

MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2015 REORGANIZATION MEETING

**140 NORTH BROADWAY
SOUTH AMBOY, NJ 08879**

6:00 P.M.

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CITY CLERK**
2. **OPENING PRAYER**
3. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**
4. **SWEARING IN OF COUNCILMAN AT LARGE, MICHAEL "MICKEY" GROSS
SWEARING IN OF COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE, CHRISTINE NOBLE**
5. **PRESENT: Councilman Applegate, Councilwoman Noble, Councilman Reilly
and Council President Gross.**
6. **CITY CLERK ENTERTAINS A MOTION FOR TEMPORARY COUNCIL PRESIDENT**
ROLL CALL: Applegate-Yes, Noble-Yes, Reilly-Yes, Gross-Yes
7. **TEMPORARY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ENTERTAINS A MOTION FOR COUNCIL
PRESIDENT**
ROLL CALL: Applegate-Yes, Noble-Yes, Reilly-Yes, Gross-Yes
8. **CERTIFICATION OF MEETING BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**"The Notice requirements provided in the Open Public Meetings
Act have been satisfied. Notice of this Meeting was published
in The Home News Tribune on December 21, 2014, provided to
The Star Ledger, filed with the City Clerk and posted in the
Municipal Building on December 17, 2014".**
9. **COUNCIL PRESIDENT ENTERTAINS A MOTION FOR COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT**
ROLL CALL: Applegate-Yes, Noble-Yes, Reilly-Yes, Gross-Yes
10. **SWEARING IN OF MAYOR, FRED A. HENRY**
11. **RESOLUTIONS:**
 - a.) R-1-2014 Resolution Authorizing Temporary Budget Appropriations
for the 2015 Calendar Year
12. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - a.) *R-2-2015 Approving 2015 Annual Business and Council Meeting Dates
 - b.) *R-3-2015 Designating Official Newspapers
 - c.) *R-4-2015 Designating Official Depositories
 - d.) *R-5-2015 Appointment of Director of Law
 - e.) *R-6-2015 Resolution Authorizing the Award of Special Legal Counsel
 - f.) *R-7-2015 Appointment of Director of Engineering
 - g.) *R-8-2015 Resolution Authorizing the Award for Special Engineering Services
 - h.) *R-9-2015 Appointment of Business Administrator
 - i.) *R-10-2015 Appointment to Emergency Management Council

- j.) *R-11-2015 Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer
- k.) *R-12-2015 Appointment of Municipal Prosecutor and First and Second Alternate Prosecutors
- l.) *R-13-2015 Appointment of Municipal Public Defender
- m.) *R-14-2015 Appointment of Commissioner to Central Joint Insurance Fund
- n.) *R-15-2015 Appointment of Alternate Commissioner to Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund
- o.) *R-16-2015 Appointment to Housing Authority
- p.) *R-17-2015 Appointment to South Amboy Redevelopment Agency
- q.) *R-18-2015 Appointment to South Amboy Redevelopment Agency
- r.) *R-19-2015 Appointment of Council Representative to South Amboy Redevelopment Agency
- s.) *R-20-2015 Appointment of Council Representative to South Amboy Planning Board
- t.) *R-21-2015 Re-establishing Petty Cash Fund-Public Works
- u.) *R-22-2015 Re-establishing Petty Cash Fund-Administration
- v.) *R-23-2015 Re-establishing Petty Cash Fund-Police
- w.) *R-24-2014 Re-establishing Change Fund-City Clerk
- x.) *R-25-2014 Re-establishing Change Fund-Construction Code Office
- y.) *R-26-2015 Re-establishing Change Fund-Tax Collector
- z.) *R-27-2015 Re-establishing Change Fund-Municipal Court
- aa.) *R-28-2015 Fixing Interest Rate for Delinquent Taxes
- bb.) *R-29-2015 Fixing Interest Rate for Delinquent Sewer
- cc.) *R-30-2015 Authorizing Tax Lien Sale

13. COMMENTS

Mayor Henry welcomed everyone. I would like to congratulate Council President Michael Gross on becoming Council President and also Councilwoman Christine Nobel on becoming Vice-President. I look forward to working them, including Zusette Dato who unfortunately can't be here tonight, Donald Applegate, and the new council member to be named later. Mayor Henry also stated many exciting things have happen this year besides Re-election as Mayor of South Amboy. I would like to go over a couple of things tonight. With the help of 1.8 million dollar grant we were able to finally complete the reconstruction of our beautiful walk way and the water front now we can once again walk from one end to the other and enjoy the view. Mayor Henry also added that our Senior Citizens have been relocated back to the old Senior Center on Stevens Avenue and I am very pleased to recognize that there has been an increase in a number of our seniors that have participated in various activities that we offer with that it has also been a financial benefit to the city as we renegotiated our lease with the YMCA so that they could use the extra space at the YMCA and the city would also receive some extra revenue from the increased rent a win for our seniors and also the city. Mayor Henry is proud to announce the Phoenician Healthcare Rehabilitation Center is now open our first residents were moved in last month it is a state of the arts facility as it will be a benefit to South Amboy and the surrounding communities with the programs and services that they offer. The Phoenician will be conducting an open house in the spring so that anyone can go down and tour this incredible facility. Many have been asking about the progress of the Ferry. We did complete the policies and procedures manual that the State Department of Transportation required of us it was approved we have had meetings with DOT and with their help this project is moving forward so the Ferry Terminal can be built and Ferry Services restored to the City of South Amboy at this time we are beginning the process for the for the terminal in the parking lot. A couple of Months ago South Amboy participated in an emergency drill conducted by New Jersey Transit early in the year members of the police force, fire department, and first-aid squad attended a seminar in Texas to learn procedures of various situations, our emergency situation was the train rail. Mayor Henry commented that he is happy to report that Transit reported to me that they

were extremely pleased and impressed with our response and I would like to thank Police Chief LaVigne, Fire Chief Brett Coyle, First Aid President Christine Walzak, our fire department, our Police Department, our first aid members, and all that participated in this drill they are all a credit to the City of South Amboy and at this time I would like to recognize Stanley Wazsheki. I would like to congratulate our new Fire Chief Mike kilkowski, Assistant Chief John Kelly, Assistant Chief Steve they were all sworn in on the first and through the corporation of the fire department under the leadership of former Chief Coyle at my office we have been able to accomplish a lot for the fire department. We have been able to purchase our own respirator machine which is going to save the city eight thousand dollars a year. Mayor Henry stated we were able to change over the explorer fire fighter program from the Boy Scouts to a City run program we are able to relocate the City Train Center to the Senior building we established a written policy for any fire watch, we established a written policy for all standard stand by services performed by the fire department. These accomplishments were achieved because of the open dialogue we established between the Fire Department and my office. Mayor Henry would also like to thank the Fire Department Committee for the procurement of 911 monument. It was my great honor to give a short speech. The police Department under our administration the computer system has been upgraded and added to some of our police cars so we can operate more efficiently. The instillation of the emergency generator at City Hall has been completed. Mayor Henry stated that we will continue to apply for grant money to help the city and its citizens; we received forty three thousand dollars from the community development block grant this year we will be dedicating that money to side walk and curbs. Mayor Henry was pleased to announce that Amboy Aggregates closed their deal with O'Neil Properties on December 30, 2014, thanks to the hard work of my office, City Council, The Planning Board, and Redevelopment Agency we were able to bring a positive solution. The City received three point eight million dollars to help the city in many ways. Mayor Henry finished by thanking Business Administrator, Camille Tooker for the great job she does on a day to day basis and I thank my family for being here.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

A Motion by Councilman Applegate to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Reilly.

ROLL CALL: Applegate-Yes, Noble-Yes, Gross-Yes.