

**MINUTES
GREEN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 15, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Phillips called the March 15, 2022, meeting of the Green Township Committee to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADEQUATE NOTICE: Mr. Zschack read the statement of adequate notice.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. James Chirip, Mr. Bader Qarmout, Mrs. Virginia "Ginnie" Raffay, and Mayor Margaret "Peg" Phillips

Also present: Mr. Mark Zschack, Township Clerk/Administrator and Mrs. Patty DeClesis, Deputy Clerk

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION: Mayor Phillips opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments concerning items on the agenda for which no public discussion is provided. There being no public comments offered, Mayor Phillips closed Open Public Session.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE VACANCY: Mayor Phillips reviewed the procedure for conducting the interviews and the selection of a candidate to temporarily fill the Township Committee's vacancy through December 31, 2022, due to the passing of Committeeman Daniel Conkling on February 25, 2022.

The names were randomly chosen by Mayor Phillips in the order listed below and each candidate had an opportunity to make a statement to the Governing Body as to why they should be selected to fulfill the vacancy. Mayor Phillips announced that all three candidates were provided a Rice Notice and two of the three candidates requested that the discussion after the interviews be held in Executive Session. Therefore, the Committee will adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the candidates' qualifications to fulfill the vacancy.

Mr. James DeYoung
Mr. Michael Rose
Mr. Joseph DelBagno

Each Township Committee member was given the opportunity to ask questions of the candidates.

The Committee thanked all three candidates and the Republican Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Resolution ES2022-06
Personnel Matters - Township Committee Vacancy
Litigation - Frelinghuysen v Green Township and Green Township Volunteer Fire Department

Mr. Qarmout motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:27 p.m.

Seconded: Mrs. Raffay

Discussion: None

All were in favor.

The Committee returned to Open Public Session at 8:01 p.m.

Mrs. Raffay motioned to adjourn Executive Session and return to Open Public Session

Seconded: Mr. Chirip

Discussion: None

All were in favor.

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NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE VACANCY :

Mr. Qarmout nominated Mr. James DeYoung to fill the Township Committee vacancy.

Seconded: Mrs. Raffay

Discussion: None

Mayor Phillips asked for any further nominations.

There being no further nominations presented, Mayor Phillips called for a roll call vote.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Chirip, Qarmout, Raffay, Phillips

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

Congratulations Mr. DeYoung! Swearing-in ceremony to be held at the March 21, 2022, Township Committee meeting.

Mayor Phillips called for any additional comments from the Township Committee.

Mr. Chirip announced that he will not be seeking re-election and will be vacating his seat at the end of 2022.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Chirip motioned to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Seconded: Mrs. Raffay

Discussion: None

All were in favor.

Mayor Phillips noted the next Township Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 21, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

***ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES ARE ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THESE MINUTES**



Mark Zschack, RMC
Township Clerk

Date Approved: March 21, 2022

RESOLUTION ES 2022-06
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF GREEN
COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NJ

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 (N.J.S.A. 10:13-12) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 requires the adoption of a resolution prior to the Township Committee going into Closed Session stating the general nature of the subject matter to be discussed and generally the time and circumstances under which the discussion conducted in Closed Session can be disclosed to the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Green, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon and hereinafter specified subject matter(s)
2. The general nature of the subject matter(s) to be discussed is as follows:

☒ Personnel ☐ Contract Negotiation ☐ Real Property
☐ Public Safety ☒ Litigation/Potential Litigation ☐ Attorney-Client
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter(s) will be made public at the conclusion of each individual specified subject matter.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dated: March 15, 2022

I, Mark Zschack, Township Clerk of the Township of Green, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting held on March 15, 2022.



Mark Zschack, RMC, Township Clerk

Record of Vote:

	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Chirip			√			
Mr. Qarmout	√		√			
Mrs. Raffay		√	√			
Mayor Phillips			√			