MINUTES

Mount Holly Township Council Reorganization Meeting
17 Pine Street, Mount Holly, New Jersey
Monday, January 5, 2026
5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER @ __**5:00**__ p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – **The Pledge of Allegiance was recited**

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE – **A moment of silence was observed.**

4. VERIFICATION OF NOTICE

   This meeting is being held pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of 1974 and all provisions of that Act have been met with adequate notice of this meeting having been published in the Township's two (2) official newspapers on January 12, 2025, published on the Township's website and posted on the official Township bulletin board.

   Ms. Marnell read the notice into the record.

5. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MAYOR

   a) Open Floor for Nomination(s) – **Ms. Marnell called for nomination of Mayor. Mr DiFolco nominated Mr. Banks with a second from Mr. Brown**.

   Motion made by __**Mr. DiFolco**_____, seconded by __**Mr. Brown**_____.
   Roll Call: DiFolco, Brown, Astor, Burkus, Banks Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

6. COMMENTS BY MAYOR - **Mr. Banks thanked everyone for the opportunity**

7. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR – **Mr. Banks called for a nomination for Deputy Mayor. Mr. Banks nominated Mr. DiFolco, with a second from Mr. Brown.**

   a) Open Floor for Nomination(s)

   Motion made by __**Mr. Banks**_____, seconded by _**Mr. Brown**_____.
   Roll Call: DiFolco, Brown, Astor, Burkus, Banks Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

8. COMMENTS BY DEPUTY MAYOR **– Mr. DiFolco thanked everyone and looked forward to another year serving the community.**

9. APPOINTMENTS TO PLANNING BOARD

Ms. Astor nominated Jeff Eversmyer with a second from Ms. Burkus. With 2 Ayes and 3 Nays, the nomination did not pass.

Ms. Astor nominated Gary Brotz with a second from Ms. Burkus. With 2 Ayes and 3 Nays, the nomination did not pass.

Ms. Astor nominated Bob Adler with a second from Mr. DiFolco. With 5 Ayes, the nomination is secure.

Mr. Banks nominated Anthony Prilo with a second from Mr. DiFolco. With 5 Ayes the nomination is secure.

a) Class 1 (Mayor or Designee) – **Chris Banks**
b) Class 2 (Township Official) - **Scott Bayley**
c) Class 3 (Councilmember) - **Rich DiFolco**
d) Appointment for Term 01/01/2026-12/31/2029 - **Bob Adler**
e) Appointment for Term 01/01/2026-12/31/2029 - **Anthony Prilo**

10. APPOINTMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

a) Appointment for Term 02/01/2026-01/31/2031 – Rich DiFolco

Motion made by **Mr. Banks**, seconded by **Mr. Brown**.
Roll Call: DiFolco, Brown, Astor, Burkus, Banks Ayes: 3 Nays: 2 Abstain: 0

11. MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY PUBLIC

Members of the public are invited to submit comments during the public comment portion of this meeting. The Council, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, will not publicly discuss personnel matters and may choose not respond to comments made by members of the public during this portion of the meeting; however, the Council will give all comments appropriate consideration and will refer all individual complaints to the Township Manager or appropriate Township Representative for resolution. Each citizen will be allotted up to four (4) minutes to speak, in order to allow everyone an opportunity to express their opinions or concerns.

Luis Lopez of Levis Drive asked about when the Township Christmas tree was going to be taken down and Resolutions 15 & 25.

Nick Sodano of Garden Street asked about ERI's review for the historic commission

Evan Daniels introduced himself and spoke about wanting to serve on the MUA

Betty Kessler of Langstaff inquired about an audit and asked why the women on Council are not nominated for positions.

Jen Musial of Manor Terrace asked about applications

Amber Kopervos asked about a newletter for Winter/spring.

Edwin Johnson of Monroe spoke about his neighbors driveway

12. RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL - CONSENT AGENDA

All items marked with an asterisk (*) are considered routine by the Council and will be approved by a single motion without separate discussion. If a Council member wishes to discuss a consent agenda item, they may first ask questions about it. If the member still wishes to remove the item from the consent agenda, it will be taken off and voted on separately.

On a motion from Mr. DiFolco, with a second from Mr. Brown, Resolution 2026-27 was added to the agenda.
Roll Call: Astor, Brown, Burkus, DiFolco, Banks Ayes: 3 Nays: 2-Astor,Burkus Abstain: 0

***Resolutions 1, 3, 13, 19, 24 & 27 were pulled from Consent to be voted on separately.**

a) *Resolution No. 2026-2: Resolution Appointing Township Auditor – Mercadian, P.C.

b) *Resolution No. 2026-4: Resolution Appointing Township Labor Attorney – Lenox Law Firm

c) *Resolution No. 2026-5 Resolution Appointing Township Bond Counsel – Parker McCay

d) *Resolution No. 2026-6: Resolution Appointing Township Engineer – Alaimo Group

e) *Resolution No. 2026-7: Resolution Appointing Township Redevelopment Engineer – Environmental Resolutions Inc.

f) *Resolution No. 2026-8: Resolution Appointing Township Environmental/Dam Engineer – Environmental Resolutions Inc.

g) *Resolution No. 2026-9: Resolution Appointing Township Planner – Environmental Resolutions Inc

h) *Resolution No. 2026-10: Resolution Appointing a Public Defender – Daniel Rosenberg & Associates

i) *Resolution No. 2026-11: Resolution Appointing Prosecutor – Law office of Greig & Moles, LLP

j) *Resolution No. 2026-12: Resolution Appointing Risk Management Consultant – Haines & Haines

k) *Resolution No. 2026-14: Resolution Appointing Fund Commissioner

l) *Resolution No. 2026-15: Resolution Appointing a Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO) for the Township of Mount Holly

m)*Resolution No. 2026-16: Resolution Designating the Official Depositories for 2026

n) *Resolution No. 2026-17: Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with American Society of Composer, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP)

o) *Resolution No. 2026-18: Resolution Authorizing Adoption of a Cash Management Plan.

p) *Resolution No. 2026-20: Resolution Designating Alternate Tax Search Officer

q) *Resolution No. 2026-21: Resolution Establishing Robert's Rules of Order as the Official Rules of Council

r) *Resolution No. 2026-22: Resolution Establishing 2026 Regular Meeting Dates

s) *Resolution No. 2026-23: Resolution Designating Official Newspapers for 2026

t) *Resolution No. 2026-25: Authorizing the Renewal of Contract with Bay Hill Environmental, LLC for Lead-Based Paint Inspections

u) *Resolution No. 2026-26: Resolution Approving Fire Commissioner Salaries for 2026

Motion made by **Mr. DiFolco**, seconded by **Ms. Burkus**.
Roll Call: Astor, Brown, Burkus, DiFolco, Banks Ayes: 4 Nays: 1-Brown Abstain: 0

RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

*Resolution No. 2026-1: Resolution Appointing Township Attorney – Raymond, Coleman & Heinhold

Motion made by **Mr. DiFolco**, seconded by **Mr. Banks**.
Roll Call: Astor, Brown, Burkus, DiFolco, Banks Ayes: 4 Nays: 1-Astor Abstain: 0

*Resolution No. 2026-3: Resolution Appointing Township Redevelopment Attorney – Florio, Perucci, Steinhardt, Capelli, Tipton & Taylor, LLC

Motion made by **Mr. DiFolco**, seconded by **Mr. Banks**.
Roll Call: Astor, Brown, Burkus, DiFolco, Banks Ayes: 3 Nays: 2-Astor,Burkus Abstain: 0

*Resolution No. 2026-13: Resolution Appointing Animal Control Services – New Jersey Animal Control

Motion made by **Mr. DiFolco**, seconded by **Mr. Brown**.
Roll Call: Astor, Brown, Burkus, DiFolco, Banks Ayes: 3 Nays: 2-Astor,Burkus Abstain: 0

*Resolution No. 2026-19: Resolution Setting Interest Penalty Charges on Delinquent Property Taxes

Motion made by **Mr. DiFolco**, seconded by **Mr. Brown**.
Roll Call: Astor, Brown, Burkus, DiFolco, Banks Ayes: 4 Nays: 1-Astor Abstain: 0

*Resolution No. 2026-24: Authorizing Award of Contract for Grant Writing Services – Millenium Strategies

Motion made by **Mr. DiFolco**, seconded by **Mr. Brown**.
Roll Call: Astor, Brown, Burkus, DiFolco, Banks Ayes: 3 Nays: 2-Astor,Burkus Abstain: 0

*Resolution No. 2026-27: Resolution authorizing the re-bid of the Joint Land Use Attorney position.

Motion made by **Mr. DiFolco**, seconded by **Mr. Brown**.
Roll Call: DiFolco, Brown, Astor, Burkus, Banks Ayes: 3 Nays: 2-Astor,Burkus Abstain: 0

13. MATTERS TO BE REPORTED BY TOWNSHIP MANAGER – **Township Manager Brown wished everyone a Happy New Year**

14. MATTERS PRESENTED BY TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR – **Nothing to report**

15. MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL

Ms. Burkus thanked everyone for coming and for submitting applications for the various committees and wished everyone a happy new year.

Ms. Astor thanked all of the applicants by name and would like to see more flexibility within Council on making appointments to various boards and committees.

Mr. Brown thanked Mr. Banks and Mr. DiFolco for doing a great job in getting things done in town.

Mr. DiFolco thanked everyone for their trust. Also stated that it's important to have all of the boards and committee positions filled and they would be at the next meeting.

Mr. Banks thanked everyone for coming and noted that people being disrespectful would be removed.

16. ADJOURNMENT @ ___**5:46**_____ p.m.

Motion made by ___**Mr. DiFolco**___, seconded by __**Mr. Brown**_____.

Submitted By:

_____ _____

Sherry Marnell
Township Clerk

Chris Banks
Mayor