

**CINNAMINSON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2017
6:30 P.M.**

Howard W. Evans opens the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Lisa Passione introduced **Ms. Colleen Hart** to sing America the Beautiful

Lisa Passione introduced **Reverend John Doll of Asbury Methodist Church** for the Invocation

Township Clerk This meeting is being held in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act," P.L. 1975, c.231, Notice was published in the Burlington County Times on January 7, 2015.

Oath of Office is administered to Howard Bud Evans by Richard Strobel, Esq.

Clerk calls for nominations for the Office of Mayor.

A MOTION IS MADE BY MR. YOUNG, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, that Anthony Minniti serve as Mayor for 2017. Voice Vote: AYES – Mr. Young, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Evans, NAYS: Mr. Brauckmann. Motion passes.

Oath of Office is administered to Mayor Minniti by the Honorable Janet Z. Smith

Mayor Minniti calls for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor.

A MOTION IS MADE BY MR. MCCARTHY, seconded by Mayor Minniti, that William "Ben" Young serve as Deputy Mayor for 2017. Voice Vote: AYES – Mr. Young, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Evans, NAYS: Mr. Brauckmann. Motion passes.

Oath of Office is administered to Deputy Mayor William "Ben" Young by the Honorable Janet Z. Smith.

Presentation of plaque to outgoing Mayor John McCarthy by Mayor Minniti.

Introduction of past Mayors of Cinnaminson Township in attendance

Introduction of Dignitaries in Attendance

Mayor: appointments are in compliance with Affirmative Action Rules, N.J.A.C. 17:27, P.L. 1975, c.127.

A MOTION IS MADE BY MR. YOUNG, seconded by Mr. McCarthy to adopt **Resolution No. 2017 -1** re: "Professional Services," Township Solicitor designating John C. Gillespie, Esquire, of Parker McCay P. A. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYE, no opposed, motion passes.

Appointments by Township Committee:

Liaison to Public Safety & Administration and Finance– John McCarthy

Liaison to Public Works - William "Ben" Young

Liaison to Economic Development – Anthony Minniti

Liaison to Parks & Recreation – Donald Brauckmann

Liaison to Health & Senior Services and Veterans Affairs–Howard Evans

Comments from the Public on the Consent Agenda - none

Consent Agenda

Finance Committee: Committeemen William Ben Young & John McCarthy

Liaison to Burlington County Community Development Block Grant Executive Board; William “Ben” Young

Tax Search Clerk - Sandra J. Root
Deputy Tax Collector; Julia Edmondson

Registrar of Vital Statistics: Lisa A. Passione
Deputy Township Clerk; Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics: Kimberly Horsley

Domestic Animal Registrar: Lisa A. Passione

Burlington County Times as primary Official Newspaper and as Alternate: Courier Post

Municipal Improvement Search Clerk - Lisa A. Passione

- Resolution 2017 – 2 Permits Township Treasurer to invest excess and surplus funds in the New Jersey Cash Management Fund to produce interest income.
- Resolution 2017 – 3 Permits the Township Treasurer to invest excess and surplus funds in Treasury Notes/Government Securities up to \$500,000 with approval of the Director of Administration & Finance; investments over \$500,000.00 require approval of Township Committee
- Resolution 2017 - 4 Designates insured banks and trust companies and insured savings institutions in Burlington County
- Resolution 2017 - 5 Permits Mayor to give interim approval to vouchers for payrolls, welfare payments, utility payments, and Social Security payments; authorizes the signatures of the officials for necessary checks.
- Resolution 2017 – 6 Provides rate of interest on delinquent taxes.
- Resolution 2017 – 7 Designates the Planning Board Secretary as the individual to issue certificates as to approval of subdivision of land.
- Resolution 2017 – 8 Designates dates when Administrative Offices will be closed for holidays.
- Resolution 2017 – 9 Designates dates, place and time for Executive Sessions and Regular Meetings of the Township Committee
- Resolution 2017 – 10 Authorizes Signatures on Checks
- Resolution 2017 – 11 Temporary Budget until Regular Budget is adopted
- Resolution 2017 – 12 Conflicts/Special Consulting Engineer; R&V, Alaimo and Pennoni Associates

- Resolution 2017 – 13 Designates Public Defender -James D. Fattorini and Christopher Baxter as alternate
- Resolution 2017 –14 Designates Prosecutor as Daniel Gee. Steve Wenger and Cheryl Cohen to be conflict prosecutor or any other municipal prosecutor duly appointed in any other municipality in Burlington County
- Resolution 2017 – 15 Affirmative Action Officer – Lisa A. Passione
- Resolution 2017 – 16 Additional Penalties; Delinquency on taxes
- Resolution 2017 – 17 Approval/Issuance; Blue Light Permits and ID Cards
- Resolution 2017 – 18 Appointment of Bond Counsel – Capehart & Scatchard
- Resolution 2017 - 19 Appointment; Planning Consultant – Barbara Fegley of ERI Consultants
- Resolution 2017 – 20 Appointment of Labor Counsel – Joseph Betley, Esq. of Capehart and Scatchard
- Resolution 2017 – 21 Authorization to purchase through State Contract
- Resolution 2017 – 22 Cancels or refunds Delinquent Taxes less than \$5
- Resolution 2017 – 23 Appointment; Recycling Coordinator; Karen Zlotnik
- Resolution 2017 – 24 Use of Photo/Video at Township Meetings
- Resolution 2017 – 25 Appointing Township Auditor- Bowman & Company
- Resolution 2017 – 26 Appointing Township Health Insurance Administrator
- Resolution 2017 – 27 Appointing Remington & Vernick as Township Engineer
- Resolution 2017 – 28 Appointing Fairways Insurance as Risk Management Consultant

Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators for one-year terms; Director Michael King and Ira Schoenfeld. Emergency Management Advisory Board: Ben Young, Harry Smith, Deputy Chief Kim Brown and Chief William Kramer terms to expire 12/31/2017

Route 130 Advisory Committee – Michael Minton

Zoning Board of Adjustment – John Bednarek term to expire 12/31/2020
 Brian M. Callahan term to expire 12/31/2020
Alternate #1 Roger Hare term to expire 12/31/2018
Alternate #2 John Conville term to expire 12/31/2017

Sewer Authority – 1 five year term – Robert O’Connor, term to expire 1/31/21

Economic Development Committee- 1 year terms – Michael P. King, Michael Minton, John Marshall.

End of Consent Agenda – A MOTION IS MADE BY MR.MCCARTHY, seconded by Mr. Young to approve the Consent Agenda as listed. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYE, no opposed, Consent agenda is approved.

Appointments by the Mayor:

Planning Board

- Class I** June Neumann
- Class II** Township Official- Michael Minton
- Class III** Committeeman John McCarthy
all terms to expire 12/31/2017
- Class IV** Marja Gallas
term to expire 12/31/2019
- Alternate #2** William Brennan
term expires 12/31/17

Motion to appoint John McCarthy as Class III Planning Board member made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mayor McCarthy. Voice vote. All aye. Mr. McCarthy abstains. Motion passes.

Mayor's Open Space Committee; One-year term, Terms to expire 12/31/17
Marianne O'Malley, Barbara Jordan, William Ben Young, and Ellie Hoffmeier

Mayor's Advisory Ad Hoc Senior Citizen Committee: Grace Campbell, Nancy Carr, Connie Young, Stanley Thomas, Geri Dietrich, Joan Kane and Al Bates.

Parks and Recreation – Donald Brauckmann, term to expire 12/31/17, Christine Turner, term to expire 12/31/19 and Thomas A. Long III, term to expire 12/31/18.

Mayor Minniti Introduces Ordinance 2017-1 An ordinance supplementing Chapter 85 of the Township Code Entitled "Police Department" to create the position of Police Chaplain within the Cinnaminson Township Police Department. Motion to introduce is made by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Brauckmann. Voice vote. All aye. Public hearing to be January 23, 2017.

Comments from Mayor and Committee

MR. BRAUCKMANN: Thank you all for coming tonight and I wish everyone the best in the coming new year. The first thing I'd like to do is congratulate Bud Evans and welcome him to township committee. Bud has a very impressive background and I feel he will serve Cinnaminson not only well as a committee member but as a liaison to departments that are well commiserate with his unique skill set. Based on his prior police experience, his current service as an officer in the PA Air National Guard and his education background including a bachelor's degree in finance with a master's in business administration I see Bud providing valuable input to our police department, our administration and finance departments as well as to this committee in regard to how we conduct ourselves as your elected officials. He is an outstanding addition to this committee and I look forward to working with him for many years to come. Congratulations Bud. In Cinnaminson we're gaining an outstanding representative with the addition of Bud Evans, but we also lost a great one with the departure of Kathy Fitzpatrick. For nine years Kathy has served as a true representative of the people. She always listened to the people of this community and always fought hard to protect their interests to make sure that their voices were always heard. As a person who served as an infantry non-commissioned officer in the US Marine Corp and as a twenty-four-year veteran of the police department and now as I start my tenth year as an elected official I've seen all kinds of leaders. Something I've learned over the years is that the best leaders govern from the trenches. That is exactly what Kathy did. Kathy's strength was that of a true representative of the people because she knew our residents well and they communicated not only to her but through her. Her passion to serve the residents and to speak on their behalf was what guided her. She was the epitome of people before politics and she was never meek to speak on the people's behalf. As an elected official the last presidential election was very inspiring to me as many of you know. The first one was taking care of America and Americans first and this related to me directly because I am a firm believer in Cinnaminson first above all else. It should always be our residents, our schools, our other elected boards, our sports organizations, our volunteers and our businesses first and foremost. All of these things should always be first in our mind and should always get priority out of any out of town group, business or person. Something else that really related to me as a personal belief of mine, it so inspired me that someone finally brought it up. It might not be popular especially with politicians. Personally I believe that no one should ever serve one office more than twelve years. As an elected official myself going into my seventh year I can promise you all tonight that regardless if any of these term limits are ever imposed or not, that's my personal standard and I promise that I will never serve one office more than twelve years. The final thing that I thought was really inspiring to me was that the nation felt what I was feeling. People finally

have had enough of politics as usual and they finally took their government back. In order to feel this way people need to have their finger on the pulse of the people and know what the people want. Many in politics aren't properly connected to the communities they serve anymore and lose touch with their residents so they don't always seek their input anymore. They become too empowered. This also ties in with the reasoning behind my thinking of term limits but also with the belief that the silent majority is watching us and will always take back their government when they feel their government no longer represents their interests. The last election should serve as a wakeup call to everyone. So I hope people, especially elected officials, at all levels, were watching and paying attention so government can properly return to one of "we the people" the way our founding fathers originally intended it to be.

As always I want to give thanks to all the people that help me to do what I do as your liaison to Parks and Recreation. Last year as we do every year we coordinated our summer concert series, Cinnaminson Day, Trunk or Treat, Christmas tree lighting ceremony, our senior's Christmas dinner, summer tennis lessons, summer basketball and also adult exercise classes and senior dance classes. We also coordinate the permit process which governs the use of all township parks for all of our sports organizations. Since we do not have a paid Parks and Recreation director or full time paid staff like many surrounding towns have, I rely heavily on many others to help pull off the things that we offer here in Cinnaminson. I have to thank our volunteers, some of the people in Town hall that help me and of course the other members of this Township Committee who are always supportive of the things we do at Parks and Recreation to provide services to our community. Other key players are our volunteer advisory board, Pat Rucci, Christine Turner, George Ferris and many others including our Public Works Department who is always there to provide the things that we need. If I missed anyone I apologize.

I want to thank Mickey King for doing a great job with all the jobs he does for our Township. I'm not sure if everyone is aware of this but he is our administrator, our public safety director, community development director and also by default our acting Public Works Superintendent. Although he is doing an outstanding job and it's commendable by filling all of these positions it is my hope that this year this governing body takes steps to fulfill and fill a couple key vacancies to spread the management of our township among a group of department heads who will report directly to Administrator King which I personally feel is a far more effective way to run our organization. The first priority I'd like this committee to take is to fill the position of Public Works Superintendent. That position has been vacant for over two years. This is something I'd hope we would re-advertise for and fill as soon as possible. The other thing I'd like this committee to consider is to establish a timeline to convert our police department back to one that is led by a chief of police and not a public safety director. I'm not sure what that timeline would be and it could be a couple years from now. But our police department is functioning at such a high level with Mickey King right now I understand that might be down the line but I want us to start thinking about that. Because the decision to do that and to convert to a public safety over a chief more than three years ago was never meant to be anything more than temporary. This will allow our police personnel to get prepared and properly trained to ultimately lead our police department again. Hopefully this committee will take these two steps to fill these key positions which will give us a full complement of leadership staff to effectively manage our township for many years to come.

In closing I'd like to thank all of our sports organizations, community groups and other elected governing bodies in Cinnaminson, that being our school board and fire commissioners. And of course all of our township employees at town hall, public works and our police department. All of these groups or individuals work tirelessly for Cinnaminson and take seriously their responsibility to always do what is best for Cinnaminson. We are a lucky community to have such great people and such great residents. I look forward to working with this committee to make it an even better 2017.

Last but not least I want to thank my wife, Michelle, and my children for always supporting me for doing a job that I love doing which is being your voice here in Cinnaminson as your elected representative.

Thank you all for listening, thank you for your continued support. God bless you all and Happy New Year. Thank you Mr. Mayor.

MR. MCCARTHY: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Good evening everyone. Welcome. Thanks for coming out tonight. We appreciate your interest in the Township and your support. For four years now I've been on committee, one as committee member, one as deputy mayor and two as mayor. I can honestly say that I've learned a lot about how this town works. I haven't learned everything but I've learned a lot. Just recently I looked at Richard and I said I've been sworn in for all four years. This is the first year that I wasn't sworn in so something felt amiss. I've quickly learned over the years who has your back, who truly supports this committee, who has sincere commitment to serve in this town, who has knowledge and information you can count on. With that being said, as always there are plenty of people to thank. First, Mickey King, our Township Administrator and Director of Public Works. Mickey, your professionalism, your knowledge, your concern and dedication to both this Township and your positions held are well recognized and greatly appreciated. This year we had a rough start with the sudden loss of our township clerk. Mickey made sure that the transition to fill the clerk's position was done professionally, efficiently, ethically, according to the Township code and ordinance and of course he found and recommended an excellent replacement. Thank you Mickey for all you do. And that brings me to our new acting township clerk, Lisa Passione. Lisa you're doing a great job. You stepped into a tough situation. You transitioned from your former position in the Construction office and stepped right up to plate and took the clerk's position head on. I look forward to you completing your classes and voting to approve you as a permanent township clerk. To our township CFO, Julie, as always, you do an excellent job. Our zoning officer, John Marshall, I don't think he's ever here probably because he does so much. He handles many different situations every day and I thank you for all you do for the town. And of course thank you to the employees in the administration building. Thank you for your professionalism. The morale and work ethic has never been better. Thank you to the resident volunteers and working professionals who serve on our planning and zoning boards. These dedicated board members and professionals take their positions very seriously. They attend meetings once, sometimes twice a month and many of these meetings go way past 10 or 11:00. The issues before them are not rubber stamp issues. They're very important issues and we thank them for their help.

Thank you and congratulations to our Economic Development team made up of Mayor Minniti, Mickey King and Mike Minton. They've been working overtime all year. We've had several new businesses open up throughout the year and I'm sure there's more to come. To our professionals, Law firm of Parker, McCay, our township solicitor John Gillespie, George Morris, our engineer Todd Day of R & V Engineering firm, thank you for your professional guidance and your expertise throughout the year. To our first responders, our firefighters, our EMT's and our police department, thank you for the risk you take every day to keep Cinnaminson safe. As always thank you doesn't seem like enough but thank you anyway. Special thanks and congratulations to the Cinnaminson Police Department for your community policing efforts. These efforts do not go unnoticed. National Night Out at Memorial Park was a great event. Along with Cookout with the Cops and Breakfast with Santa, these are the types of community events which make Cinnaminson very special. Thank you to the Cinnaminson Police Department.

As always, I don't think Jim's here but I'll still thank Sea Box and my coworkers for covering for me on those days when I come in late, leave early or take an extra-long lunch to take care of a few things.

To my neighbors and the residents of Cinnaminson thank you for your support. You're what make Cinnaminson a great town. As always we invite you and encourage you to attend our meetings, visit our website, use the information on it. Think about getting involved. Feel free to introduce yourself to me around town. Email us or call the township building when you have a problem or concern. We'll respond to your concerns. We have a great team and we'll do our best to solve your problems.

Thank you to my fellow committee people for your support over the years. Tony and Ben your knowledge and commitment to this town is acknowledged and greatly appreciated by this committee person. As I mentioned before Tony is on the Economic Committee and he is doing a great job. Ben thank you for your efforts with Public Works the past few years. The Public Works employees do a great job for this town. Special thanks, congratulations and recognition should go to the public work employees and especially the supervisors John, Scott and Mike.

Don, as always you do a great job with Parks and Rec. This year's events among others, the summer concerts, the movie nights, the Christmas tree lighting were all great successes. Congratulations.

Unfortunately, over the last year and a half we've had a few hiccups, mostly to do with our Park and Rec ordinance. But Don, I'm confident that with your leadership you and the subcommittee will work out these issues very soon.

And of course welcome to Bud, our new committee member. Bud I look forward to working with you and I truly believe that you will serve this township well. I know I can count on each of you throughout the year for your support and expertise. The past four years for the most part we were a good team. We all do our best to serve this township well. I know this new team will continue to do the same. To our outgoing committee person Kathy Fitzpatrick, the Township owes you thanks and gratitude for your nine years of service. Whether we agreed or not on an issue I know that you believed in what you were doing and what was right for this town. All the best.

Finally, I would like to say that I was honored and very humbled to serve as your mayor for the last two years. I want you to know that I did my best. I may not have been perfect but I did my best and I always, like everyone on this committee, have the best intentions for this town. Being mayor is not an easy job. It's especially not easy when some of the very people you expect to support you don't and at times actually work against you. Lesson learned.

However, I did have a strong enough support from the majority of our committee, our professionals and our employees to complete the year, to move forward in a positive direction, to get done what had to get done and to make Cinnaminson the great town that it is. All in all, I believe we had a good year and I believe that we'll have another good year with this new committee and this new positive attitude.

I'd like to thank Lizanne, my kids, none of them are here. Four years ago they were all here. I look forward to continuing and completing my term and serving Cinnaminson as one of your committee people for at least the next two years. Thank you very much and have a Happy New Year.

MR. EVANS: Mr. Minniti, Mr. Young, Mr. Brauckmann, Mr. McCarthy, residents of Cinnaminson Township, my friends, new and not so new and especially my family, it's an honor to sit here before you today and humbly accept the challenges that have been placed here before me. I'd like to again thank Mrs. Fitzpatrick for her selfless service for the past nine years and the four previous years on the Planning Board. I know I have some large shoes to fill. She called me today to congratulate me and wish me luck and offered to support me in any way in the future and I will take her up on that. I'd also like to thank Richard Strobel and Bill Layton and the members of the Cinnaminson Republican Club. Thank you very much. You started me on the journey so many months ago. It started with a speech about not so simple a topic. Three simple words duty, honor, country, these three hallowed words that dictate what I ought to be, what I can be and what I will be. They're my rallying points to build my courage when it seems to fail. They're my faith when there seems to be little cause for faith and create hope when hope becomes forlorn. Unhappily I possess neither the eloquence of diction or the poetry of imagination nor the brilliance of metaphor to tell you exactly what they mean so I try to live them. In my life I've served my local community through teaching, youth hockey, my municipality through law enforcement as a law

enforcement professional and my country as an enlisted and commissioned American Airman. In all these I found something surrounding myself with great people who work together to help me achieve goals and metrics in all the areas that were needed. I compliment the members of this Township who serve their community as volunteers, coaches and mentors of our youth. They realize as I do that not all success would be gained without team work. No pride in accomplishment could have been earned without unselfish giving. No happiness without painstaking hard work and dedication. I take my pride in my dedication on all fronts and have taught my lessons to my son and taught him the same core value driven work ethic by which he has found success. I approach each problem with certain principles, maintain control of my emotions, respect others, understand my limitations and systematically overcome those limitations through knowledge and teamwork and finally I try to live each day with honor. I look forward to engaging with the members of this committee in every endeavor for the betterment of this Township and its residents and the employees of this Township so that we can make it a positive place to live. We're a team and we must work together in the future as such. I promise to be an unyielding voice of reason and will always challenge the status quo. "This is how we've always done it." Is not an appropriate term. We will work together. We will be better. We will achieve together or we will fail together. In 1987 I learned the Air Force core values, integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do and I'm continually reminded of that. I cannot initially comprehend the depths of meaning in that simple collection of words or the devotion to duty, honor and country that it would later entail. It would become the driving force in my life, in any job I perform, in any oath I take, and I've taken a few. Any promise I make I would strive to become the embodiment of those core values. Behind my stands my strength, my values, my driving force and my best friend, Stephanie, my wife. Your willingness to sit in the shadows while I stand in the light is not why I love you, watching me strive and achieve, that's not it. It's watching you strive and achieve while you constantly under estimate your own strength, and overvalue mine. That's why I love you. You're stronger than you know and that lifts me to great heights. You've managed our lives more times than I care to count while I was absent due to service of others in this country. With her and my son Frank who I've watched grow into a great man, an outstanding coach and a fine health care professional and in May he'll become a great professional husband to his future wife Allison. Without all of you I am nothing. Finally, Mr. Mayor, your actions can illuminate the themed unit in this group and this Township. I fully devote this part of my life to this group and to this Township. I thank the members of this community for this unique position. I trust and put hope in the challenges we will face together. I look forward to serving this community and all of you with distinction. Happy New Year. Thank you.

MR. YOUNG: Good Evening to everyone.

I, too, would like to welcome you to our Townships annual re-organization. This will be my 12th time attending this event as an elected official and each time has been unique. I would like to first offer my congratulations and welcome to Bud Evans on his successful election to Committee. As an active member of our military along with his additional educational background in finance, Bud will be bringing a fresh perspective to our Committee. I offer to Bud a sincere "Thank you for your Service" and "good luck" as he comes Committee. Bud, anywhere you think I can be of help, please don't hesitate to ask.

First, my congratulations to you, Tony, on becoming our Mayor for this New Year. I'm proud to have had the opportunity to nominate you to the position. The results of your commitment to our community's continued economic development through my years on Committee is obvious. When I look back to my arrival and realize that we were just beginning to demolish the Mini-Mall and Motel Row in 2005 and then fast forward to now, the changes have been amazing. Even in the tough years, you kept plugging ahead, always trying to find something that could work. As fellow Committee members and running mates for election on 4 occasions, and even though we had some major differences, it has been my privilege to work beside you all of these years. The economic development team you've assembled is a tribute to your efforts. I wish you continued success this year and going forward.

Mayor McCarthy, you do know that you will always carry the title of Mayor. John, I want to congratulate you on the success of your time as Mayor. As I said last year you are always trying to do what is best for the residents. You have continued to be involved and make sure that you have done your homework on any issue that arises. We all realize that we can't make everyone happy, but you make an admirable effort to do as much as possible. I'm proud to have served as your Deputy Mayor, and as a fellow member of the Planning Board, and worked beside you over this past year. You're to be commended and you've done a great job.

I want to thank our township professionals and our staff, without whom this place would not work. The entire staff in this township building has done an outstanding job and it has become a total team effort. My thanks to all of you. I particularly want to acknowledge Mickey King for being both our Director of Public Safety and continuing as our Administrator. Mickey has also been providing oversight for our Public Works group. That has continued throughout 2016. This is above and beyond his job description but again demonstrates the total effort being given by him to make the town work. Along with Mickey, I would acknowledge other key members of our staff, CFO Julie Edmondson and our Acting Township Clerk, Lisa Passione. Julie is an asset in our finance group and has developed some excellent management controls that make our auditors very happy as well as making our bond holders very happy with our high credit rating. Lisa stepped into the clerk's office due to the untimely death of Pam McCartney and has done an outstanding job of keeping things running smoothly while working on getting her credentials for the position. Lisa has completed her classes and will be ready to take the state tests this spring. A special congratulations to her.

I again want to remind all, that you will have heard a lot of names read here tonight as we go through our agenda, who have taken on assignments to serve on boards or committees. I've served on the Planning Board this past year to fill a vacancy and also attended a number of Zoning Board and Sewer Authority meetings and can truly appreciate the effort of the individuals who serve our community. These mostly volunteer positions are the backbone of this community. And to those who serve, your willingness to be involved shows that you care about what is happening in our town and that is greatly appreciated. Thank you all.

I also want to thank both the Fire service and our police for their support at the various functions we've had over the year. I also thank them for the support that they have given for the yellow ribbon events that have happened in Cinnaminson this past year. Remember people, when you see many of them at the special events they are not on the clock, but are there of their own interest in the community.

I again want to recognize our Department of Public Works. While we continue to operate short-handed, their attitude is terrific. They do a great job with their existing resources. We have supervision in this department that is available whenever we need them. They make sure we have contact info if they are away. I can and have reached out to them at literally all hours and they have responded. It continues to be my privilege to represent this department. Guys – Thanks for the continued great work and the positive attitude.

Most importantly, I want to thank my family; Connie, my wife, partner and best friend, who continues to provide both her counsel and support and keeps me grounded, along with our sons, Bill, Greg and Jeremy, without whose help I would never be able to serve on this Committee.

To all of you, the best of the New Year. Thank you.

MAYOR MINNITI:

Before I begin my comments, I'd like to join my fellow Committeemen in congratulating Bud Evans on his election and welcoming him to Township Committee. He's a hard worker who possesses a diligent and enthusiastic approach to service. This Committee and community are fortunate to have him. I would also like to thank my fellow members of Township Committee for choosing me to serve as Mayor this year. I'm honored to have earned your trust and look forward to leading our town through what promises to be a very challenging, yet exciting year.

Before I began preparing this evening's comments, I spent some time reading my speeches from past years. That's when it really "hit home"; the realization that this is my 15th re-organization. Each year my comments seemed to speak about the challenges our town was going to face, or celebrated goals that we met. But the common thread in each speech was how proud I was of our town, and excited I was about our future. I always believed that the true measure of our success as elected representatives was fairly simple; Is Cinnaminson a better place because of our efforts. By this measure, I'm as optimistic as ever that it is.

I believe that we on Township Committee are probably given too much credit for the successes (and too much blame for the setbacks) of our town. That said I do believe that we play a very important role in establishing high standards of service; where we strive to make Cinnaminson the best it can be. Township Committee should serve as the example by which all who volunteer, work, or serve our community can look to. Cinnaminson is successful because of the many residents who volunteer to serve in many different capacities; From our School Boards to our Home & School associations and PTAs. To the hundreds of parents who organize, administer, and coach our robust sports programs or serve in our community based religious institutions. To the volunteers who plan the activities so many residents enjoy, or who rally our community to the aide of fellow residents who've experienced personal tragedy or loss. To those who serve on our Township Boards, Fire District, and Sewer Authority. And to all those who work serve us each day as police, firefighters, in our public works departments or in Town Hall. Our success as a community is because of our shared commitment to making our town the wonderful place it is.

Cinnaminson's standing as one of the region's most desirable communities is due to all of our efforts and I'd like to both thank and recognize all for their work.

Another common thread in my speeches has been, of course, a focus on economic development and how important it is to our town. 2017 promises to mark the beginning of another transformative era for our Route 130 corridor. Mayor Mike Minton's addition to our economic development team has proved invaluable. In the past year, Cinnaminson has approved two major re-development projects (Wawa with gas) at both our north and south ends of Route 130. The long abandoned Dynatec factory is finally seeing new life as a Conoco Gas Station and car wash. Approvals are pending for new businesses to occupy spaces in our existing centers and we're making continued progress in our attempts to redevelop the few remaining outmoded uses and vacant properties.

A very important, yet somewhat unnoticed infrastructure project will begin in the coming year. The Cinnaminson Sewer Authority will begin installation of sewer main down Taylor's lane. Lack of sewer service has been a major impediment to our ability to attract business, both to the Route 130 and Industrial properties serviced by this roadway. I would like to extend our thanks to the authority for agreeing to assist us by making this very important investment.

A final observation I made about my past comments is that they probably go on a little too long, so I'd like to end by expressing a few words of thanks; To my wife Rose, who continues to not only tolerate, but support my desire to serve, I couldn't do this without you. Making the round trip from Scranton to Cinnaminson to be here tonight? I think that says it all and it means everything that you're here for me.

To our kids, Amanda and Jess, and John, Christian and Claire, thank you for your understanding and willingness to share your already limited time with me. I hope I can make you as proud of me as I am of you. To the Cinnaminson Republican Organization who works so diligently to find and motivate people to serve. They continue to set the standard for “good government”, as they have for decades.

But most of all, I’d like to thank you, my fellow residents. I made a promise during my very first campaign back in 2002, which seems so long ago now; that I belonged only to you and would continue to serve as long as you would have me. 5 elections and 15 years later, it’s hard to put into words, how much it means that you continue to choose me to represent you. You express appreciation when you think I’m doing the right things, and you don’t hesitate to let me know when you think I’m not, and I’m thankful every day for both.

Comments from the Public

Chief William Kramer, Cinnaminson Fire District - Congratulates new committee member Bud Evans. Comments regarding new proposal for EMS services and disappointment that the Fire District was not allowed to do a presentation to full committee.

Mayor Minniti responds that this matter was handled by a subcommittee who worked on it for a year.

Director King comments that based on his 36 plus years of law enforcement and public safety he would never make any recommendation that was not in the best interest of the community. If there was that much money to be saved, he would bring it under the Division of Public Safety rather than the Fire Department.

Mr. Young states that this decision was not done lightly and with a complete review of its history. This has been a pay for fee service. We have Palmyra Ambulance. They accept whatever the insurance company pays vs. if there is a shortfall with the Fire District the taxpayers would have to pay the difference because someone has to fund the department. The existing service is of no cost to the taxpayers. There were two meetings with the subcommittee and the organizations involved.

Mayor Minniti restates that from a public safety standpoint there is not a compelling reason to risk a change to make something better that is already working well. From a cost perspective this is a free service so therefore there cannot be a tax savings. The Township has no risk, no responsibility and no role other than to spell out our requirements. If we opened this up we would be required to put out to bid to all fire departments, all EMS squads and hospitals that offer EMS services. The Township has approved an agreement for one year that we can review annually. The agreement affects our neighboring towns, Palmyra and Riverton which could damage our relationship with these towns.

Mr. Brauckmann comments that he would like to have a discussion with other elected bodies and Palmyra ambulance. He has never seen formal proposals but would like to. It is a creative way for the fire department that as a taxing authority to generate revenue to offset a fire tax increase.

Mayor Minniti states that we work until the end of the year. This issue needed to be addressed. The solicitor advised that the agreement should be in place or we would be exposed.

Karen (unable to understand): Concerned with response time. Every minute counts. What is our average response time? She is concerned with the response time.

Committee confirms that it was looked into by the subcommittee.

Director King responds that under the agreement with Palmyra squad they have to staff a 24/7 ambulance in Cinnaminson which has been done since October 1st. You also get police and fire response.

Mayor Minniti closes public comment.

Rev. Doll offers benediction

Colleen Hart sings God Bless America.

A MOTION IS MADE BY MR. YOUNG, seconded by Mr. McCarthy to adjourn the meeting. VOICE VOTE: ALL AYE, no opposed, motion passes. The Meeting is adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Duly passed and adopted

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Passione