

REORGANIZATION MEETING MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL January 6, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

City Clerk, acting as Temporary Chairman, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the 2017 Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and City Council.

Open Public Meetings Act

The Temporary Chairman announced pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided. Agenda for this meeting has been provided to two local newspapers and posted in the City Clerk's Office.

Oath of Office

Newly re-elected Councilman-At-Large Carl D'Adamo was then called forward to be sworn in by Assemblyman Mazzeo.

Newly re-elected Councilman Dennis Tapp was then called forward to be sworn in by Assemblyman Brown.

Newly re-elected Councilman Sean McGuigan was then called forward to be sworn in by Assemblyman Brown.

Newly elected Councilman James Toto was then called forward to be sworn in by Assemblyman Brown.

They each received a round of applause from the audience.

Roll Call: D'Adamo, Dill, Gerety, Smith, Tapp, Toto, McGuigan

Also Present: Mayor Glasser, Administrator Swain, Clerk Samuelson, Deputy Clerk Mollenkopf and Attorney Franklin

Nomination and Election of a President of Council

Temporary Chairman Samuelson called for the nomination and election of President of Council for the year 2017. Councilman McGuigan was nominated by motion of Councilman Dill, seconded by Councilman Toto. There being no further nominations, the nominations were declared closed. Councilman McGuigan was then elected President of City Council by a unanimous roll call vote of those present. Councilman McGuigan was then called forward to receive the gavel. Council President McGuigan thanked everyone for putting their trust in him as President for this year.

Nomination and Election of a President Pro-Tempore

Council President McGuigan then called for the nomination and election of a President Pro-Tempore for the year 2017. Councilman Dill nominated Councilman Tapp, seconded by Councilman Toto. Councilman Tapp was then elected President Pro-Tempore for the year 2017 by a unanimous vote of those present.

Flag Salute and Roll Call

City Council President McGuigan led the audience in the salute to the flag.

Invocation

Invocation was given by Father Justin A. Falciani of Christ Episcopal Church in Somers Point.

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Poet Laureate

Poet Laureate, Maria Provenzano, recited a New Year's poem. Council President McGuigan thanked Ms. Provenzano for sharing the poem.

Mayor Glasser recognized many dignitaries in the audience. Mayor Glasser congratulated Council President McGuigan on his election as City Councilman and Council President. Additionally, he congratulated Councilman Tapp regarding his election and his past leadership as Council President. Mayor Glasser congratulated Councilman Toto and stated that he is honored to sit with the members of City Council who work diligently with all the boards and commissions to resolve problems and plan for the future. Mayor Glasser is looking forward to the opening of Gateway Theater and the groundbreaking of the Hilton Hotel. He praised all the professionals and Wes Swain, City Administrator, for all their efforts on behalf of Somers Point. Mayor Glasser exceedingly thanked the Police Department, the volunteer Fire Companies and Emergency Management for their sacrifice and extraordinary service to the citizens of Somers Point. Mayor Glasser wished everyone a happy and safe New Year.

Members of Council Address the Public

Council President McGuigan reminded everyone to come out to Clancy's after the meeting to enjoy each other's company and welcome in the New Year. He thanked his family for their continued support and expressed his appreciation for sharing this evening with them. Additionally, he thanked the voters of the First Ward for voting for him as he enjoys working for the City and the citizens. Additionally, he thanked City Council for their confidence in electing him as Council President and looks forward to working with each member of Council. Council President McGuigan thanked the volunteer Fire Companies, the Police Department and Office of Emergency Management for their continued service to Somers Point. Council President McGuigan encouraged the public to call him with any concerns or ideas.

Councilman Gerety thanked everyone for coming out this evening and congratulated Councilmen McGuigan, Tapp, Toto and D'Adamo on their re-election. He mentioned that this is the best Council that he has served with throughout the years due to their initiative to do something good for Somers Point. He proudly stated that he is happy he grew up here, lives here and was able to raise his family here in beautiful Somers Point.

Councilman Toto thanked his family and friends for their support and thanked the voters for their confidence. He congratulated Councilmen McGuigan, Tapp and D'Adamo. Additionally, he congratulated Council President McGuigan. He continued to thank the Police Department, volunteer Fire Companies and Office of Emergency Management. He looks forward to serving the City and encouraged everyone to contact him with any concerns.

Councilman Dill congratulated Council President McGuigan on his re-election and election as Council President, as well as, Councilman Tapp, D'Adamo and Toto regarding their successful elections. Councilman Dill stated that due to all the brave and diligent efforts of the Police Department, volunteer Fire Departments and Emergency Management our town is safe, and he

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thanked them for everything that is done every day for this community. Councilman Dill commended the Public Works Department for their excellent services and extended his appreciation to all the administrative offices that help make Somers Point great. Finally, he thanked everyone for attending this evening.

Councilman Tapp thanked his family for their continued support. He especially thanked all the volunteers of Somers Point for helping to make the town better. Additionally, he thanked the voters for his re-election. Councilman Tapp mentioned last year's improvements and plans for additional improvements including using the City's resources, having responsible landlords and plans for the Gateway Theatre. Councilman Tapp expressed his gratitude regarding the help of volunteers and looks forward to working with everyone to accomplish this year's goals. He proudly thanked everyone.

Councilman D'Adamo acknowledged the re-election of Councilmen McGuigan, Tapp and Toto and thanked the Assemblymen Mazzeo and Brown for swearing them into office. He recognized outgoing Council President Tapp and incoming Council President McGuigan. He looks forward to working with Council President McGuigan and his fellow councilmembers. Councilman D'Adamo thanked the Police Department, Fire Companies and Office of Emergency Management for protecting the public. Additionally, he recognized all the City employees for their diligent work. He continued to thank all volunteers for their endless hours of work and dedication. Lastly, Councilman D'Adamo thanked his family for their support and commits to working with the Council and the Mayor to continue to make Somers Point a great place.

City Councilman Smith thanked the community for their support and is very happy to work with everyone on the Governing Body, and he wished everyone a happy New Year.

Public Portion

Hearing nothing from the public, it was duly closed.

Proclamations:

The following Mayor's proclamations were read by the City Clerk.

No. 1 of 2017

Subject: Appointing Historic Preservation Commission

WHEREAS, the City Council by Ordinance has established a Historic Preservation Commission in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-107 et seq. as more specifically set forth in Section 114-202 in Article XXVIII of Chapter 114 of the Somers Point Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Somers Point Historical Commission currently consists of seven regular members and two alternate members; and

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WHEREAS, it is the jurisdiction of the Mayor to make said appointments to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, it has also been determined that for a seven member Commission, at least one member shall be a Class A member, one member shall be a Class B member and a third member shall be either a Class A or a Class B member so that a total of at least one less than a majority shall be of Classes A and B; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists for a Class B member due to the expiration of the term of Donna Mohr, said term expiring December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., wishes to reappoint Donna Mohr to a full two year term as a Class B member, said term expiring December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists for a Class C member due to the expiration of the term of Patricia Pierson, said term expiring December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., wishes to reappoint Patricia Pierson to a full two year term as a Class C member, said term expiring December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., wishes to reaffirm the following appointments with the term expiration dates designated below

BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT the Historic Preservation Commission consists of the following members with their terms of office noted:

CLASS A	EXPIRATION OF TERM
Tara McGinnis - Regular Member	December 31, 2017
CLASS B	
Donna Mohr - Regular Member	December 31, 2018
Levi Fox – Regular Member	December 31, 2018
CLASS C	
William Reinert - Regular Member	December 31, 2018
Marian McVeigh - Regular Member	December 31, 2018
Greg DiSabatino – Reg. Member	December 31, 2017
Patricia Pierson – Regular Member	December 31, 2018
ALTERNATES	
Lois Gregory (Alt. No. 1)	December 31, 2017
Natalie Bailey (Alt. No. 2)	December 31, 2017

No. 2 of 2017

Subject: Appointing Planning Board Members

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Class IV category of the Somers Point Planning Board due to the expiration of the term of Robert Green, said term expiring December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NJSA 40:55D-23-1, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., hereby reappoints Robert Green in the Class IV category with a term expiring December 31, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Class IV category of the Somers Point Planning Board due to the expiration of the term of Sean Igoe, Alternate No. 2, with a term expiring December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NJSA 40:55D-23-1, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., hereby reappoints Sean Igoe to the Alternate No. 2 position in the Class IV category with term expiring December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Class II category due to the expiration of the term of Lionel Crossman, said term expiring December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NJSA 40:55D-23-1, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., hereby reappoints Lionel Crossman with a term expiring December 31, 2017; and

BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT the Planning Board as of this date consists of the following members with the expiration of terms noted:

CLASS I	EXPIRATION OF TERM
Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr.	Term of Office
CLASS II	
Lionel Crossman	One (1) Year Term 12/31/17
CLASS III	
Howard Dill	One (1) Year Term 12/31/17
CLASS IV	
Robert Green	December 31, 2019
Brian Cotton	December 31, 2017
Greg Sykora	December 31, 2018
Paul Striefsky	December 31, 2019
John Conover (Alt. No. 1)	December 31, 2017
Sean Igoe (Alt. No. 2)	December 31, 2018

No. 3 of 2017

Subject: Environmental Commission Appointments

WHEREAS, vacancies exist on the Somers Point Environmental Commission due to the expiration of the terms of certain members; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ordinance No. 7 of 1980, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr. wishes to fill those vacancies for the unexpired terms; and

WHEREAS, vacancies exist due to the expiration of the terms of Greg Gregory and Linda Keyser, said term expiring December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Mayor John L. Glasser hereby reappoints Linda Keyser to a full three year term, said term expiring December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Mayor John L. Glasser hereby appoints Dale Portnoy to a full three year term, said term expiring December 31, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, in accordance with Ordinance No. 7 of 1980 and the New Jersey State Statute the Mayor shall designate the Chairperson, I hereby proclaim

THE SOMERS POINT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION shall consist of the following members with the expiration of terms noted:

Dale Portnoy	December 31, 2019
Linda Keyser	December 31, 2019
Robert Bender	December 31, 2017
Paul Ludgate	December 31, 2017
Robert Green	December 31, 2017

Bill Reinert	December 31, 2018
Elizabeth "Lisa" Bender, Chairperson	December 31, 2018

Resolutions:

No. 1-2017

M/S - Dill/D'Adamo

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 1 of 2017

Subject: Appointment of Municipal Solicitor

Introduced by: Councilmen Tapp, Toto and Smith

WHEREAS, the City of Somers Point has identified a need for a Municipal Solicitor for 2017; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded through a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S. 19:44A-20.4 et. seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point as follows:

1. Jim Franklin, Esq. of Youngblood, Franklin, Sampoli and Coombs, PA be and hereby is re-appointed as Municipal Solicitor for the City of Somers Point for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, inclusive.
2. This agreement is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because public bidding is not required for said service.
3. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Youngblood, Franklin, Sampoli and Coombs, PA in connection with these services, and, upon execution, the contract will be attached to this resolution and become a part hereof.

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4. As indicated in the Division of Local Government Services Local Finance Notice 2006-7, because this is awarded through a fair and open process, further public notice per N.J.S.A. 40A:11.5 (6) is not required.

No. 2-2017

M/S - Dill/D'Adamo

Council President McGuigan thanked them for volunteering for these positions.

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 2 of 2017

**Subject: APPOINTMENTS/HARBOR MASTER AND
DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATORS**

Introduced by: Mayor Glasser, Councilmen McGuigan and Dill

WHEREAS, it is the duty of Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., to make certain appointments to various offices in the City of Somers Point as their terms expire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following list of appointments made by Mayor Glasser on the sixth day of January, 2017, be confirmed at this time by the City Council.

HARBOR MASTER

1 Year Term (Expires 12/31/17)

Ronald Meischker

**DEP. MUNICIPAL COORDINATORS, OFFICE
OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

1 Year Terms (Expire 12/31/17)

Neil Regina
Peggy Regina
Rob Cozen

No. 3-2017

M/S - Dill/Gerety

Council President McGuigan thanked them for volunteering for these positions and appreciates the new candidates committing to officers' positions.

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

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Subject: FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Introduced by: Mayor Glasser, Councilmen McGuigan and Dill

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WHEREAS, the members of the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Department have recommended the following officers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Somers Point wishes to confirm said recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the officers of the Somers Point Volunteer Fire Department are as follows, with their terms noted hereon:

CITY FIRE CHIEF (3 Yr. Term – Exp. 12/31/19) Michael R. Sweeney

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF (3 Yr. Term – Exp. 12/31/19) James Somers

Asst. Chief (1 year) Exp. 12/31/17	Michael Corbo
Asst. Chief (1 year) Exp. 12/31/17	John Batty
Captain (1 year) Exp. 12/31/17	Robert Fehn
Captain (1 year) Exp. 12/31/17	Patrick Winkler
Lieutenant (1 year) Exp. 12/31/17	Timothy Welsch
Lieutenant (1 year) Exp.12/31/17	Robert Blaine

Fire Marshall (3 years) Exp. 12/31/19	Robert Blumberg
Asst. Fire Marshall (1 year) Exp. 12/31/17	Vacant
Safety Officer (1 year) Exp. 12/31/17	Tony Migliaccio
Safety Officer (1 year) Exp. 12/31/17	Michael Iannace

No. 9-2017

M/S - Dill/Toto

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 9 of 2017

Subject: ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Introduced by: Councilman Tapp

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Somers Point Zoning Board of Adjustment due to the expiration of the terms of Alan Cohen and Joseph Craddock said terms expiring December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to re-appoint Alan Cohen and Joseph Craddock to full four year terms, said terms expiring December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy now exists due to the resignation of John Sloneski with a term expiring December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to appoint Shawn Rowan (Alt. No. 1) to fill the unexpired term of John Sloneski said unexpired term ending December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy now exists in the Alternate No. 1 position of the Zoning Board, said term expiring December 31, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Council wishes to appoint David Robbins (Alt. No.2) to the Alternate No. 1 position to fill the unexpired term of Shawn Rowan, said term expiring December 31, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point, New Jersey that the Somers Point Zoning Board of Adjustment is constituted as follows:

MEMBER	EXPIRATION OF TERM
David Robbins	Dec. 31, 2020
Joseph Craddock	Dec. 31, 2020
Shawn Rowan	Dec. 31, 2017
Ron Meischker	Dec. 31, 2018
Charles "Skip" Broomall	Dec. 31, 2018
Tracy Campbell	Dec. 31, 2019
Lynn Callahan	Dec. 31, 2019

Alternates:

Paul Huber – Alt. No. 1	Dec. 31, 2017
Vacant – Alt. No. 2	Dec. 31, 2018

No. 14-2017

M/S – Gerety/Tapp

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 14 of 2017

Subject: CLASS III PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT
Introduced by: Councilman Tapp, Toto and Smith

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in Class III category of the Somers Point Planning Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council appoints Councilman Howard Dill to the Class III category of the Somers Point Planning Board for a one year term expiring December 31, 2017.

No. 16-2017

M/S - Dill/Smith

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 16 of 2017

Subject: Recreation Commission Appointment
Introduced By: Councilmen Smith and Toto

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WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1 of 1975 has authorized the establishment of a Board of Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Somers Point may appoint not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7) members as Commissioners to said Board of Recreation; and

WHEREAS, vacancies exist due to the expiration of the terms of Marcus Perry and Paul Huber, Jr., and Jeanette Cellucci, said term expiring December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, vacancies exists due to the resignation of Ron Meischker, said term expiring December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., wishes to re-appoint Paul Huber, Jr., with a term expiring December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mayor John L. Glasser, Jr., wishes to reappoint Jeanette Cellucci and Marcus Perry to full five year terms, said terms expiring on December 31, 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above appointments are hereby confirmed by the City Council.

THE RECREATION COMMISSION, as of this date, consists of the following members with their expiration dates noted:

MEMBER	EXPIRATION OF TERM
Marcus Perry	December 31, 2021
Paul Huber, Jr.	December 31, 2020
Jeanette Cellucci	December 31, 2021
Barbie Carney	December 31, 2017
Mike Owen	December 31, 2017
Eric Meyers	December 31, 2018
Vacant	December 31, 2018

No. 24-2017

M/S - Toto/Gerety

Council President McGuigan thanked the volunteer for all their diligent efforts.

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 24 of 2017

Subject: Economic Development Advisory Commission

Introduced by: Councilmen Tapp, Gerety and Smith

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1 of 2006 authorized the establishment of an Economic Development Advisory Commission; and

WHEREAS, Ordinances No. 31 of 2007 and Ordinance 5 of 2014 amended said Ordinance; and

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WHEREAS, vacancies exist due to the resignations of Bill Hurst said term expiring December 31, 2018, and Wendy Baten said term expiring December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with ordinance, the City Council hereby appoints Maria Deaver to fill the unexpired term of Bill Hurst, said term expiring December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to appoint Mario Swarez to fill the unexpired term of Wendy Baten, said term expiring December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to re-appoint Sue Seckinger, said term expiring December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to appoint Ron Meischker, Ron Ralston and Tay Person, said term expiring December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to re-appoint Catherine Chamberlain and Nichol Hoff as an Ex-Officio members, said term expiring December 31, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Economic Development Advisory Commission consists of the following members:

<u>Regular Members</u>	<u>Expiration of Term</u>
Maria Deaver	December 31, 2018
Glenn Monroe	December 31, 2017
Greg Sykora	December 31, 2017
Mario Suarez	December 31, 2017
Ron Meischker	December 31, 2019
Sue Seckinger	December 31, 2019
Ron Ralston	December 31, 2019
Tay Person	December 31, 2019
<u>Advisory ExOfficio Member(s)</u>	<u>Expiration of Term</u>
Nichol Hoff	December 31, 2019
Catherine Chamberlain	December 31, 2019

No. 27-2017

M/S - Toto/Dill

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 27 of 2017

Subject: Sponsoring Various Memorial/Remembrance Services

Introduced By: Councilmen Dill and Toto

WHEREAS, various Memorial and Remembrance Services are held in the City of Somers Point on property owned by the City; and

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WHEREAS, these events are not for profit activities, are not for the purpose of raising or soliciting funds and are solely for the purpose of honoring our veterans who gave of themselves for the good of our Country; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Somers Point believes it to be in the best interest of our citizens to sponsor these Memorial Events held on City owned property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Somers Point that the following Memorial and Remembrance Services held in the City of Somers Point to the extent held on property owned by the City of Somers Point shall be sponsored, endorsed and approved by the City:

Monday - May 29, 2017	Memorial Day Parade - Shore Road to Patriots Park with ceremony at Patriots Park. - 11:00 am
Sunday - Sept.10, 2017	911 Remembrance Day, Patriots Day at Patriots Park 8:30 am
Friday - Sept.15, 2017	POW-MIA Recognition Day at Patriots Park - 7:00 pm
Saturday - Nov. 11, 2017	Veterans Day - 11 am at Patriots Park
Sunday - Dec. 3, 2017	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day - 1:00 pm at Somers Point Beach

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Administrator is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

No. 31-2017

M/S - Tapp/Gerety

Council President McGuigan encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming events.
Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 31 of 2017

Subject: Somers Point Arts Commission
Introduced by: Councilmen Tapp and Gerety

WHEREAS, the Somers Point Arts Commission was established by Ordinance No. 13 of 2006; and

WHEREAS, vacancies exist on the Somers Point Arts Commission due to the expiration of the terms of the members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following members are hereby appointed with their terms expiring December 31, 2017:

Kathleen Arleth
Anna Swift
Mark Shockley
Donna Mohr
Christine Toland Ulrich

Kim Bray
Lois Hirschman Gregory
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M/S – Toto/Dill

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

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Green Team Advisory Committee

Introduced by:

Councilman Toto

WHEREAS, The City of Somers Point strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, and improve working and living environments as steps to building a sustainable community that will thrive well into the new century; and

WHEREAS, The City of Somers Point hereby acknowledges that the residents of Somers Point desire a stable, sustainable future for themselves and future generations; and

WHEREAS, by endorsing a sustainable path, the City of Somers Point is pledging to educate itself and community members further about sustainable activities and to develop initiatives supporting sustainable local government practices; and

WHEREAS, The City of Somers Point desires to focus attention on “Green” issues, so the City Council established a Green Team Advisory Committee pursuant to Ordinance No.21 of 2009; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, by the City Council of Somers Point that the following persons are hereby appointed to Green Team Advisory Committee:

<i>1 Year Term Expires on:</i>	<i>Name</i>
December 31, 2017	Robert Green
December 31, 2017	Dale Portnoy
December 31, 2017	Linda M. Keyser
December 31, 2017	William Reinert
December 31, 2017	Robert Bender
December 31, 2017	Elizabeth “Lisa” Bender
December 31, 2017	Paul Ludgate

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M/S – Toto/Gerety

Council President McGuigan commended Ms. Provenzano and noted that she has become a part of the fabric of Somers Point.

Adopted by a unanimous vote of those present.

No. 35 of 2017

**Subject: A Resolution Re-Appointing Maria Provenzano to Serve as the
Somers Point Poet Laureate**

Sponsored by: Councilmen Tapp and Gerety

WHEREAS, the Somers Point City Council did create the position of Poet Laureate of Somers Point by adoption of Resolution No. 162 of 2014 and did request the Somers Point Arts Commission to administer and oversee the selection process; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Arts Commission have discharged their assignment by soliciting applications, reviewing the responses, and interviewing candidates; and

WHEREAS, a recommendation has been made by the Arts Commission to appoint Ms. Maria Provenzano as the first Poet Laureate of the City of Somers Point; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 36 of 2015 Maria Provenzano was appointed by City Council to serve as the very first Poet Laureate of the City of Somers Point for a two (2) year term ending on December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Provenzano has dutifully and exquisitely served the City and the Arts Commission as Poet Laureate of the City of Somers Point and has made numerous appearances and contributions to increase the appreciation of poetry and the written word within the City of Somers Point and her reputation in that capacity has been recognized within the media; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Arts Commission that Ms. Provenzano be reappointed to the position of Poet Laureate to serve an additional term of two years commencing January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018 and until the City Council Reorganization meeting to be held in January of 2019, unless prior to that time Ms. Provenzano shall resign or a new Poet Laureate shall have been appointed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Poet Laureate fails to fulfill the two year term or is removed from the position the Arts Commission is authorized to accept applications for a replacement. The replacement Poet Laureate will complete the remaining portion of the two-year term if approved by City Council.

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Consent Agenda

On the motion of Councilman Tapp, seconded of Councilman Dill and carried to approve the Consent Agenda.

Committee Assignments

Council President McGuigan distributed his list of committee assignments to City Council.

Swearing in of Fire Department Officers and Emergency Management Deputy Coordinators

The Harbor Master was sworn in by the City Clerk, followed by the Emergency Management Deputy Coordinators and the Fire Department Officers.

Public Portion

Meeting was opened to the public and duly closed.

Council President McGuigan reminded everyone to stop by Clancy's to enjoy each other's company and welcome in the New Year. He informed everyone that the next City Council meeting will be January 12th and looks forward to working with the City employees.

Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy R. Samuelsen, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Approved: 3-9-17