



BOROUGH OF NORTH HALEDON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019

Mayor George read the OPMA statement into the record:

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notices of this meeting were emailed to **The Herald and the Hawthorne Press** on January 28, 2019, as required under the Statute, and this meeting was advertised in **The Herald and the Hawthorne Press** on February 7, 2019. Said notices were posted on the bulletin board on January 28, 2019, and have remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Proper notice having been given, this meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Clerk was directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.

This meeting was called for the following purpose:

NORTH HALEDON POLICE DEPARTMENT
PROMOTIONS / HIRING OF POLICE OFFICER & CLASS II SPECIALS

Mayor George said a brief prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Randy George

Council Members: Rocco Luisi, Raymond Melone, Donna Puglisi, George Pomianek, Bruce O. Iacobelli, Keith Salviano

Borough Attorney, Michael P. De Marco

Municipal Clerk, Renate Elatab

Mayor George advised that Chief Bracco has gone on terminal leave; he thanked him for the great job he had done and his commitment to the North Haledon Police Department. Mayor George recognized former Police Chief Edward Dombrowski, who was seated in the audience. Mayor George stated that Todd Darby had worked his way through the ranks, that he had distinguished himself by doing an outstanding job, and he wished him well in his tenure. He stated that the majority of the police officers are EMT trained and college educated, and asked for a round of applause for them. Mayor George stated that neither he nor Council Member

Melone had been involved in the promotions, and thanked Council President Donna Puglisi, and her Police Committee for the job they had done.

Mayor Randy George and Councilman Raymond Melone recuse themselves and step off the dais. Council President Donna Puglisi takes over as Chairperson of the meeting.

Council Member Puglisi stated that this was a historic moment: that there had never been that many promotions done at any council meeting. She stated that Chief Bracco has recommended Todd Darby as Acting Chief. Todd had started as a Special Police Officer in 1991, and had worked his way through the ranks; he had been put in charge of the police accreditation in 2015, and she was confident that he would lead the department well. She stated that the members of the Police Committee had interviewed every possible candidate for each position, and that it had been a very difficult decision. She hoped that her fellow Council Members would support her list of recommendations.

Resolution #56-2019

**Re: Promotions / Hiring
North Haledon Police Department**

Motion by Council Member Iacobelli, second by Council Member Luisi, that the Clerk read the resolution by title and waive the reading of the resolution in full. Upon roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the following resolution:

**APPOINTMENTS / CAPTAIN / LIEUTENANTS /
SGT. DETECTIVE / PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER
CLASS II SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Haledon to concur with the recommendations of the Police Committee, and that Lieutenant Marc Rowe be appointed Captain, that Sergeant Anthony Conforti be appointed Lieutenant, that Detective Sergeant David Parenta be appointed Lieutenant, that Sergeant Anthony Padula be appointed Detective Sergeant, and that Nicholas Florio appointed Probationary Police Officer effective immediately, salary in accordance with the Salary Ordinance 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Haledon that John DeBlasio, Erik Macarico, and Austin Coiro be appointed as Special Police Officers Class II effective immediately, salary according to Salary and Wages 2018.

Motion by Council Member Puglisi, second by Council Member Iacobelli, to approve the foregoing resolution. Upon roll call, all members present voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Before taking his oath of office as Acting Chief, Todd Darby thanked everyone. He stated that it was former Chief Edward Dombroski who had convinced him that a career in law enforcement was for him. Acting Chief Darby gave a special “shout out” to Eugene Catania and Edward Witte, who had been such important persons in his life.

Borough Attorney, Michael De Marco, administered the Oath of Office to Acting Chief Todd Darby and Captain Marc Rowe. Borough Prosecutor, David Stanziale, administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Anthony Conforti and Lieutenant David Parenta. Borough Attorney, Michael De Marco, administered the Oath of Office to Detective Sergeant Anthony Padula. Borough Prosecutor, David Stanziale, administered the Oath of Office to Probationary Police Officer Nicholas Florio. Borough Attorney, Michael De Marco, administered the Oath of Office to Special Police Officer Class II, Richard Giannetti, John De Blasio, Erik Macarico, and Austin Coiro.

Mayor George and Councilman Melone returned to the dais.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Puglisi, second by Council Member Iacobelli, to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call, all members voted in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Mayor George declared the meeting duly adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renate Elatab, Municipal Clerk

Approved at Council Meeting of March 20, 2019