

# Township of Montague

## Annual Meeting of the Montague Township Committee

Committee Room  
Municipal Building  
277 Clove Rd., Montague, NJ

Tuesday, January 5, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

Montague Township Reorganization Meeting  
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1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CLERK EILEEN DEFABIIS.** This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, Public Laws of 1975, Chapter 231. It has been duly advertised, and certified by the Clerk.
2. **OATH OF OFFICE**
  - a. Clerk DeFabiis will read the “Statement of Determinations” of the Board of County Canvassers, for the Election held on November 3, 2020.
  - b. Clerk DeFabiis will administer the Oath of Office to Committeeman-elect George Zitone for a three-year term as Committee Member of the Township of Montague.
  - c. Clerk DeFabiis will administer the Oath of Office to Committeeman-elect Fred Merusi for a three-year term as Committee Member of the Township of Montague.
3. **ROLL CALL OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 2021.**
4. **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT: MAYOR FOR YEAR 2021.**  
Clerk DeFabiis will open the floor for Committee nominations to the position of Mayor for year 2021.

Clerk DeFabiis will administer the Oath of Office to the Mayor for a one-year term as Mayor of the Township of Montague.

The newly selected Mayor for 2021 shall assume the Mayor’s seat at this time, and the meeting is turned over to the new Mayor.

5. **FLAG SALUTE**  
The Mayor will invite all persons present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
6. **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT: DEPUTY MAYOR FOR YEAR 2021.**  
The Mayor will open the floor for Committee nominations to the position of Deputy Mayor for year 2021.

Clerk DeFabiis will administer the Oath of Office to the Deputy Mayor for a one-year term as Deputy Mayor of the Township of Montague.

7. **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS - thru 12/31/21**  
**RESOLUTION 2021-01**

Township Attorney – Robert J. Rossmeissl, Esq. from the firm Dorsey & Semrau, LLC

Bond Counsel – John Draikiwicz from the Firm of Gibbons PC

Township Engineer/Planner – Harold E. Pellow & Associates, Inc.

Township Auditor – Nisivoccia & Co., LLP

8. **ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS**

Treasurer – Chief Financial Officer

911 Coordinator – Dave Coss

Fire Prevention Officer – Matt Kansky

Fire Marshall – Matt Kansky

NIMS Coordinator – Ryan Riegel

Tax Search Officer – Tax Collector

Solid Waste/Recycling/Clean Communities Coordinator – Dana Klinger

Township Historian – Maureen Kaman

Housing Officer – Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer

Constable – Terry Snyder

9. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**The Mayor shall announce Emergency Management Coordinator.**

Dave Coss – Emergency Management Coordinator (term expires 12/31/24)

Jesse Brace-Revak – Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator – **(No term, appointed by the Emergency Management Coordinator with the approval of the Mayor)**

10. **BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

**LAND USE BOARD MEMBERS**

**The Mayor shall announce appointments to the Land Use Board as follows:**

- Class I: Mayor – one year term.  
Designee in Mayor’s Absence – 1 year term.
1. Gene Crawford (Term expires 12/31/2021)

- Class II: One (1) Employee of the Municipality – 1 year term appointed by Mayor  
1. Bryan Leeper (Term Expires 12/31/2021)
- Class III: One (1) Member of the Governing Body appointed by the Governing Body - 1 year term.  
1. Fred Merusi (Term Expires 12/31/2021)
- Class IV: (1) Citizen appointed by the Mayor on recommendations from the Township Committee – 4 year term.  
1. John Soracco (Term Expires 12/31/2024)
- Class IV: (1) Citizen appointed by the Mayor on recommendations from the Township Committee – 4 year term.  
1. James LeDonne (Term Expires 12/31/2024)
- Class IV (1) Citizen appointed by the Mayor on recommendations from the Township Committee – Alternate #1 – 2 year term  
1. Joseph Cooper (Term Expires 12/31/2022)

### **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**The Committee shall announce appointments to the Recreation Committee as follows:**

- Fred Merusi - filling (3) year unexpired term of Richard Innella (expires 12/31/22)  
Toni-Lu Martin - filling (3) year unexpired term of Gene Crawford (expires 12/31/22)  
Patricia Benson - (3) year term (expires 12/31/21)  
Tasha DeGeorge - (3) year term (expires 12/31/21)  
Kathy Snyder - (3) year term (expires 12/31/21)  
Brenda Willis - Alt. #1 (1) year term (term expires 12/31/21)  
Rhodi Tufert - Alt. #2 (1) year term (term expires 12/31/21)

### **11. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**

- Administrative: Chair: Richard Innella  
Co-Chair: Gene Crawford
- Health & Welfare: Chair: Toni-Lu Martin  
Co-Chair: Fred Merusi
- Public Works: Chair: Fred Merusi  
Co-Chair: George Zitone
- Finance: Chair: George Zitone  
Co-Chair: Toni-Lu Martin
- Public Safety: Chair: Gene Crawford  
Co-Chair: Richard Innella

### **12. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – RESOLUTIONS**

The Mayor will request a motion to approve the Consent Agenda

- 2021-02 ADOPTING TEMPORARY BUDGET  
2021-03 OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES/AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES  
2021-04 AUTHORIZATION FOR TOWNSHIP TAX ASSESSOR AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TO DEFEND APPEALS  
2021-05 MEMBERS IN THE STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND  
2021-06 FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST AND PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT TAXES  
2021-07 DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS  
2021-08 TIME AND PLACE FOR 2021 REGULAR MEETINGS AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE  
2021-09 TIME AND PLACE FOR 2021 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETINGS

**13. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizens are welcome to address the Committee on any governmental item of concern to them, whether or not it is scheduled on the agenda below. Please be advised these meetings are recorded and are subject to the Open Public Records Act.**

**SET BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULE**

**ADJOURN**