

**BOROUGH OF OLD TAPPAN
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014
SECOND HALF**

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law, notification of this meeting has been sent to our official newspapers and other publications circulated in the Borough of Old Tappan, and notice posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall.

Please note fire exits located at the main entrance to the Council Chambers and in the rear of the Council Chambers.

Oath of Office Administered to Councilman Victor Cioce and Councilman Matthew Nalbandian by Mayor Victor Polce

Mayor Polce administered the oath of office to Councilman Victor Cioce and Councilman Matthew Nalbandian

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Mayor Victor Polce	Present
Councilman Ronald Binaghi, Jr.	Present
Councilman Guy Carnazza	Absent
Councilman Victor Cioce	Present
Councilwoman Anna Haverilla	Present
Councilman John Kramer	Present
Councilman Matthew Nalbandian	Present

Also Present Borough Clerk Jean M. Donch
 Borough Attorney Allen Bell

INVOCATION by Pastor Kirsten Shepler-Ross

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Polce welcomed everyone to the Mayor and Council Reorganization Meeting. He stated that the success of this administration is a team effort by each Councilmember combined with all the members of the Borough family. He thanked them for an outstanding job over the past 14 years. Mayor Polce thanked Councilman Kramer for his commitment and leadership; Councilman Binaghi for his work with the Golf Course and Golf Commission; he is consistent and protective of our residents. Mayor Polce thanked Councilwoman Haverilla for her work with time consuming departments and her "residents come first" attitude. He thanked Councilman Nalbandian for his precise details with financial matters and congratulated him on his re-election.

Councilman Cioce was thanked for his professionalism and congratulated on his re-election. Mayor Polce thanked Councilman Carnazza for his work on the Recreation Commission and his efforts for the betterment of children and sports; and for his work with Town Day and arranging the magnificent fireworks display. He thanked his wife Joy and his children for their support, understanding and patience. Mayor Polce is honored to be the Mayor of Old Tappan.

Mayor Polce commented that there are many outstanding faces in the Borough family; the most recognizable are those of our CFO, Rebecca Overgaard, our Borough Clerk, Jean Donch and our Borough Administrator, Pat O'Brien.

Becky Overgaard provides the Borough with first class service to our residents. She is a treasure that the Borough is lucky to have.

Jean Donch holds one of the most important positions in every municipality. She goes by the letter of the law and we appreciate all she has done over the years.

Pat O'Brien brings to us a huge amount of experience, knowledge and professionalism. He does an outstanding job keeping us apprised in every way. Mayor Polce thanked him for his friendship.

Jeff Bliss, our Borough Auditor, has been with the Borough for many years; we are lucky to have him and his firm.

Allen Bell, our Borough Attorney, researches each and every dispute with the best interest of the Borough and uses litigation only as a last resort. He was thanked for his professionalism.

Sylvia Kokowski, Recording Secretary, was thanked by Mayor Polce for everything she does on behalf of the Borough.

Mayor Polce thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, DPW, Ambulance Corps and Ladies Auxiliary. Each and every one make this town special.

Mayor Polce commented on the School Board and their budget, the Borough's budget and how tax dollars are calculated. Recently Standard and Poor's raised our debt rating from AA to AAA. This rating change means lower borrowing costs for the municipality. This is an accomplishment that we are extremely proud of.

The hallmark of this administration has been, and will continue to be, our collective ability to deliberate on issues openly and honestly. We are fortunate to have a Council that continues to articulate its point of view. This is the essence of good leadership and team work.

Mayor Polce thanked all employees and volunteers for their service this past year.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO OFFICERS

Fire Department

Fire Chief James Butler - Mayor Polce administered the Oath of Office to Fire Chief James Butler

Fire Department Officers - Mayor Polce administered the Oath of Office to officers of the Fire Department - Deputy Fire Chief Frank Mazza, Captain David Keil, Lieutenant Christopher Reilly, Lieutenant Charles Anders IX, Lieutenant Evan Kutzin, and Lieutenant Brian Morgan.

First Aid Corps

First Aid Corps - Mayor Polce administered the Oath of Office to the officers of the First Aid Corps - Captain Kristel Mockler, 1st Lieutenant Mark Geerinck, and 2nd Lieutenant Evan Kutzin.

PRESENTATIONS

Fire Badge to Fire Commissioner- Fire Chief Butler presented the Fire Badge to Councilman Nalbandian.

Police Badge to Police Commissioner - Police Chief Shine presented the Police Badge to Councilman Kramer

NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Motion to nominate Councilman Binaghi for Council President - Councilman Cioce

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion - none

ROLL CALL	Councilman Binaghi	Not Called
	Councilman Cioce	Yes
	Councilwoman Haverilla	Yes
	Councilman Kramer	Yes
	Councilman Nalbandian	Yes

NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO PLANNING BOARD

Motion to nominate Councilman Cioce for Representative to Planning Board - Councilwoman Haverilla

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion - none

ROLL CALL	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Cioce	Not Called
	Councilwoman Haverilla	Yes
	Councilman Kramer	Yes
	Councilman Nalbandian	Yes

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS

Planning Board

Motion to accept the Mayor’s recommendations – Councilman Cioce

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – none

On voice vote, all in favor, the motion carried.

(See annexed appointment list)

APPOINTMENTS

Standing Council Committees

Mayor Polce appointed Council Standing Committees

(See annexed appointment list)

Motion that the Mayor’s recommendations be approved – Councilman Cioce

Second – Councilman Nalbandian

Discussion – none

ROLL CALL	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Cioce	Yes
	Councilwoman Haverilla	Yes
	Councilman Kramer	Yes
	Councilman Nalbandian	Yes

Professionals

Mayor Polce nominated the following to a one year term

(See annexed appointment list)

Motion that the Mayor’s recommendations be approved – Councilman Cioce

Second – Councilwoman Haverilla

Discussion – none

ROLL CALL	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Cioce	Yes
	Councilwoman Haverilla	Yes
	Councilman Kramer	Yes
	Councilman Nalbandian	Yes

Staff Appointments

Mayor Polce nominated the following

(See annexed appointment list)

Motion to approve the Mayor’s recommendations - Councilman Cioce

Second - Councilman Binaghi

Discussion - none

ROLL CALL:	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Cioce	Yes
	Councilwoman Haverilla	Yes
	Councilman Kramer	Yes
	Councilman Nalbandian	Yes

Appointments for Various Boards, Commissions and Committees

Mayor Polce nominated the following

(See annexed appointment list)

Motion to accept the Mayor's recommendations - Councilman Cioce

Second – Councilwoman Haverilla

Discussion - None

ROLL CALL	Councilman Binaghi	Yes
	Councilman Cioce	Yes
	Councilwoman Haverilla	Yes
	Councilman Kramer	Yes
	Councilman Nalbandian	Yes

PROCLAMATION

Honoring Brett V. Kuehner

Mayor Polce read the proclamation honoring Brett V. Kuehner for his exceptional service to the Borough and commitment to serving others.

CONSENT RESOLUTION

Councilman Binaghi read the Consent Resolution

Second – Councilman Cioce

Discussion – none

Resolution Adopted (see page 15)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILWOMAN HAVERILLA – FIRST AID / TECHNOLOGY

Councilwoman Haverilla is looking forward to working on bettering the website this year and working on the Borough's newsletter. She congratulated Councilman Cioce and Councilman Nalbandian on their re-election

COUNCILMAN KRAMER – POLICE / HISTORICAL / SENIORS

No Report

COUNCILMAN NALBANDIAN – FINANCE / FIRE / HEALTH / LIBRARY

No Report

COUNCILMAN BINAGHI – GOLF / EDUCATION / GRANTS/ ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

The School Board will hold a meeting at Demarest High School on Thursday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss random drug testing. Councilman Binaghi thanked his fellow Councilmembers for electing him as Council President. He congratulated Councilman Cioce and Councilman Nalbandian on their re-election.

COUNCILMAN CIOCE – PLANNING // ENVIRONMENTAL / BUILDING

Councilman Cioce was thankful for a good 2013 and is looking forward to 2014.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS- none

PUBLIC’S OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK

Motion to open the meeting to the public by Councilman Cioce

Second - Councilman Binaghi

Discussion - none

On voice vote, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried

No Public Comment

Motion to close the meeting to the public by Councilman Nalbandian

Second – Councilman Binaghi

Discussion - none

On voice vote, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Binaghi

Second - Councilman Cioce

On voice vote, all in favor, none opposed, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed and approved:

Sylvia Kokowski, Recording Secretary

Jean M. Donch, Borough Clerk

cc: Mayor and Council
Allen Bell, Esq.

Date Approved: January 21, 2014