

# Township of Montague

## Annual Reorganization Meeting of the Montague Township Committee

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

Tuesday, January 03, 2023  
7:00 p.m.

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY DEPUTY CLERK DANA KLINGER.** 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. Deputy Clerk Klinger will read the “Statement of Determinations” of the Board of County Canvassers, for the Election held on November 8, 2022.
  - b. Deputy Clerk Klinger will administer the Oath of Office to Committeeman-elect Richard E. Innella for a three-year term as a Committee Member of the Township of Montague.
3. **ROLL CALL OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 2023.**
4. **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT: MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2023.**

Deputy Clerk Klinger will open the floor for Committee nominations for the position of Mayor for year 2023.

Deputy Clerk Klinger 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 2023 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 THE YEAR 2023.**

The Mayor will open the floor for Committee nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for the year 2023.

Deputy Clerk Klinger 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 12/31/23**  
**RESOLUTION 2023-01 – AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

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

Township Architect – Charles Schaffer Associates, LLC

## **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 12/31/23)

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 – 1-year term.

Designee in Mayor’s Absence – 1-year term.

1. Joseph Krumpfer (Term expires 12/31/2023)

Class II: One (1) Employee of the Municipality – 1 year term appointed by Mayor

1. George Hutnick (Term Expires 12/31/2023)

Class III: One (1) Member of the Governing Body appointed by the Governing Body - 1-year term.

1. James LeDonne (Term Expires 12/31/2023)

Class IV: (1) Citizen appointed by the Mayor on recommendations from the Township Committee

1. Glen Plotsky (Term Expires 12/31/2026)

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Alternate #1

1. Mark Utter (Term Expires 12/31/2024)

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

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

- Fred Merusi - (3) year term (expires 12/31/25)
- James LeDonne - (3) year term (expires 12/31/25)
- Patricia Benson - (3) year term (expires 12/31/25)
- Tasha DeGeorge - (3) year term (expires 12/31/25)
- Kathy Snyder - (3) year term (expires 12/31/25)
- Brenda Willis - Alt. #1 (1) year term (term expires 12/31/23)
- Maureen Kaman - Alt. #2 (1) year term (term expires 12/31/23)

**11. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**

- Administrative: Chair: George Zitone  
Co-Chair: James LeDonne
  
- Health & Welfare: Chair: James LeDonne  
Co-Chair: Fred Merusi
  
- Public Works: Chair: Fred Merusi  
Co-Chair: Richard Innella
  
- Finance: Chair: Joseph Krumpfer  
Co-Chair: George Zitone
  
- Public Safety: Chair: Richard Innella  
Co-Chair: Joseph Krumpfer

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

All items listed under the ‘Approval of Consent Agenda’ below are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Township Committee and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Committee member so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

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

The Mayor will request a motion to approve the Consent Agenda

2023-02	ADOPTING TEMPORARY BUDGET
2023-03	OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES/AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES
2023-04	AUTHORIZATION FOR TOWNSHIP TAX ASSESSOR AND TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY TO DEFEND APPEALS
2023-05	MEMBERS IN THE STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND
2023-06	FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST AND PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT TAXES
2023-07	DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS
2023-08	TIME AND PLACE FOR 2023 REGULAR MEETINGS AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
2023-09	TIME AND PLACE FOR 2023 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETINGS
2023-10	RESOLUTION APPOINTING PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER (PACO) FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**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 above. Please be advised these meetings are recorded and are subject to the Open Public Records Act.**

**14. SET BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULE**

**15. ADJOURN**