-1** Appointment to Environmental Commission -

3-year Term Expiring 12/31/2020 – Merrilee Torres

**Motion: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. Second: Committeewoman Schneider. All yes.**

**2018-36-1** Appointment to Recreation Commission

3 year term expiring 12/31/2020 – Donna Casey

**Motion: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

**2018-37-1** Appoint Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner –Paula L. Kosko  
Alternate Fund Commissioner – Donna Kilburn  
Claims Coordinator - Donna Kilburn  
Safety Coordinator – Paula L. Kosko

**Motion: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

**2018-38-1** Resolution Appointing a Public Agency Compliance Officer – Paula L. Kosko

**Motion: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

**2018-39-1** Resolution Appointing Deputy Clerk – Tara Wicker

**Motion: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. Second: Committeewoman Gilmore. All yes.**

## 8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

**Anna Evans**, 63 Parry Drive – congratulated Miss Schneider and Mr. Costa on their wins and Mayor Masciocchi and Deputy Mayor Gilmore. She said she wanted to clear up a problem with Mr. Costa's abstention. Mrs. Evans said Mr. Costa made it sound like he had no idea that Alaimo had given money to PAC and that it was a random surprise that they had given Lee and Ted the \$7,000. Then she questioned Mr. Costa as to whether or not he was in charge of PAC. He answered that he is not. Mrs. Evans said Mr. Costa made it sound like he knew nothing about PAC when in reality he was there during the inception of them and he is still very involved with them. The idea that he would not know about Alaimo giving the money seems a little disingenuous to her. Mr. Costa said he gathers that she is disappointed that he abstained. Mrs. Evans said she would just like him to be honest with Hainesport. It didn't sound very honest the way it was explained. Mr. Costa referred to the township attorney, Mr. Gillespie, who said that this is public comment and not public cross examination of members of the governing body. If she wishes to make a comment about what she thinks may or may not be the case she is free to do that. She is free to ask questions but committee members don't have to respond. He again said it is not public cross examination period. Mrs. Evans said she understands but she just wanted to make it very clear that Ted Costa was involved with PAC which Alaimo donated money to the Costa/Schneider campaign. She added that this is further grounds that Hainesport should introduce a pay to play ordinance. She said it would remove any idea that there is a conflict of interest because it certainly looks like it when you have two committee members voting or abstaining to vote when they are recipients of \$7,000 from the company in question.

**Louis Lopez**, a Mt. Holly resident – asked what the maximum amount for petty cash is and was answered that \$250 is the maximum. He also asked who the CFO is for the township and was told that Dawn Emmons Tuliano is. Mr. Lopez asked if Richard Alaimo is the engineer from Mt. Holly and was answered that yes it is. He asked who Merrilee Torres is and was told that she is a resident of Hainesport. Mr. Lopez congratulated Lee Schneider and Ted Costa for being the new members of the township committee.

## 9. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

**Mr. Costa** thanked everyone for coming out tonight and also everyone that helped out in his campaign. He went on to say if someone didn't help out he asks them to join them in making Hainesport a greater place; it is a great town. He introduced his mother, Kathryn Costa, who is a retired senator. She was also an assembly person in New Jersey and before that she was a freeholder. He also introduced his brother, Nick Costa and two of his sons along with his wife Lena. Mr. Costa read off several "resolutions" he has for the township. He said in one of his resolutions that the township should take a look at alternative guidelines for health care for the employees. If we bring competition in we can get that substantially reduced.

**Leila Gilmore** thanked everyone for coming out in the extremely cold weather. She also promised to continue to do her best for the township.

**Lee Schneider** said it was an honor to be on the township committee and serving her neighbors in Hainesport. She definitely wanted to thank her sister; she had run in two other elections before her and they ran on very similar platforms and paved the way for her. Miss Schneider wished everyone a happy new year and thanked them for coming out tonight.

**Mike Fitzpatrick** congratulated Miss Schneider and Mr. Costa on winning the election. He also congratulated Mayor Masciocchi and Deputy Gilmore. He said that since there is such a big crowd tonight, he would be remiss if he did not comment on what Mr. Costa said tonight. He said the township has very good employees and he is very familiar with the health benefits as most everyone knows by now. That being said, the idea of saving money by taking away our employees' health benefits has to be seriously considered because that really is not a good idea. Mr. Fitzpatrick said it has been tried in other towns and it has not succeeded and he doesn't want to see what penny wise and pound foolish means and hurting our best assets which is our employees. So he wants to make it clear that if they do take a look at that they take a good hard look at it. Look at it over the past years, because other towns are doing it and are now scrambling to get back into the system. Please be careful as far as those lines go. Mr. Costa said he would be careful. Mr. Fitzpatrick said on behalf of our previous committee, they did lower the tax rate. You may not know it by looking at your tax bill because the school and county taxes along that line actually go up tremendously each year. Last year they were able to drop it a few percentage points and he would like to see the township continue in that direction. Mr. Fitzpatrick said he did not want to put a damper on things but he wanted to bring out the facts and protect our employees because they are great assets.

**Mayor Masciocchi** said he is honored to have the opportunity to serve the township as mayor and is especially honored to have his lovely wife with him as he was sworn in. He welcomed Lee and Ted to the committee; he thinks they have a fine committee. It is one of the more experienced in educated committees that you will come across. It is his pledge as mayor to avoid and shut down if he can any attempt to rerun, re-litigate or re-politicize the past election. We have a committee here that he believes is a cross section of this town and it is his desire to reach across party lines to bring people in from the Democratic Party, any other party for that matter that has the best interest of Hainesport at heart. We can get up there and promise all kinds of things and he is sure everyone means what they say. But the fact of the matter is, that unless we work together, putting aside party differences and realize that in a town this small that we are all friends, and friends help one another. And that is what we should do for the benefit of this town. That is Mayor Masciocchi's goal. He said he may come across sweetly as he puts it across the table or he may come across harshly, but that is his goal. He hopes he can keep that promise over the next twelve months and get this town moving forward in a way that we would all be proud of. He wished everyone a happy new year.

**10. ADJOURNMENT OF REORGANIZATION MEETING @ 7:44 P.M.**

**Motion: Committeeman Costa. Second: Committeeman Fitzpatrick. All yes.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Paula L. Kosko, RMC*

Paula L. Kosko  
Municipal Clerk/Administrator



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