Re-Organization Meeting
January 3, 2011

The 2011 Re-Organization Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque was held on Monday, January 3, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. at the Wanaque Municipal Building, 579 Ringwood Avenue, Wanaque, New Jersey 07465.

The Mayor called the meeting to order with the flag salute.

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was delivered by Reverend Donald DeGroat, Midvale United Methodist Church.

MASSING OF COLORS AND FLAG SALUTE: By the VFW and American Legion.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT:

The Mayor read the following Sunshine Statement: Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the Mayor and Council by e-mailing notice of this meeting to the Suburban Trends and the News newspapers on December 14, 2010 stating therein that this meeting would be held on Monday, January 3, 2011 at the time of 7:00 P.M., in the Wanaque Municipal Building, 579 Ringwood Avenue, Wanaque, New Jersey, and a copy of this notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Wanaque Municipal Building on December 14, 2010 and a copy is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

On roll call, the following Council Members responded: Balunis, Cortellessa, Leonard, Pasquariello, Pettet and Theoharous. Also present were Anthony Fiorello, Borough Attorney and Michael Cristaldi, Borough Engineer.

OFFICIALS TO BE SWORN INTO OFFICE:

The Mayor asked Freeholder Edward O'Connell to come forward and administer the Oath of Office to Mayor Daniel Mahler, Councilmen Dominick Cortllessa and Edward Leonard.

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH JUDGE: Harold Cook III

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Theoharous moved a motion to approve Harold Cook III to a three (3) year term expiring December 31, 2013.

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS: See Attached

COUNCIL ADDRESSES: See Attached

Councilman Cortellessa:

Councilman Leonard:

Councilman Balunis:

Councilman Pasquariello:

Councilman Pettet:

Councilman Theoharous:

ROLL CALL:

On roll call the following Council Members were present: Balunis, Cortellessa, Leonard, Pasquariello, Pettet and Theoharous.

APPOINTMENTS:

The Mayor presented the following names of professionals for the year of 2011:

Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo & Cuva, P.A- Charles Ferraioli - Auditor
Richard A. Alaimo Associates – Michael Cristaldi – Engineer
Anthony Fiorello, Esq. – Borough Attorney
Kenneth Albert/Richard A. Alaimo, P.E. – Borough Planner
Art Bernard and Benecke Economics – Borough COAH Planner
Michael F. Kelly, Esq. - Public Defender
Michael Foulon – Assistant Public Defender
Ralph Fava, Esq. - Prosecutor
Scarinci & Hollenbeck, LLC - Sean Dias, Esq. - Labor Counsel
Hawkins, Delafield & Wood - Bond Counsel
Polaris Galaxy, Inc. – John Serapiglia – Multi-Line – Workmen's Comp.
UHY Advisors – Joseph Rude - Health
Robert Benecke – Economic Development Consultant
Benecke Economics – Highlands Planner
William Kelly, P.E.; Alaimo Group – Sewer Engineer

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Cortellessa moved a motion to approve the aforementioned appointments.

On roll call, all voted yes, except Councilman Pettet who abstained on the appointment of John Serapiglia and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS:

Patricia Norton	Wayne Rundecker
Robert Passarella	Mark Oliveri

Katherine Kollmann Lisa Robataille
Shane Reigler Chris Vnencak

CHAPLAIN - FIRE DEPARTMENT: Theodore Luciani
CHAPLAIN – POLICE DEPARTMENT: Reverend Donald DeGroat

OFFICERS - FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The Mayor presented the following names as Officers for the Wanaque Borough Volunteer Fire Department for the year 2011:

Chief:		Lee Smith
1st Asst. Chief:		Thomas Luciani
2nd Asst. Chief:		Mark Oliveri
Captains	-	Co. #1: Glenn Cisco, Jr.
		Co. #2: John Powers
1st Lieutenants	-	Co. #1: Jerry Reap
		Co. #2: George Schamble
2nd Lieutenants	-	Co. #1: James Sheridan
		Co. #2: Matt Hayward

FIRE MARSHALLS:

The Mayor presented the following names as Fire Marshalls for the year 2011:

Pat Spadaccini Adolph Crescente
Theodore Luciani

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU - FIRE PREVENTION SPECIALIST:

The Mayor presented the following names as Fire Prevention Bureau - Fire Prevention Specialist for the year 2011:

Fire Official	-	Kevin Platt
Fire Inspectors	-	Dennis Dondero, William Roberto, John Roberto
		Robert DeStaffen

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Pettet moved a motion to approve the aforementioned appointments of Officers for the Fire Department.

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS:

Recreation Commission:

The Mayor appointed Nick Ruhle and Walt White to a Five (5) Year Term each and Councilman Edward Leonard as Council Liaison.

Planning Board:

The Mayor appointed Joe Graceffo as a Class IV member to a Four (4) Year Term and Councilman Dominick Cortellessa as Council Liaison.

Library Board:

The Mayor appointed Gloria Gardella to the Library Board for a Five (5) Year Term and Mayor Daniel Mahler as Mayor's Representative.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS:

Planning Board:

Kevin Platt was appointed as a Class II One (1) Year Term and Councilman Dominick Cortellessa was appointed as a Class III One (1) Year Term.

Board of Adjustment:

Jack Dunning and Don Ludwig were appointed to a Four (4) Year Term each, Joseph D'Alessio was appointed to an unexpired term expiring 12/31/11, Jamie Landis was appointed as an Alternate #1 for a Two (2) Year Term and Councilman Edward Leonard was appointed as Council Liaison.

Board of Health:

Frank Riccardelli and Chris Demetriou were appointed to a Three (3) Year Term each and Councilman George Theoharous was appointed as Council Liaison.

Open Space:

Joe Fiorito was appointed to a Three (3) Year Term and Councilman Robert Pettet was appointed as Council Liaison.

Ethics Committee:

Mayor Daniel Mahler – Term of Office – 12/31/14.

Wanaque Valley Regional Sewerage Authority:

Councilman Dominick Cortellessa was appointed as Council Liaison.

STATUTORY APPOINTMENTS: One (1) Year Terms

1. Susan Boyhan - Assistant Treasurer
2. Katherine Falone - Assessment Search Officer
3. Katherine Falone - Tax Search Officer
4. Thomas Carroll - Public Agency Compliance Officer
5. Thomas Carroll - Fund Commissioner NJIIF
6. Thomas Carroll – Solid Waste Advisory Council

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Cortellessa moved a motion to approve the aforementioned appointments.

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

EMPLOYEE BONDS:

1. Blanket Bond
2. Court Administrator
3. Municipal Judge
4. Tax Collector

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Theoharous moved a motion to approve the aforementioned appointments.

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Anything placed on this agenda has been deemed to be non-controversial in a matter of routine business and will be voted on by one motion.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #1-0-11:
Re: Signature Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor, Borough Clerk and Chief Financial Officer be and are hereby authorized to sign all checks and issue payments for the Borough of Wanaque; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council President be authorized to sign in the absence of the Mayor and the Assistant Treasurer in absence of the Chief Financial Officer.

Resolution #2-0-11:
Re: Transfer Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue transfer checks on her signature alone, to transfer Borough funds from one account to another, but no funds are to leave the credit of the Borough.

Resolution #3-0-11:
Re: Interest Resolution - Delinquent Taxes

BE IT RESOLVED that interest on delinquent taxes be 8% per annum on amounts of less than $1,500.00 and on any amounts in excess of $1,500.00 the rate shall be 18%; and

BE IT RESOLVED that a 6% penalty will be charged on delinquencies in excess of $10,000.00 at the end of the calendar year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a grace period of ten (10) days shall be provided within which the installment of taxes may be received without charge for interest.

Resolution #4-0-11:
Re: Interest Resolution - Unpaid Assessments

BE IT RESOLVED that interest on unpaid assessments shall be at the rate of 8% per annum on amounts of less than $1,500.00 and on any amounts in excess of $1,500.00 the rate shall be 18%; and

BE IT RESOLVED that a 6% penalty will be charged on delinquencies in excess of $10,000.00 at the end of the calendar year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a grace period of ten (10) days shall be provided within which the installment of taxes may be received without charge for interest.

Resolution #5-0-11:
Re: Cancel property Tax refunds or delinquencies of $10.00 or less

WHEREAS, Chapter 82, Public Law of 1987, known as N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17.1 permits authorized employees to process cancellation of property Tax refunds or delinquencies of $10.00 or less without further action of the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is responsible for property Tax collection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council do hereby authorize the Tax Collector to cancel property Tax refunds or delinquencies of $10.00 or less.

Resolution #6-0-11:
Re: Tax Sale for 2010

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector shall have a Tax Sale for 2010 and Prior Delinquent Municipal Charges during the calendar year of 2011.

Resolution #7-0-11:
Re: Investment Resolution

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Wanaque for the uses of modern techniques of money management of excess funds in all accounts; and

WHEREAS, on such acceptable and sound technique is the use of cash flow when balances become available in secure legal investments and certificates of deposit; and

WHEREAS, it has further been determined that the Borough Auditor has recommended, due to the instability of the financial market that the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer be hereby authorized to invest current excess funds in all accounts, as she deems necessary, in order to obtain the highest interest rates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Wanaque, that the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer be and she is hereby authorized and directed to invest all excess cash funds in all accounts in Certificates of Deposit and Money Markets at the highest interest rate, as she deems necessary, when the Borough has the funds available, in those banks as legally designated by the Mayor and Council;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer is further authorized and directed to report, in writing, to the Governing Body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any investment is made pursuant to this Resolution and such report shall include the amount, description, interest rate, financial institution and maturity date of such investment.

Resolution #8-0-11:
Re: Change Fund Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque that a change fund be established as follows:

TAX COLLECTOR.....$200.00
WATER CLERK.....$100.00
HEALTH DEPARTMENT..... $25.00
SEWER CLERK.....$100.00

Resolution #9-0-11:
Re: Enumerated Claims for Payment

WHEREAS, all claims for payment by the Borough are required to be first submitted to the Borough Council of the Borough of Wanaque, for consideration before payment is made; and

WHEREAS, due to the nature of certain claims and timing the particular meetings involved, certain claims which are statutory and regular in nature should be paid when presented, other than for the next meeting of the Borough Council due to the nature of said bills.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Wanaque, as follows: 1. This Borough Council does hereby approve of the payment between meetings of the following enumerated claims for payment, and the same are presented to the Borough Treasurer of the Borough of Wanaque:

A. The Standard Insurance Company
B. Bergen Municipal Employee Benefit Fund
C. Wanaque Board of Education
D. Lakeland Regional High School
E. Wanaque Valley Regional Sewerage Authority

F. New Jersey State Health Benefit Plan
G. GSPOPS/Bollinger

Resolution #10-0-11:
Re: Civil Rights Compliance Officer

WHEREAS, there must be a Civil Rights Compliance Officer designated to oversee the Civil Rights Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque, the Borough Administrator is hereby designated the Civil Rights Compliance Officer for the Borough of Wanaque to oversee Civil Rights.

Resolution #11-0-11:
Re: Affirmation Action Program for Equal Employment Opportunity

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM FOR EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

A. DEFINITION - "An Affirmative Action Program is a set of specific and result-oriented procedures; the objective of which is to achieve equal employment opportunity, and in doing so to recognize and overcome the effects of racial, sexual and social discrimination in employment.

B. STATEMENT OF POLICY - The Borough of Wanaque is committed to ensuring equal opportunity and participation to all of its volunteers, employees and applicants for employment. The treatment of all employees and applicants for employment without unlawful discrimination as to race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, handicap, marital status, sexual orientation or affectional preference in all employment decision, including but not limited to recruitment, hiring, compensation, training and apprenticeship, promotion, upgrading, demotion, downgrading, transfer, lay-off and termination, all other terms and conditions of employment except as provided by law.

The Borough of Wanaque intends to advocate this Affirmative Action Program to clearly reflect in increased distribution and utilization of minority group employees

C. RESPONSIBILITY - The Borough Administrator of the Borough of Wanaque is responsible for implementing the Affirmative Action Program. He or she is responsible for ensuring equal opportunity for all employees and volunteers.

The Executive Director shall be responsible for reviewing the progress of the Affirmative Action Program to ensure that equal opportunity exists in fact. The Executive Director will be responsible for all necessary actions and efforts to support the Affirmative Action Policy.

Resolution #12-0-11:
Re: Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

The Borough of Wanaque is sympathetic to personnel with substance and alcohol problems, but it will not tolerate situations in which drug or alcohol dependency causes unsatisfactory position performance and/or substandard behavior and where it jeopardizes the Borough's reputation and position in the community.

When drug dependency or alcoholism results in unsatisfactory position performance and/or substandard behavior, the Borough of Wanaque consider termination of employment to be a business necessity. Unsatisfactory position performance and substandard
behavior include, but are not limited to, the following:

- consistent and/or excessive lateness or absences.
- inability to carry out assigned duties on at least an average level.
- inability to follow instructions.
- lack of cooperation.
- lack of self-sufficiency and self-control.

Management will evaluate such situations if patterns of poor work performance and/or substandard behavior occur.

Employees will also be subject to immediate dismissal if they are under the influence of alcohol or drugs or are in possession of or sell alcohol or illegal drugs on Borough time or property.

Resolution #13-0-11:
Re: 2011 Salary Resolution (Police Only)

BE IT RESOLVED that the following salaries be established for the Wanaque Police Department effective January 1, 2011:

TITLE	SALARY	
John Reno – Chief	$142,218.00	
Thomas Norton – Captain	$118,705.00	
Kenneth Fackina – Captain	$118,705.00	
Charles Huber, Jr. – Sergeant	$103,966.00	
Robert Kronyak, Jr. – Lieutenant	$110,625.00	
Philip Cavallaro – Sergeant	$103,966.00	
John Hennessy	$94,515.00	
Kevin D. LaCouture	$94,515.00	
Joseph Ascenzo	$94,515.00	
Angelo Calabro – Sergeant	$103,966.00	
Charles M. Sahanas	$94,515.00	
Tad J. Skawinski	$94,515.00	
Mark Kershaw – Sergeant	$103,966.00	
Kathleen Stymacks	$94,515.00	
Matthew Ralicki	$94,515.00	
Ed Schroeder	$94,515.00	
Paul Carbone	$94,515.00	
Keith Spillane	$94,515.00	
Jamie Cappello	$94,515.00	
John Galinus	$53,410.00	($57,891.00 effective 3/20/11)

Brian Bellifemine	$53,410.00	($57,891.00 effective 3/20/11)

Resolution #14-0-11:
Re: Budgetary Transfers

None.

Resolution #15-0-11:
Re: Payment to Library - 1st Quarter Allotment: $114,404.25

BE IT RESOLVED that payment be made to the Wanaque Public Library for the 1st Quarter Allotment in the amount of $114,404.25.

Resolution #16-0-11:
Re: Mailing of Notice for the Tax Sale in place of advertising

WHEREAS, Chapter 99 of the Public Laws of 1997 as further codified in N.J.S.A. 54:5-26 permits a maximum fee of $25.00 for each notice by regular or certified mail sent in lieu of advertising for two of the four weeks proceeding the week of the tax sale.

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is to hold a tax sale yearly for delinquent Municipal charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the Tax Collector to charge $10.00 for each set of mailings done in lieu of the advertising for the tax sale.

Resolution #17-0-10:
Re: Approve Surety Bond – County Road Opening

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE TO ISSUE AND EXECUTE A BOND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE "PASSAIC COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY ENTRY RESOLUTION".

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque need to make certain repairs on roadways which are located within the borders of the Borough of Wanaque and are owned by the County of Passaic; and

WHEREAS, in September of 1991, the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted a "Right-of-Way Entry/Opening Resolution" requiring all municipalities to comply with certain requirements before making any repairs to a County road; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the above requirements and prior to the Borough of Wanaque undertaking any repairs, a Bond must be posted with Passaic County to insure that the Borough of Wanaque will properly excavate and restore the surface of any County roadway; and

WHEREAS, the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders have indicated that they will accept a municipality's own Bond in lieu of a Bond issued by a Surety Bonding Company; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque desire to satisfy this requirement in order to undertake all necessary roadway repairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque does hereby authorize the issuance and execution of a Bond in the amount of $30,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all instruments relating hereto and that a copy of this Resolution along with the Bond be forwarded to the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Resolution #18-0-10:
Re: Adopting Tort Claim Notice

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Tort Claim Form be and is hereby approved for all Title 59 notifications.

Resolution #19-0-10:
Re: Award of Professional Services

WHEREAS, on November 24, 2010 the Borough of Wanaque announced through its official Municipal Website, HTTP://www.wanaqueborough.com that it was soliciting proposals for various professional services under the "Fair and Open" provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq; and

WHEREAS, those proposals were received on December 16, 2010 by the Borough Administrator, who opened them and read them aloud; and

WHEREAS, upon review by the Borough Council it is agreed to make certain appointments under the "Fair and Open" provisions of the law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following professional appointments are made for the year 2011 in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:11-5 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.:

Borough Attorney:	Anthony Fiorello, Esq.
Borough Auditor:	Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo & Cuva-Charles Ferraioli
Borough Engineer:	Richard A. Alaimo Associates-Michael Cristaldi
Borough Planner:	Kenneth Albert, P.P.; Benecke Economics; Alaimo Group
Borough COAH Planner:	Art Bernard; Benecke Economics
Public Defender:	Michael Kelly, Esq.
Assistant Public Defender:	Michael Foulon
Borough Prosecutor:	Ralph Fava, Esq.
Borough Labor Counsel:	Scarinci & Hollenbeck, LLC-Sean Dias, Esq.
Bond Counsel:	Hawkins, Delafield & Wood
Borough Insurance Broker:	John Serapiglia-Multi-line, Workmen's Comp.

	Joseph Rude, UHY Advisors-Health
Economic Development Consultant:	Robert Benecke
Highlands Planner:	Benecke Economics
Sewer Engineer:	William Kelly, P.E.; Alaimo Group

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be published in the Suburban Trends as required by Law.

Resolution #20-0-10:
Re: Borough Newspapers:

WHEREAS, Section 3d of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 requires that certain notice of meetings be submitted to two (2) newspapers, one of which shall be the official newspaper; and

WHEREAS, the second newspaper designated by this body must be one which has the greatest likelihood of informing the public within the jurisdictional boundaries of this body of such meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

First: The Suburban Trends is hereby designated as the official newspaper of the Borough and it is to receive all notices of meetings as required under the Open Public Meetings Act.

Second: It is the opinion of this body that the Herald & News/The Record shall be designated as the second newspaper as it has the greatest likelihood of informing the public within the jurisdictional area of this body of such meeting.

Resolution #21-0-10:
Re: Meeting Schedule:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Work and Regular Meetings of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque shall be as follows:

WORK MEETING: 2nd Monday of the Month - 7:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING: 2nd Monday of the Month - 8:00 P.M.

With the exception of April where the meeting will be held on April 18, 2011 not April 11, 2011 and October where the meeting will be held on October 3, 2011 not October 10, 2011.

The July 11, 2011 Work and Regular Meetings and the August 8, 2011 Work and Regular Meetings will be combined into a Business Meeting which will begin at 7:00 P.M.

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilman Pasquariello and Pettet moved a motion to approve the aforementioned Resolutions.

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Resolution #22-0-11:
Re: Temporary Budget – Current and Water Utility

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Theoharous and Cortellessa moved that,

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides that where contracts, commitments, or payment are to be made prior to final adoption of the 2011 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the date of this Resolution is within the first thirty (30) days of January 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, said total temporary appropriations are limited to one quarter of the total appropriations in the 2010 Budget exclusive of any appropriations made for debt service, capital improvements fund, or public assistance in said 2010 Budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque, that the following temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Treasurer for his/her records.

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Resolution #23-0-11:
Re: Bank Depository:

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Pettet moved that,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Wanaque that the official depositories for the Year 2010 shall be Lakeland State Bank, Wachovia Bank, PNC Bank, MBIA Class New Jersey, New Jersey Cash Management Fund, TD Bank, Bank of America, Merrill Lynch, Smith Barney, Bank of New York, Hudson City Savings and Kearny Federal Savings.

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

COMMITTEE	**COUNCIL MEMBER**
COUNCIL PRESIDENT	Councilman Donald Pasquariello
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	Councilman Edward Leonard - **CHAIRMAN**
	Councilman Dominick Cortellessa
	Councilman Robert Pettet
EXECUTIVE	Mayor Daniel Mahler - **CHAIRMAN**

	Councilman Robert Pettet
	Councilman Donald Pasquariello
FINANCE & INSURANCE	Councilman Robert Pettet - **CHAIRMAN**
	Councilman Donald Pasquariello
	Councilman Dominick Cortellessa
FIRE	Councilman George Theoharous - **CHAIRMAN**
	Councilman Thomas Balunis
	Councilman Robert Pettet
FIRST AID	Councilman Thomas Balunis - **CHAIRMAN**
	Councilman Donald Pasquariello
	Councilman George Theoharous
INVESTMENTS & BONDING	Councilman Robert Pettet - **CHAIRMAN**
	Councilman Dominick Cortellessa
	Councilman Edward Leonard
NEGOTIATIONS	Councilman Thomas Balunis – **CHAIRMAN**
	Councilman Robert Pettet
	Councilman Edward Leonard
ORDINANCES, STATE PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Councilman Robert Pettet - **CHAIRMAN**
	Councilman Edward Leonard
	Councilman Thomas Balunis
PERSONNEL	Councilman Dominick Cortellessa - **CHAIRMAN**
	Councilman Robert Pettet
	Councilman Donald Pasquariello
POLICE	Councilman Donald Pasquariello - **CHAIRMAN**
	Councilman Dominick Cortellessa
	Councilman George Theoharous
PUBLIC RELATIONS	Councilman Edward Leonard - **CHAIRMAN**
	Councilman Thomas Balunis
	Councilman Donald Pasquariello
RECREATION	Councilman Edward Leonard - **CHAIRMAN**
	Councilman Robert Pettet
	Councilman Thomas Balunis
ROADS	Councilman Dominick Cortellessa - **CHAIRMAN**
	Councilman Donald Pasquariello
	Councilman George Theoharous
SEWER	Councilman Dominick Cortellessa -**CHAIRMAN**
	Councilman George Theoharous
	Councilman Donald Pasquariello
SHARED SERVICES	Councilman Donald Pasquariello - **CHAIRMAN**
	Councilman Dominick Cortellessa
	Councilman Edward Leonard
VETERANS	Councilman Thomas Balunis - **CHAIRMAN**
	Councilman Edward Leonard
	Councilman George Theoharous
WATER	Councilman George Theoharous - **CHAIRMAN**

Councilman Dominick Cortellessa
Councilman Thomas Balunis

LIASIONS

WANAQUE BOARD OF EDUCATION	Councilman Edward Leonard
LAKELAND BOARD OF EDUCATION	Councilman Robert Pettet
BOARD OF HEALTH	Councilman George Theoharous
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	Councilman Edward Leonard
WANAQUE VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY	Councilman Dominick Cortellessa
LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER	Mayor Daniel Mahler
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE	Councilman Robert Pettet
PASSAIC COUNTY FREEHOLDER BOARD	Councilman Thomas Balunis
GOLDEN AGE CLUB	Mayor Daniel Mahler

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Theoharous and Pettet moved a motion to approve the Council Committees.

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

The Mayor opened the Public Discussion.
No one came forward.
The Mayor closed the Public Discussion.

ADJOURNMENT:

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Pettet moved a motion to adjourn the meeting; meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Katherine J. Falone, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

MAYOR'S 2011 NEW YEARS ADDRESS

Good evening and Happy New Year. Welcome to the annual reorganization meeting of the Wanaque Mayor and Council.

I would like to start by congratulating both Dominick Cortellessa and Ed Leonard on their election to the Council. In 2010, Dom and Ed both proved that they were tough competitors by winning not only the November general election, but a June primary election as well. Dominick was appointed to the Council in January 2010 to fill an unexpired term and he did a great job last year. This will be Ed's first year on the Council after 7 years on the Board of Adjustment and he brings to the Council a new perspective. I am confident that both Dom and Ed will become integral parts of our team and will work hard for our residents.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Passaic County Freeholder and former Wanaque Councilman, Ed O'Connell

for taking time out of his busy schedule to swear in our newly elected officials.

As I begin my second term as your Mayor, I would like to take this opportunity to review the status of several development and infrastructure projects and to discuss the vision for the long range future of Wanaque.

Recent improvements to our infrastructure include the reconstruction of several streets near the Wanaque School, including Laura Avenue, and First and Second Streets. This work was primarily funded with state grants. Additional grants were also received to upgrade Furnace Avenue and Melrose Avenue which will be completed in the spring of 2011.

Significant upgrades were made to our Municipal Water System which includes the refurbishment of the Haskell Water Tank and the installation of an interconnection to the Wanaque Reservoir to

provide additional water when our wells are at capacity. The interconnection provides us additional water in the summer and it has reduced the overtime requirements in the Water Dept. The cost of this project, which exceeded $1 Million, was paid for entirely by Pulte under the Developers Agreement. Significant upgrades were made to the regional sewer plant to comply with DEP regulations, which were paid for by Federal Stimulus Funding. New Police, Fire and First Aid Equipment were purchased over past 2 years to insure the safety of our citizens.

The Passaic County Board of Social Services moved into the former Pulte Sales Offices last May. We received a check from Passaic County for over $77,000 representing the rent from April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011. The County Workforce Development office and County Clerk's upcounty office are expected to move into the building any day.

Wanaque has some of the best recreation facilities in our area. Addice Park was completely renovated in 2009 and new lights were installed in 2010 at Memorial Field. The lights were funded by a $150,000 grant from Passaic County Open space and a $150,000 low interest loan from Green Acres. The two new ballfields at Hagstrom Field , which sustained water damage last spring, are now ready for use.

The reconstruction of Ringwood Avenue Phase III is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2011. This will include new sidewalks and curbs, road resurfacing and a new water main from Father Hayes Drive to the Ringwood border. The project will be completed over two years with the section from Father Hayes Drive north to near the Municipal Building being completed in 2011 and the balance completed in 2012.

Grants were obtained to refurbish the facades on the storefronts on the east side of Ringwood Avenue between Second Avenue and

Third Avenue in Haskell and to improve the drainage on Second Avenue in Haskell. We recently received approval from the County engineer and they should be going out to bid shortly. Construction on both projects should occur in late spring of 2011.

A new "Welcome to Wanaque" sign and "Welcome Park" is being constructed at the intersection of Ringwood Avenue and Union Avenue. The sign which should be up any day now is being funded by the sale of bricks. The park which will also contain a flagpole and a 9-11 memorial is being funded by donations and a transportation corridor enhancement grant from Passaic County.

The redevelopment of the US Aluminum property on Fourth Avenue should begin in 2011. The redeveloper is awaiting final clearance from DEP and we have held ongoing meetings with the developer to monitor the process.

Wanaque Reserve is almost built out. 8 of the 10 buildings are completed and sold. Units are currently being sold in the ninth building and the last building should be completed this summer.

The Holiday Inn opened in 2009 and is doing phenomenal. The owner has approached us about building a second hotel and a chain restaurant on Union Avenue near Route 287. The owner is currently negotiating the purchase of the applicable properties and a formal redevelopment plan will be implemented once the purchase contracts are signed. The owner envisions a third hotel within five years of the second hotel being completed.

The redevelopment of the area south of Doty Road (across from CVS) has been severely hampered by the poor economy. The redeveloper has been negotiating with the property owners, but the process is moving slowly. The Building at the corner of Ringwood Avenue and Doty Road was demolished and a parking lot for local businesses will be completed in the spring.

The candle factory project is in bankruptcy and on hold. Several new developers have looked at the project which has been appraised at $6.2 Million in its current state. Unfortunately the debt on the project is $12 Million, with $6 Million being owed to the former owner of the site and $6 Million being owed to the bank holding the construction loan. The two lenders have begun litigation over the priority of the loans. We have spoken with several potential developers regarding this project. However, any new developer must wait until the litigation between the lenders is resolved. We have instituted action against the project's bonding company to have certain improvements completed including the paving of Fourth Avenue.

We recently instituted a lawsuit against the owners of the Mountain Lakes project off Conklintown Road to have the buildings and foundations demolished and the road paved. The owner of this project has boarded up the buildings and filed an appeal with the Courts.

The area north of Union Avenue and across from the lake has been designated as a redevelopment zone. This area which is over 20 acres is the last large undeveloped parcel in Wanaque. Its location less than 1/8 mile from Route 287 makes it an ideal location for a large commercial ratable. A developer has expressed interest.

I see a very bright future for Wanaque. While a number of these redevelopment projects have been put on hold due to the economy, I believe that Wanaque is well positioned and that our redevelopment plans will be prime for implementation when the economy turns upward.

In the area of property taxes we have worked very diligently to control expenses while continuing to provide the best level of services to our citizens. As we prepare the 2011 Budget, the Council and I will attempt to maintain services while adhering to the state mandated 2% CAP. We will continue to review every budget line

item for potential savings. Our budgets have been severely impacted by reductions in state aid, loss of revenues, increases in pension and health benefit costs and unfunded mandates. The increased pension costs are the result of actions or inactions by prior administrations in Trenton. We have reduced our workforce by over 15% through attrition, spreading the work load and only hiring part timers to avoid pension and health care costs.

We have maintained a continuing dialogue on shared services with our neighboring communities, some of which are anticipated to be implemented during 2011.

We have great employees. Our Police Officers, Road and Water Department workers, and our Borough Hall staff are second to none. Our volunteer Firefighters, First Aid Squad members, Recreation volunteers and people who donate their time to our community make Wanaque a great place to live. I thank all of them for their efforts. I want to especially commend our Road Dept workers on the

exceptional job they did last week clearing snow during and after the blizzard. Within 12 hours of the end of the storm, almost every road in town was drivable. Within another 48 hours, almost every road was plowed back to the curb.

I would also like to take this opportunity top thank the Borough Council, our Administrator Tom Carroll, our Clerk Kathy Falone, Chief Reno, our Attorney Tony Fiorello and the entire staff. I am confident that we will continue to move forward as we continue to improve our community.

I would like to conclude by thanking my wife, Marie and my family for their continued support in allowing me to be Mayor of this great town.

Thank you and God Bless America.

JANUARY 3, 2011 BOROUGH REORGANIZATION MEETING
COUNCIL ADDRESS BY DOMINICK CORTELLESSA

GOOD EVENING EVERYONE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY CONGRATULATING MAYOR DAN MAHLER FOR HIS REELECTION AND ED LEONARD FOR HIS FIRST ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL.

AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO VOTED TO ELECT ME TO THE COUNCIL AS WELL.

IT IS AN HONOR TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE AND I PLEDGE TO CONTINUE TO WORK HARD TO HELP MAKE OUR TOWN THE BEST IT CAN BE AND REAFFIRM YOUR FAITH IN MY ELECTION.

BUT BEFORE I SAY ANOTHER WORD, I WOULD LIKE TO ESPECIALLY COMMEND AND THANK THE ROAD DEPARTMENT BUT ALSO THE MEMBERS OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT AND POLICE DEPARTMENT WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE TREMENDOUS SNOW CLEARING TEAM EFFORT DURING THE RECENT STORM. WHAT A WONDERFUL JOB THEY DID FOR OUR COMMUNITY UNDER TREMENDOUSLY ADVERSE CONDITIONS AND THEY RIGHTLY DESERVE OUR PRAISE.

2010 WAS A CHALLENGING YEAR FOR ALL OF US.

WE ALL STRUGGLED WITH THE CONTINUING FINANCIAL IMPACT THAT THE ECONOMIC DOWN TURN HAD ON US PERSONALLY. WE SAW THE VALUE OF OUR HOMES AND SAVINGS DWINDLE FURTHER. WE HAD TO

WORK HARDER TO MAKE ENDS MEET FOR OUR FAMILIES, MANY OF OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS LOST JOBS, MANY OTHERS NEEDED THE SUPPORT OF OUR FOOD BANK, CHURCHES AND BOROUGH SERVICES. IN THE FACE OF IT ALL, THE PEOPLE OF OUR BOROUGH WERE RESILIENT AND MOST OF ALL THEY REACHED OUT AND HELPED EACH OTHER.

OUR BOROUGH GOVERNMENT WAS CHALLENGED AS WELL. REVENUES WERE DOWN, EXPENSES WERE UP FOR VARIOUS REASONS AND SUPPORT FROM COUNTY AND STATE LEVELS WERE REDUCED. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKED HARD TO DETERMINE HOW BEST TO MITIGATE THESE CHALLENGES AND THE IMPACT ON TAXES WHILE MINIMIZING LAYOFFS AND THE REDUCTION OF SERVICES. ALTHOUGH MUCH WAS ACHIEVED IN 2010 IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT THE WILLINGNESS OF OUR STAFF IN ALL DEPARTMENTS TO TAKE ON MORE RESPONSIBILITY OR GENERATE CREATIVE IDEAS TO SHARE WORK LOAD AND HELP REDUCE EXPENSES. THEY ALL DESERVE OUR THANKS.

OUR COMMUNITY WAS ALSO CHALLENGED BY A TOUGH PRIMARY AND NOVEMBER ELECTION. AS CONTENTIOUS AS IT WAS AT TIMES, IT ALLOWED THE PEOPLE OF WANAQUE TO CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THE STRENGTHS, OBJECTIVES AND VISIONS OF THE CANDIDATES SO THAT THEY COULD MAKE INFORMED VOTING DECISIONS. ISN'T THAT WHAT OUR GREAT DEMOCRACY IS ALL ABOUT?

2010 IS BEHIND US AND I AM VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT OUR FUTURE. THE ECONOMIC INDICATORS SEEM TO

BE STARTING TO TURN AROUND. THE ECONOMY HAS BEGUN TO GROW AGAIN, HOUSING PRICES ARE STARTING TO STABILIZE IN MANY AREAS, STOCK PRICES ARE INCREASING, AMERICANS ARE PAYING DOWN THEIR DEBT, CONFIDENCE IS INCREASING AND UNEMPLOYMENT IS STARTING TO IMPROVE. THESE ARE ALL GOOD SIGNS FOR OUR COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY. SO, WHAT DOES THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL NEED TO DO IN 2011 TO HELP STIMULATE OUR COMMUNITIES ECONOMY AND SPUR GROWTH WHILE MINIMIZING TAXES AND ANY REDUCTION IN SERVICES?

TO START WITH, WE NEED TO STAY FOCUSED ON EXPENSES:

1. **WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO SCRUTINIZE AND MONITOR, BY LINE ITEM, THE BUDGET AND ENSURE WE MAKE ONLY NECESSARY AND INTELLIGENT PURCHASE DECISIONS.**
2. **AND WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE SHARED SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES RESULTING IN LOWER COST WHILE IMPROVING COMMUNITY SERVICES.**

AT THE SAME TIME WE NEED TO GENERATE MORE REVENUE:

1. **BY AGGRESSIVELY PURSUING QUALITY RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT THAT INCREASE TAX RATABLES WITHOUT INCREASING OUR COST OF SERVICES.**
2. **BY STIMULATING LOCAL BUSINESS GROWTH THROUGH REDEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVED BUSINESS DISTRICT PARKING.**

3. **AND BY MAXIMIZING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES THEREBY ALLOWING US TO IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITY WITHOUT USING TAX DOLLARS.**

WE HAVE ALREADY STARTED THE BALL ROLLING ON MANY OF THESE FRONTS. THERE ARE A VARIETY OF ACTIONS BEING TAKEN TO CONTAIN EXPENSES. SHARED SERVICES OPPORTUNITIES ARE BEING EVALUATED. DISCUSSIONS ARE OCCURRING REGARDING REVITALIZING THE CANDLE FACTORY, ALUMINUM FACTORY AND ADDITIONAL HOTEL AND RESTAURANT OPPORTUNITIES. ADDITIONALLY, WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF IMPROVING PARKING AND THE LOOK OF OUR BUSINESS AREAS. YET, THERE IS MUCH MUCH MORE TO DO AND WE HAVE THE ENERGY, DESIRE AND COMMITMENT TO WORK RELENTLESSLY TO ENSURE OUR COMMUNITY MOVES FORWARD WHILE RETAINING THAT SMALL TOWN FEEL.

I AM OPTIMISTIC ABOUT OUR FUTURE AND I LOOK FOREWORD TO WORKING WITH MY COLLEAGUES ON THE COUNCIL AND MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY. I AM OPTIMISTIC ABOUT OVERCOMING THE CHALLENGES WE FACE AND ENSURING THAT THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE IS THE BEST IT CAN BE FOR OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILIES IN THE FUTURE.

AND TO EVERYONE, I HOPE 2011 TURNS OUT TO BE ALL YOU WANT IT TO BE FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

Re-Organization Meeting - January 3, 2011 - Ed Leonard

Thank you Mayor Mahler and fellow Council members. Certainly this is an exciting opportunity and I look forward to working with the Mayor, Council and Administration on continuing with the job of improving our town. By all accounts there are many challenges ahead, especially dealing with our budget that may require very difficult decisions, but I'm feeling very comfortable in getting through these times with an extremely talented mix of political and administrative folks. Wanaque, and it's people, is a town that clearly deserves all of our best efforts.

I would like to thank my wife, Mary, my children Tom and Jessica for allowing me the time needed during this past year. I would like to thank Mayor Mahler for bringing me on to this team, the Wanaque Republican Club and its President Jim Affinito for their hours of hard work. I would also like to express a very special thanks to Alice Beam for all of her support and encouragement during a very difficult year.

Thank you and here's to a healthy and happy 2011.

Re-org meeting 1/3/11 – Tom Balunis

I want to begin by wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year. I also want to congratulate Dan, Dominick and Ed. I look forward to working with them and the rest of the Council to do the best job possible for our residents.

The last couple of years have been very difficult for all towns in NJ. The fiscal problems of our state government coupled with the downturn in the economy forced Governor Christie to make deep cuts in spending and aid to schools and municipalities. The 2% Cap will make 2011 another challenging year for us. We must continue to explore methods of providing the level of services our residents are accustomed to, but in the most cost efficient way possible. I'd like to thank our borough employees for all their hard work throughout the year and for their cooperation and understanding during these difficult times.

I also want to thank all the volunteers serving on town boards and various children's and community programs. And most importantly, during this time when so many of our service men and women are serving overseas, I ask everyone say a prayer for the safe return of our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and may God bless America. Thank you.

Good evening.

I too would like to welcome Ed to the Council, and congratulate Dom on his election also. As the Mayor has said, we have a lot of work ahead of us in 2011. We will all be inconvenienced by the reconstruction of Ringwood Avenue, but when it is all done, those memories will fade fast, just as they have with phases One and Two. With the mandates coming down from Trenton, our budget will be stretched thin as we try to maintain services yet work within the 2% CAP. There are tough times ahead, and by working together we will do what is best for the Borough.

I would like to thank all of the Borough volunteers, the Fire Department, First Aid Squad and Board members for the time they give our community. Our Borough employees, especially the Road and Water Department employees who worked long hours during the blizzard and did a great job, are to be commended for their efforts. Our Police Department is the finest in Passaic

County, if not the State. We are fortunate to have great leadership and dedication from the men in blue.

Again, thank you for coming tonight and Happy New Year.

Reorganization Meeting

1/3/11

Rob Pettet

Good Evening.

Hard to believe again another year has gone by.

Congratulations to Mayor Mahler on re-election as well as Dom Cordelessa and welcome, Ed Leonard.

2011 doesn't promise to be any less challenging than 2010. Budgets and revenues won't simply "fall in place for us" by simply having passed the challenges of 2010.

However, there IS one guarantee and that is that we live in a great community. I would like to thank the many volunteers that help make Wanaque a safe and enjoyable place to live.

So many devote their time to our children and provide excellent sports activities. Thank you.

To our volunteer firefighters who give so much. Thank You.

To those on First aid in their selfless service. Thank You.

To our policeman. Thank you. In Wanaque it is obvious, your service is "more than just your job".

With this guarantee. Great people working together, we WILL meet the challenges of 2011.

We will not only reactively meet the challenges but we will PROactively move forward.

I am excited about moving forward in planning new ratables and progressive growth for Wanaque this year.

Smart planning and growth, combined with good old fashioned values, will insure a Wanaque we can be proud of in this coming decade.

Thank you

1/4/2011

Re-Organization Meeting – January 3, 2011

COUNCIL ADDRESSES:

Councilman Theoharous -

"I've been honored for the last twenty seven years to be on this Council. I've seen highs and I've seen lows. Our budget is in trouble as far as trying to maintain a good budget and a stable budget. We will work hard to maintain a stable budget and everyone will work hard. Next year I think is going to be just as tough as this year but we will survive. We have a good group and everyone that is on this Council I have full confidence in. I would like to congratulate Ed and Dominick and Dan. With this group we've seen the hard times, we've seen the good times and we are just trying to make things better for the residents. Have a Happy Holiday and a good 2011. Thank you."