

**TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL  
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
CAUCUS MEETING**

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
FEBRUARY 23, 2009  
7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5 OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 231 P. L. 1975, NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS POSTED ON THE TOWNSHIP BULLETIN BOARD DESIGNED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTICE WAS MAILED TO THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS AS PROVIDED BY RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON JANUARY 2, 2008.

**ROLL CALL:**


**COUNCILMAN FRANK FALCONE  
COUNCILWOMAN SARA LIPSETT  
COUNCILMAN DAVID FLEISHER  
COUNCILWOMAN JOYCE KURZWEIL  
COUNCILMAN DENNIS GARBOWSKI  
COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT N. JOHN AMATO  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT STEVEN POLANSKY**

**ADOPTED: MARCH 9, 2009**



**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**ATTEST:**



**NANCY L. SAFFOS, RMC  
TOWNSHIP CLERK**

**TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL  
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
FEBRUARY 23, 2009  
7:30 PM**

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT CALLED FOR ALL TO REMAIN STANDING FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO KEEP OUR TROOPS WHO ARE OVERSEAS IN OUR PRAYERS**

**ROLL CALL:**

**COUNCILMAN FRANK FALCONE  
COUNCILWOMAN SARA LIPSETT  
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COUNCILMAN DENNIS GARBOWSKI  
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COUNCIL PRESIDENT STEVEN POLANSKY**

**Township Clerk, Nancy Saffos reported to Township Council that she had received correspondence from the Cherry Hill Municipal Democratic Committee, who submitted three (3) names for consideration by Township Council, to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of Councilwoman Shelley Adler, who resigned as a member of Township Council on February 9, 2009.**

**The names submitted were: David Fleisher, Gerald Faber, Richard Supnick**

**The clerk explained it was appropriate for council to consider the three candidates, submitted by the Municipal Committee, to fill the vacant council seat until an election is held for same. She informed council that a motion would be necessary, followed by a vote of council, to make official their considerations and decision.**

**On a motion by Council Vice President John Amato, seconded by Councilman Falcone, David Fleisher was nominated and elected to fill the vacant council seat by the following vote:**

**AYE: Councilman Falcone, Councilwoman Lipsett, Councilman Garbowski, Councilwoman Kurzweil, Council Vice President Amato and Council President Polansky**

**PROCLAMATIONS AND/OR COMMENDATIONS**

**Council President Steven Polansky presented a Proclamation to twin bothers Frank and Tim Dougherty, who both recently achieved their Eagle Scout status by organizing, planning and building wooden elevated walkways in flood-prone areas of Barclay Farm. In constructing the nearly 200 feet of trailway, they were able to create a benefit for the entire community at no cost taxpayers. Council President Polansky thanked them for their outstanding service to the Township and commended them for achieving their Eagle Scout ranking.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PRIOR REGISTRATION**

NONE

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

NONE

**COMMUNICATIONS– TEMPORARY PERMITS – CORRESPONDENCE**

**There were applications for raffle/bingo licenses for the following:**

Horace Mann PTA @ 150 Walt Whitman Blvd	Raffle	02/27/09
Camden Catholic High School Mother’s Club @ Crown Plaza Hotel, CH	Raffle	04/02/09
Camden Catholic High School Mother’s Club @ Crown Plaza, CH	Raffle	04/02/09
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**There was an application for a Temporary Use Permit for the following:**

Commander Charles Macukewicz American Legion	Vietnam Traveling Wall Event	04/15 thru 4/19/09
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**On a motion by Councilman Falcone, seconded by Councilwoman Kurzweil, the applications detailed above were approved by the following vote:**

**AYE: Councilman Falcone, Councilwoman Lipsett, Councilman Garbowski, Councilwoman Kurzweil, Council Vice President Amato and Council President Polansky**

**REPORTS FROM MAYOR/DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Police Chief Charlie Jones gave a brief follow up report on the measures taken by the Police Department in response to resident concerns voiced at the February 9, 2009 Council Meeting.

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

NONE

**RESOLUTIONS:**

2009-2-15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

**On a motion by Council Vice President Amato, seconded by Councilwoman Lipsett the bill list in the amount of \$ 35,156,736.78 was approved by the following vote:**

**AYE: Councilman Falcone, Councilwoman Lipsett, Councilman Garbowski, Councilwoman Kurzweil, Council Vice President Amato and Council President Polansky (abstain on all insurance payments)**

2009-2-16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2009 ABANDONED VEHICLES AUCTION #2

2009-2-17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND CAMDEN COUNTY FOR THE PURCHASE OF OFFICE SUPPLIES

2009-2-18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2005 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACTION PLAN

2009-2-19 RESOLUTION AFFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

2009-2-20 RESOLUTION AFFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP RENT REVIEW BOARD

2009-2-21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR STATE AID FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NJDOT) LOCAL AID BIKEWAY PROGRAM

2009-2-22 RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN A SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

2009-2-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO IMPLEMENT COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF BUS SHELTERS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL

2009-2-24 RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF BID FOR RE-BID #1 - ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING AND ELEVATOR INSPECTIONS AND PLAN REVIEW SERVICES

2009-2-25 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP'S APPLICATION FOR THE SHARING AVAILABLE RESOURCES EFFICIENTLY (SHARE) GRANT

2009-2-26 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP'S APPLICATION FOR A PUBLIC ARCHIVES AND RECORDS INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT GRANTS PROGRAM (PARIS)

2009-2-27 RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR AN ENERGY AUDIT PROGRAM FOR THE CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

2009-2-29 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL PAYMENT FOR THE REHABILITATION OF PROPERTY # 354

**On a motion by Councilwoman Kurzweil, seconded by Councilman Garbowski, the consent Agenda (Resolutions 2009-2-16 thru 2009-2-29) was approved by the following vote:**

**AYE: Councilman Falcone, Councilwoman Lipsett, Councilman Garbowski, Councilwoman Kurzweil, Council Vice President Amato and Council President Polansky**

**ABSTAIN: Councilman Fleisher**

## ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

2009-3 ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 95-36 ENTITLED "REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCE, TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL" CHAPTER XIV (RENTAL HOUSING) 14-1.4 (DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE RENT REVIEW BOARD)

**On a motion by Councilwoman Lipsett, seconded by Councilman Falcone, Ordinance 2009-3 was approved on first reading by the following vote:**

**AYE: Councilman Falcone, Councilwoman Lipsett, Councilman Garbowski, Councilwoman Kurzweil, Council Vice President Amato and Council President Polansky**

**ABSTAIN: Councilman Fleisher**

2009-4 ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 95-36, ENTITLED "REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL " ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER ENTITLED "CHAPTER 47 -CHARITIES – CHARITABLE CLOTHING BINS" AND AMENDING CHAPTER 95 – FEES TO INCLUDE SECTION 80-8a. CHARITIES – CHARITABLE CLOTHING BINS

**On a motion by Councilman Garbowski, seconded by Councilwoman Kurzweil, Ordinance 2009-4 was approved on first reading by the following vote:**

**AYE: Councilman Falcone, Councilwoman Lipsett, Councilman Garbowski, Councilwoman Kurzweil, Council Vice President Amato and Council President Polansky**

**ABSTAIN: Councilman Fleisher**

2009-5 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**On a motion by Councilwoman Lipsett, seconded by Council Vice President Amato, Ordinance 2009-5 was approved on first reading by the following vote:**

**AYE: Councilman Falcone, Councilwoman Lipsett, Councilman Garbowski, Councilwoman Kurzweil, Council Vice President Amato and Council President Polansky**

**ABSTAIN: Councilman Fleisher**

### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

#### **Suzanne Bromky - 56 Grant Avenue**

"I just, I have already thanked Chief Jones personally, but I just wanted to come back tonight and compliment the response that we have received in the Erlton South over the last two weeks. Since I live on the main drag, through the neighborhood, I have witnessed, two, three, even four police vehicles in our neighborhood for a solid week. I haven't seen anybody in the last couple of days but they installed, the day after our meeting, installed two "yield to pedestrian" signs on Jefferson which requires you to slow way down in order to go around them. And Chief also insures, said that we're top on the list for new crosswalks and that there will be other measures as he said this evening. So I don't want to be the voice of always complaining, so I wanted to come back tonight and say thank you, and Chief Jones we will hold you to all your, your commitments and thank you for the letters and we really appreciate it. Some of the residents weren't aware they're not on our mailing list and didn't know about this meeting, so when they saw police cars in the neighborhood they were... "Is there a fugitive loose in the neighborhood?" So I said "No, just watch your p's and q's when you're driving." Thank you very much."

**Phil Guerrieri - 1230 Park Boulevard.**

“First, welcome back David. Good to have you back. It’s only been a few years. Time flies when you’re having fun, right? I, too, want to come back and basically say – job well done. For what we have right now, I mean I sat at the fire elections on Saturday and nothing but positive comments from the people in the neighborhood. If any of you go to fire elections you know it’s a whole, it’s almost a party because their, it’s a small group of people, they come to everyone of them, John, and the bottom, the bottom line is, everyone that I spoke to said it was great, they can’t wait to see the results of it, actually in the summer time when school is out and all that kind of stuff and see some of your crosswalks that will be done, but I come up here enough times to complain, I come up here to say job well done.”

**Dave Cotter, - 108 Deerfield Drive.**

“I just wrote a quick speech here, so bear with me with some of my notes here. I came to a meeting a couple of weeks ago when the tax increase passed. I would like to thank the mayor and the town council for taking a recent pay cut on their salary. However, I agree with Councilman Falcone on his recent dissenting vote that the cut was not deep enough and salaries should be waived for all council members, as he has suggested. Any tax increase during these times, such as the one recently passed it irresponsible. If state aid is cut, some programs should be contemplated to be cut also. If Philadelphia is smart enough to make tough choices, such as cutting libraries and pools, that Cherry Hill council can also make some hard choices in this town. Taxes on my house have doubled in the past five years, while service is not. Trash pick-up is the same, and the number of police seem to be the same, so I’m not sure where it’s doubling may have gone. The school system makes up a large portion of this increase, but the recent tax hikes on municipal portion have not helped. For a town with such a high commercial base such as Cherry Hill, it’s shocking that the residential taxes are so high and continue to increase. Lastly it seems to get lost that high real estate taxes can also lead to higher foreclosures, since these taxes must be paid along with the mortgage. This hard fact is lost on this township for some reason, but may not be for long as more people have trouble making their mortgage payments and escrow payments. In closing, I would like to thank town council for taking a recent pay cut, but I agree with others in my neighborhood, that it’s not enough.”

**Joe Perla - 35 Willis Avenue**

“I worked for a company that didn’t have any pension. I’m 79 years old now. I get social security of \$12,000. The township takes \$8,000 for their tax, my house taxes. My health insurance is \$5,000 for my wife and I..I don’t know how I’m going to be able to stay in this township. I don’t have any other source of income. Seventy-nine years old, how am I going to get a job to, to make expenses? I just wanted to express my pain, but it’s getting impossible to stay in this township and my wife wants to die here, so I don’t know what I’m going to do. Thank you.”

**COMMENTS OF COUNCIL:**

**Councilman Falcone:**

“Joe Gilson, standing behind there, to the far left, I would like to congratulate you on your win this past Saturday for the Board of Fire Commissioners, glad to have you continuing, you’ve done a great job. As for the police in Erlton South, I want to commend the chief and the police force for the great job they’ve done and that this township and the administration should continue supporting the police department in all their efforts to continue to enforce this throughout not only Erlton South but many of the other towns that are concerned and I know everyone up here is in support of, you know, working with the communities and making them safer and a better place to be in. The police caps left so I wanted to congratulate them. And, last but not least, David it’s nice to have you up here. I’ll save all the other positive comments for the other members of council to give to you. You know where I am with you, so welcome back and I’ll let the others say what they have to say. Thank you.”

**Councilman Fleisher:**

“No further comment, thank you.”

**Councilman Lipsett:**

“I also wanted to congratulate the Eagle Scouts but they had left. And, to Mr. Gerrari, some of that optimism and Erlton South’s working out, the Chief and complete confidence in our Cherry Hill Police Department, they’re a wonderful department, very proud of them. We have a recycled mayor, now we have a recycled councilman, so.... but it’s new to me, you have new (?), you’re not previously owed to me, so congratulations, it’s great to have you here.”

**Councilman Garbowski:**

“Well, I’d like to welcome David. I think all the candidates would have made good councilman, but I think you’re experience will be very valuable and helpful, plus in these tough times. I’d like to congratulate the two new Eagle Scouts, Frank and Tim Dougherty, (?), I like their project, Broken Trails, and I hope the residents of Erlton are happy with the efforts of the police department. I think the police department has done a fine job in that neighborhood and I just hope that they can continue to provide the enforcement and the other things that you were promised and see if we can’t keep this safe, safety continuing through the summer months. That’s it.”

**Councilwoman Kurzweil:** Yes, congratulations to the two Eagle Scouts, Frank and Tim Dougherty. They’re not here but it’s just wonderful to, to learn of their elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout. Congratulations also to Chief Jones for his quick response to the concerns of the Erlton community and on that same note, on a similar note, on February 18<sup>th</sup>, I attended the promotion ceremony for some officers and want to recognize them now. Lieutenant was, Kevin Wright, promotion to Sergeant was Andrea Kelly, and promotion to Detective was James Litson, congratulations. Chief, take those, my congratulations to all of those fine officers and hope to continue to see good work done by them. Dave, welcome to Council, again. Look forward to working with you. You certainly have demonstrated your commitment to the township and the people who were here to congratulate you and shake your hand tonight. So, I’m sure it’s well deserved and I look forward to working with you.”

**Council Vice President Amato:**

“First, I want to congratulate Tim and Frank Dougherty. I know if two brothers achieve the rank of Eagle Scout at the same time, I think that’s a heck of an accomplishment. As far as Charlie Jones is concerned, I live on Park Drive, and one day I happened to go up Jefferson Avenue, and oh my God I said, what a mistake I made, I never saw so many police cars. So after that I stayed on Park Drive. Charlie you did a good job, I have to say that. I never, I really mean that, I never saw so many police cars. And I should have realized it, because as I pulled out of my driveway one of you men stopped someone on Park Drive and I should have stayed there, but I went up to Jefferson. Welcoming David back, to me, what a great honor it is that we have him back again. I’m so happy that he decided that he wanted to serve Cherry Hill. As I’ve always said, people like David and all of you, you’re the youth of Cherry Hill, people like Bernie and I look forward to you people take over the leadership roles when we ride off to the sunset. Other than that, again, David, again, what a pleasure. That’s it.”

**Council President Polansky:**

“Well, I had the opportunity actually to congratulate Frank and Tim while I was at the proclamations... well deserved recognition in the community. David, welcome to Council. For me, it’s welcome to Council, I was not on Council, though I certainly knew you when you sat on Council. I think David will be a wonderful addition to Council. He distinguished himself during his previous service in this capacity. He has a lot to offer and I think will be of great, a great asset in facing the financial challenges this township faces. Joe, in the back, congratulations on your re-election. I want to address a couple of the comments. Mr. Pearl, I wish I had an answer for you, quite frankly, I don’t. These are very difficult, fiscal times. Mr. Cotter, the meeting you attended, what we actually approved were the bills that were issued for the current quarter in the tax cycle. Just so you know, we’re currently in our eighth month of current budget year. The bills that we issued and that we approved at that January meeting were actually a slight reduction from the municipal tax that had been in effect for the third and fourth quarter of 2008. When that preliminary budget was put together, we were in a much different economy than we are now. This township has taken extraordinary measures as the economy has deteriorated. We’re continuing to look at other measures that can be taken however painful as we start to look at our 2009-2010 budget year which starts July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. So, we certainly feel the pain of our residents, we’re taxpayers just like everybody else who’s sitting out here this evening and we will continue to do our best to do as much as we can with as little as we can possibly utilize to achieve those goals. I want to thank Chief Jones for his efforts in Erlton. We are looking at how we can come

up with a more permanent solution to the problem. I expect that probably within the next 30 days we will be in a position where we can sit down with the leadership of the civic association and start talking about specifics because whatever plan is ultimately implemented also needs to be acceptable to the residents of the neighborhood. We recognize we can come in with, with a heavy police presence and we can continue to rotate that in, but that, that's not the final solution to your problem. Finally, it was wonderful to have the type of turnout we had this evening for the meeting. I appreciate everybody coming out, have a good evening."

**ADOPTED: MARCH 9, 2009**



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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**ATTEST:**



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**NANCY L. SAFFOS, RMC  
TOWNSHIP CLERK**

# Cherry Hill Democratic Party

February 19, 2009

Honorable Steven Polansky, President  
Cherry Hill Township Council  
820 Mercer Street  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

Re: Councilperson Vacancy in Office

Dear Mr. Polansky:

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11, the Cherry Hill Democratic Municipal Committee met on February 18, 2009 to consider the vacancy in the office of Councilperson resulting from the resignation of Councilwoman Shelly Adler. We are pleased to advise you that the Democratic Municipal Committee has authorized us to submit to Township Council the following three individuals for its consideration to serve as Councilperson pending a special election to fill the unexpired term:

David Fleisher, 62 Cameo Drive, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Gerald Faber, 22 Dartmouth Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

Richard Supnick, 1708 Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Very truly yours,



RICHARD A. SHAPIRO  
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Co-Chairs