# CINNAMINSON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 6, 2020

Municipal Clerk Lisa Passione called for the flag salute

The Municipal Clerk announced that this meeting was being held in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act," P.L. 1975, c.231, Notice was published in the Burlington County Times and the Courier Post on January 11, 2019.

In attendance: Mr. Conda, Mr. Horner, Mrs. Kravil, Mr. McGill, Mr. Segrest.

Also present: Administrator Eric Schubiger, CFO Julia Edmondson, Municipal Clerk Lisa Passione;

The National Anthem was sung by the Cinnaminson High School Chamber Choir

Reverend John W. Doll of Asbury Methodist Church gave the invocation

Municipal Clerk Passione presented the Certificate of Election to Mrs. Kravil.

Richard Strobel administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Kravil

## NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MAYOR:

Ms. Passione asked for nomination for Mayor. MOTION BY MR. CONDA TO NOMINATE MR. HORNER FOR MAYOR, seconded by Mr. Segrest. Roll call vote. All ayes. Richard Strobel, Esq. administered the oath of office to Mayor Horner.

Mayor Horner asked for a nomination for Deputy Mayor. MOTION BY MRS. KRAVIL TO NOMINATE MR. SEGREST AS DEPUTY MAYOR, seconded by Mayor Horner. Roll call vote. All ayes. Richard Strobel, Esq. administered the oath of office to Deputy Mayor Horner.

Mayor Horner introduced past mayors and dignitaries in attendance.

Mayor Horner presented past Mayor McGill with a plaque and thanked him for his service.

**Resolution No. 2020 - 1** Designates Township Solicitor as Platt & Riso P.C.

Mayor Horner asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2019-1. MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-1 MADE BY MR. MCGILL, seconded by Mr. Segrest. Roll call vote. All aye. Resolution 2019-1 is approved.

Mayor Horner announced the 2020 Township Committee Liaisons as follows:

Liaison to Public Safety - Ernest McGill

Liaison to Finance and Economic Development – Ryan Horner

Liaison to Administration and Senior Services - Paul J. Conda

Liaison to Parks and Recreation & Veterans Affairs – Stephanie Kravil

Liaison to Public Works – Albert D. Segrest

# Mr. Segrest acknowledged Outstanding Citizen Arthur Spell Jr.

Arthur Spell Junior is a lifelong, devoted civic and community activist – and a pioneer in his professions - Art's devotion to making Cinnaminson and the world a better place has truly made a difference in every person he's come in contact with. Art and his wife Ellen have been residents of Cinnaminson for over 50 years, they have two children Darlene and David and two grandchildren Maya and Cedric.

Art is a retired private practice physical therapist and retired boxing timekeeper for the New Jersey State Athletic Commission

He earned a bachelor of science degree from Virginia Union University, performed graduate studies at New York University and Western Reserve University, and was awarded a Certificate of Physical Therapy from the University of Pennsylvania.

Art established the physical therapy department at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Stratford before founding his own practice. He also provided physical therapy services to the Camden school system for 20 years. As a boxing timekeeper in Atlantic City, Art worked ringside while competing in the ring were some of the best boxers of all time. Muhammad Ali, George Foreman, Joe Frazier, Larry Holmes, Michael Spinks, Sugar Ray Leonard and Mike Tyson are a few of the boxers Art came into contact with.

A veteran of the United States Army, honorably discharged, Art has served as president and chaplain of the Cinnaminson Fire Company No. 2, president of the Burlington County Exempt Firemen's Association, chairman of Cinnaminson Township Human Relations Commission, member of the Cinnaminson Parks & Recreation Commission, member of the Cinnaminson Zoning Board of

Adjustment, member of the Cinnaminson Republican Club, and twenty-four year member and chairman of the Burlington County Board of Social Services in Mt. Holly. An active member and lay minister of Asbury United Methodist Church in Woodlyn, NJ, he has chaired their administrative board. He has graciously agreed to deliver invocations and benedictions at countless community events over the years including Cinnaminson Township reorganization meetings.

Sitting and talking with Art you quickly realize he is not boastful, rather humble hardworking and proud he represents all that is good in our community. Arthur Spell Junior it is my honor to recognize you as an Outstanding Citizen of Cinnaminson Township.

# Mr. Conda acknowledged Outstanding Citizen Robert Wissman.

If you have ever been to a Cinnaminson baseball game in Memorial Park, you've seen him. If you have ever had a hot dog at Cinnaminson Day he's grilled it. If you have ever had Hot Chocolate and cookies at the Holiday lighting ceremony in Wood Park, chances are he handed them to you. If you have ever bought a 50/50 at St. Charles Carnival, he probably sold it to you.

Bob Wissman and his family have been a fixture throughout Cinnaminson for years, on the ball fields, in the parks and certainly at Carnival...always willing to help, and always involved. I've known Bob and his family since his children were toddlers. He is one of the easiest people to get along with, and one of the most helpful people I have ever met. When his kids swam on the Pomona Swim Team, he was the timer for swim meets. When his daughter played soccer, he coached. When his sons played baseball for Cinnaminson, Bob was there to coach and help out the team whenever he was needed. Bob is very involved in his church, serving as a Eucharistic Minister and a chapel guardian. He is a member of the St. Charles Holy Name Society, currently serving as its president. This is the group that (among other things) you see every Cinnaminson Day grilling thousands of hot dogs for us. They also run several other events, and do a lot to raise money for charity.

Bob and his family have for years been involved in what I believe is the single largest community event in Cinnaminson...St. Charles Carnival. I have bought many losing raffle tickets from him. Last year he and his family were chosen to run the entire carnival in 2021 (and they foolishly accepted). This is a three-year commitment passed on to a new chair each year. This year, he will assist the 2020 chairs, and next year it's his baby. The following year consists of being involved as a consultant to whomever the torch is passed. It's a ton of work (my wife and I found out the hard way), but Bob, I'm sure as always is up for the challenge!

Bob is a great husband, father and volunteer. I am happy to also call him a great friend. Tonight I am proud present the Outstanding Citizen award to Bob Wissman in recognition of his past, present and future involvement in making Cinnaminson a great community!

Mayor Horner read the consent agenda as follows:

## **Consent Agenda**

Finance Committee: Committee Members Stephanie Kravil and Ryan Horner

Liaison to Burlington County Community

Development Block Grant Executive Board: Ernest McGill
Tax Search Clerk: Sandra J. Root
Deputy Tax Collector: Julia Edmondson
Registrar of Vital Statistics: Lisa A. Passione

Deputy Municipal Clerk and

Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics:

Domestic Animal Registrar:

Municipal Improvement Search Clerk:

Patricia Rucci
Lisa A. Passione
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Official Newspaper: Burlington County Times / Alternate Courier Post

ADA Coordinator: Lisa Passione

Resolution 2020 – 2 Approval of Cash Management Plan for 2020

Resolution 2020 – 3 Permits the Township Treasurer to invest excess and surplus funds in Treasury Notes/Government Securities up to \$500,000 with approval of the Finance Liaison; investments over \$500,000.00 require approval of Township

Committee

Resolution 2020 - 4 Designates insured banks and trust companies and insured

savings institutions in Burlington County

Resolution 2020 - 5 Permits Mayor to give interim approval to vouchers for payrolls, utility payments, and Social Security payments; authorizes the signatures of the officials for necessary checks.

Resolution 2020 – 6 Provides rate of interest on delinquent taxes.

Resolution 2020 – 7 Designates the Planning Board Secretary as the individual to

issue certificates as to approval of subdivision of land.

Resolution 2020 – 8 Designates dates when Administrative Offices will be

closed for holidays.

Resolution 2020 – 9 Schedule of 2020 Township Committee Meeting Dates

Resolution 2020 – 10 Authorizes Signatures on Checks

Resolution 2020 – 11 Approval of Temporary Municipal Budget

Resolution 2020 – 12 Conflicts/Special Consulting Engineer; Environmental Resolutions Inc,

Resolution 2020 - 13 Designates Public Defender - James D. Fattorini and Christopher Baxter as

Resolution 2020 – 14 Designates Prosecutor as Daniel Gee of Malamut & Associates

Resolution 2020 – 15 Affirmative Action Officer - Lisa A. Passione Resolution 2020 – 16 Additional Penalties; Delinquency on taxes

Resolution 2020 - 17 Approval/Issuance; Blue Light Permits and ID Cards

Resolution 2020 – 18 Appointment of Bond Counsel - Parker McCay

Resolution 2020 – 19 Appointment; Planning Consultant – Barbara Fegley of ERI Consultants

Resolution 2020 – 20 Appointment of Labor Counsel - Capehart & Scatchard, P.A.

Resolution 2020 – 21 Authorization to purchase through State Contract Resolution 2020 – 22 Cancels or refunds Delinquent Taxes less than \$5 Resolution 2020 – 23 Appointment of Recycling Coordinator; Karen Zlotnik

Resolution 2020 – 24 Appointment of Township Auditor - Bowman & Company

Resolution 2020 – 25 Appointment of Township Health Insurance Administrator – James A. Bristow

Resolution 2020 – 26 Appointment of Township Engineer – Pennoni

Resolution 2020 – 27 Appointment of Linda Galella, Parker McCay P.A. as Special Counsel for ongoing COAH litigation

Resolution 2020 - 28 Appointment of Conflict Counsel - Raymond Coleman Heinold LLP, Parker McCay and Capehart Scatchard

**Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators**: Township Committee accepts the recommendation of our OEM Coordinator, Danny Norman, to appoint Battalion Chief Joseph Congemi and Lt. Andrew Johnson; one-year terms to expire 12/31/20.

Emergency Management Advisory Board: Ernest T. McGill, Police Chief Richard Calabrese, EMS Deputy Chief Kimberly Brown, Fire Chief William E. Kramer, Mark Tindal, Sewer Authority Superintendent Kevin D. Kramer, Township Administrator Eric Schubiger and Public Works Superintendent Kevin Gauntt, one-year terms to expire 12/31/2020.

**Route 130 Advisory Committee:** Michael D. Minton and Ryan F. Horner

Norma Galosi, term to expire 12/31/2023 **Zoning Board of Adjustment:** 

Paul Conda, Ryan Horner, Eric Schubiger, Michael Minton, **Economic Development Committee:** 

William O'Connor; terms to expire 12/31/2020

**Parks and Recreation Committee:** Stephanie Kravil, term to expire 12/31/2020

Daniel Eckard, term to expire 12/31/2022 Christine Turner, term to expire 12/31/2022

Kimberly Kelly, to fill the unexpired term of Debra Wojcik,

term to expire 12/31/2021

Planning Board, Class III Member: Township Committee Member - Albert Segrest

Term to expire 12/31/2020

# **End of Consent Agenda**

Mayor Horner opened public comment on consent agenda items only. Seeing no one come forward Mayor Horner closed public comment on the consent agenda.

Mayor Horner asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA MADE BY MR. MCGILL, seconded by Mr. Conda. Roll call vote. All aye. Consent agenda is approved.

# APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR:

**Planning Board** Marie Birbeck (Mayor's designee)

Term to expire 12/31/2020

John Marshall (Township Official) Class II

Term to expire 12/31/2020

Class IV Samuel Jones, term to expire 12/31/2022

Daniel Rau term to expire 12/31/2022 Kevin McGill, term to expire 12/31/2022

Alternate #1 Rory Maradonna, term to expire 12/31/2021 **Alternate** #2 Anthony Dorosz, term to expire 12/31/2020

Mayor's Open Space Committee: Mariette O'Malley, Barbara Jordan, Geri Dietrich, William O'Connor

#### **COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COMMITTEE:**

## Mr. Conda

Good evening, I would once again like to welcome everyone and thank all who have come out tonight to be a part of the Township committee's 2020 reorganization meeting.

Congratulations and thank you to Former Mayor McGill for you service as mayor for the past year. I would also like to Congratulate Committee member Kravil on her re-election, and to Mayor Horner and Deputy Mayor Segrest for stepping into their newly appointed positions. I look back at the whirlwind that the past 12 months have been, and none of it would have been possible for me without the support of my wife and family, the constant guidance of the committee members sitting here with me, and our very capable professionals and staff, also up here, who are always happy to put me back on track if needed. At this, the beginning of a new year, I couldn't be happier than to be working with the people you see up here.

I hope that in the past year, I did my part to make Cinnaminson a better place to live, work and play, and I plan to continue that work in the coming year.

We had some challenging issues this past year, as in every year, and I look forward to the new challenges that 2020 will bring. This committee has made great strides toward transparency, and this will continue. In addition to that, we have made Civility and Respect a cornerstone of this committee, and as always I will always I will do my best to treat each issue, each person and each opinion with the respect and civility each deserves, and in the best interest of Cinnaminson.

With that being said, I would like to thank everyone once again for coming out, and wish you all a fantastic new year!

#### Mrs. Kravil

Good evening and thank you all for taking time out of your busy schedules to share in our Reorganization meeting. First, I would like to thank my husband Matt, and my children; Macy, Logan and Kelsea for their love, support and continued encouragement. You are the driving force in everything I do. To my parents who instilled in me a sense of community and a pride in Cinnaminson.

I would like to thank the residents of our great community for their continued faith and re-electing me to Township Committee. Over the next 3 years I will be faithful to my oath of office. I will always be guided in my decisions by what is in the best interest of our entire community and all its residents. My position with this committee is not one that I will ever take for granted and I am honored and humbled to sit here before all of you.

I would like to thank Eric Schubiger, our Township Administrator, Lisa Passione our Township Clerk, Julia Edmondson, our CFO and our entire professional and administrative staff for their service to Cinnaminson and providing insight and expertise in everything that we do. And a special thank you to our First Responders and Veterans, who have dedicated their lives to service and selflessly protect us against all manner of threats.

I want to thank my fellow Committee members who work tirelessly for the betterment of Cinnaminson. Our talents are diverse and together we are capable of achieving great things. Congratulations to our newly appointed board members and a sincere thank you to all of our volunteers for their numerous hours of dedicated service. Lastly Congratulations to our New Mayor, Ryan Horner and Deputy Mayor, Al Segrest, who will continue to work hard to make Cinnaminson a great place to live.

Thank you.

## Mr. McGill

Family, friends, neighbors, fellow Committee members, distinguished guests and dignitaries, thank you all for attending our 2020 Cinnaminson Township Reorganization Meeting. To Committeewoman Kravil, congratulations on your re-election, and to Mayor Horner (?) and Deputy Mayor Segrest, congratulations on your newest positions on Township Committee. I know you all will continue to serve Cinnaminson with grace, respect, and integrity. To the three of you, Committeeman Conda, Stuart, Eric, Julie, and Lisa, thank you all for a great year. It was an honor and privilege to work alongside all of you as Mayor, and I look forward to good times ahead. To my wife Tracey and my sons Matthew, Kevin and Kyle. I would like to thank you for being my biggest supporters and helping me get where I am today. Thank you for all the pep talks, vent sessions, advice, and encouragement. It means the world to me, and I love you guys more than words can express.

Over the past few years, Cinnaminson has seen a number of positive changes. We installed a new Township Administrator and solicitor, and returned to and promoted a Chief of Police from within, creating a truly dynamic team working together for the benefit of the residents, and a team that can look at things from all angles and make well-informed decisions. We have seen great strides in economic development, with businesses coming into Cinnaminson up and down the Route 130 corridor. We have worked with our school district to place a School Resource Officer in every public school, allowing our children to have an improved relationship with the police all the while keeping

them safe. Taxes have remained stable, with no increase on the municipal portion of residents' tax bills coming in the last three years, at the same being cognizant of our economic climate, and planning for the future.

2020 has the makings of a very exciting year. We are underway on a number of projects in Cinnaminson, which is a testament to the continuity and hard work of this Committee, as well as our professionals, employees, and volunteers. Economic development continues to move forward, with multiple national retailers and businesses viewing Cinnaminson as a destination to succeed. Our economic development team is working hard to see projects through for the benefit of Cinnaminson. Our police department, led by Chief Calabrese, is continuing to work to improve community policing and keep our streets safe. Our award-winning fire district and fire department, led by Chief Kramer, are transitioning into their agreement with Palmyra Ambulance, allowing for improved EMS services in town. The township is working to improve communication with residents by utilizing our NIXLE and GovPilot programs. Our township website is currently being revamped for improved access of information for our residents. We are working with our township engineer and contractors to implement drainage improvements in areas around town that had previously been neglected for decades. These things can be credited to all of the people up on this dais, who have all proven their love for Cinnaminson and dedication to making it a better place. Respect and civility is the new norm in Cinnaminson; a norm which will continue for the foreseeable future. We will continue to work towards our common goal: to serve the residents of Cinnaminson with integrity, to do what is best for our constituents, and to leave Cinnaminson a better place than where we found it.

Of course, none of this would be possible without our incredible staff, professionals, volunteers, and of course the residents. To our staff and professionals and volunteers, you are the ones that make the day-to-day operations of this township run smoothly, and you make all of our lives easier. To all the residents who have attended meetings, asked questions, sent emails, and provided your thoughts to us on Committee, we thank you. We are not all knowing, all seeing, and we are not mind readers, and definitely not perfect, and the best way to work for you is to work with you, together, because, together, we are Cinnaminson strong. I look forward to working together with all of Cinnaminson in 2020 and beyond. I'll end with 2 of my favorite quotes from our  $40^{th}$  President, Ronald Reagan. The  $1^{st}$  is "There is no limit to the amount of good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit.", and my favorite "Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, leave the rest to God."

I wish you all a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year and I thank you all for coming to our 160<sup>th</sup> township reorganization meeting. That concludes my remarks.

## Mr. Segrest

First I want to thank my family; without their love, support and understanding I would not be up here. I am grateful to the residents for giving the opportunity to serve. I will continue to work hard to do the right things to help keep our town a great place to live, work and play.

Thank you to all our dedicated township employees and volunteers for all that you've done, and continue to do to serve Cinnaminson. You make the job of being an elected representative an easier one because of all that you do each and every day.

Congratulations to our newly re-elected committee member Stephanie Kravil. Your hard work and dedication has paid off.

Congratulations to our new Mayor Ryan Horner

To our exiting Mayor Ernie McGill, they say all good things must come to an end. As a resident thank you for your service, as a colleague, thank you for your leadership and guidance. You were the right person to lead us through important decisions this past year. Thank you.

# Mayor Horner:

Thank you and good evening to all in attendance. It remains an honor and a privilege to continue to serve the residents of Cinnaminson Township. As this is my third reorganization speech, I've come to realize that this is a time to reflect on previous years, set expectations for the year to come and provide much needed thanks and recognition to many people.

To my colleagues on committee thank you for your dedication, vision and thoughtfulness in serving this community. Your commitment to the residents and the town you yourselves call home is inspiring. You all possess individual talents that when put together collectively can and will continue to achieve great things for Cinnaminson. Ernie, you willingly took the role as mayor this past year during the time when the two of us were the senior members of this committee. You provided a calming presence to us. Many times you uttered the phrase "Relax, we got this". You have no idea how I personally needed to hear that. Your ability to connect with people, historical knowledge of the town and ability to think through issues to find solutions that benefit all residents was invaluable to watch and learn from. I thank you for being a mentor even when you may not have known you were and being a friend.

To the emergency responders, Chief Kramer, Chief Norman, Chief Calabrese and your respective staffs. Thank you very much. Many times your efforts go unnoticed or underappreciated. And I am not simply referring to the fantastic job you do each and every day in your respective fields, but also how actively you all are involved in our community, whether it's charitable events, opening days for our sports

programs, connecting with our student population or community gatherings, each department can be counted on to be part of the fabric of our community. As a father of four I am grateful to have each of you leading your departments. To the DPW staff, whether it be snow on the ground or leaves at the curb oftentimes we take for granted the job you do. You all have the unenviable job of only being noticed where there is an issue or a problem to solve or an emergency to tend to. Please know that your dedication does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated.

To the rest of our staff, employees and professionals, including Eric, Julie, John and Lisa, you are the backbone of what makes this town run. Julie, your dedication to our budget and being fiscally responsible should be commended. Eric, you do a fantastic job of quarterbacking this whole thing and you excel at looking for ways that we can instead of finding excuses of why we can't. You provide the much needed objectivity at times and have an acute awareness of how important resident satisfaction is to this committee. Thank you for all you do.

As a group we have strived to appoint and hire those individuals that bring both the experience and qualifications necessary to meet the high standards that this committee and our residents have for this community.

To my fellow neighbors and residents, stay active and engaged. Be the eyes and ears of how to find ways to improve this community. No one person or committee corners the market on good ideas, so feedback is welcome and a healthy way to continue to get better.

Ms. Pierson, Mr. Chichester, Mr. Goins and especially Mr. Young your comments, feedback and historical knowledge is much needed and greatly appreciated.

Finally, to my friends and family, thank you for your support. Long meetings, bad moods, time spent ruminating over a problem are all part of the package that comes with being on committee. None of it would be worth doing without your support and I'm grateful to know that I can count on you.

In closing we have many exciting things to accomplish in 2020, from making significant progress on economic development projects to continuing to address drainage issues impacting parts of our town, but most of all we will continue to work to keep Cinnaminson a great place to live, work and play. Thank you very much.

Mayor Horner opened public comment. Seeing no one come forward Mayor Horner closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Reverend John W. Doll of Asbury Methodist Church gave the benediction.

Mayor Horner asked for a motion to adjourn. MOTION TO ADJOURN MADE BY MRS. KRAVIL, seconded by Mr. Conda. Voice vote. All aye. Meeting is adjourned.

7:26 pm