

MINUTES OF AN ORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1930, at 12:00 M.

The Clerk administered oaths of office to Joshua McCarthy, August Hanniball, Jr. and Wesley R. Falt as Township Committeemen.

The Clerk called the meeting to order, stating that a Temporary Chairman should be appointed.

A motion was made by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Hanniball, that Lacey Walker be appointed as Temporary Chairman.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, motion was declared carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Hanniball, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, that Lacey Walker be appointed permanent Chairman for 1930.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, motion was declared carried.

Chairman - I wish to thank you for this honor, and I will do everything in my power to serve to the best of my ability.

A motion was made by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Falt, that the following Rules and Regulations for 1930 be adopted -

TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK
RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR THE YEAR 1930

REGULAR MEETING

ARTICLE I

Section 1. All regular meetings of the Township Committee shall be held at the Municipal Building and shall be open to the public.

Section 2. Regular meetings of the Township Committee shall be held at eight-thirty P.M. every Tuesday of each and every month during the year unless that day, at any time, falls on a holiday, in which case the meeting shall be held on the succeeding day at the same hour, or the date may be fixed by a majority vote of the Township Committee.

Section 3. Special or executive meetings of the Township Committee may be called by the Chairman or by two or more members of the Township Committee.

Section 4. Upon proper request in writing the Township Clerk shall give notice to each member of the Township Committee of each special or executive meeting by mailing such notice forty-eight hours before the meeting and specifying therein the object of the meeting.

Section 5. Only such business as shall have been mentioned in the call for the meeting shall be considered at any special meeting unless by unanimous consent of the Township Committee, in case of which consent being given at any special or executive meeting, any business may be considered and transacted thereat, which may be considered and transacted at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. The following order of business shall be observed so far as consistent with the purposes of meeting, viz:

- (1) Roll call of members
- (2) Approval of minutes of preceding meetings and action thereon.
- (3) Reading of all communications.
- (4) Reports of standing and special Committees.
- (5) Unfinished business.
- (6) New Business.
- (7) Adjournment

Section 2. The Township Clerk shall furnish each member of the Township Committee

with a copy of the minutes of regular and special meetings within three days after the meeting.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. CHAIRMAN - The members of the Township Committee shall at the organization meeting on the first day of January choose from their own number, by a majority vote, a Chairman whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings and who shall also perform such other duties as the Township Committee shall from time to time direct.

Section 2. CLERK - The Township Clerk shall be the Clerk of the Township Committee and shall keep the minutes of all proceedings of the Township Committee and shall attend to the giving and serving of all notices, and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Township Committee and by law.

Section 3. TREASURER - The members of the Township Committee shall at the organization meeting on the first day of January, choose from their own number, by a majority vote, a Treasurer, whose duty shall be to receive and disburse all Township funds when properly authorized by the Township Committee. He shall furnish a Surety Bond for an amount required by the Township Committee.

The Township Treasurer, through the Committee, shall make report to the Township Committee the financial condition of the Township whenever required by the Township Committee, and shall have full supervision over office help of the Finance Department.

Section 4. ADDITIONAL OFFICERS - The members of the Township Committee may, from time to time, choose by a majority vote, such other officers of said committee as they may consider necessary, who shall respectively have such powers and authority to perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Township Committee and the Township Committee may require any such officers to give security for the faithful performance of his duty.

Section 5. Each officer shall hold office until the first day of January, next succeeding his election as such officer unless he shall sooner be removed.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. The Chairman shall appoint at the organization meeting on the first day of January, the following standing committees:

- (1) A Committee on Finance consisting of 3 members.
- (2) A Committee on Fire Regulations consisting of 3 members.
- (3) A Committee on Roads, Municipal Building & Grounds, consisting of 3 members.
- (4) A Building Committee consisting of 3 members.
- (5) A Police Committee consisting of 3 members.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. Finance Committee - The Finance Committee, or a majority thereof, shall, before any bills or demands are paid, examine and report thereon to the Township Committee and shall also certify the correctness of same, and shall sign their names thereunder with the date of such certifications. The Chairman shall certify in proper place on disbursement sheet his approval of bills listed thereon.

Section 2. Fire Committee - The Fire Committee, or a majority thereof, shall have general supervision and control of the Township's Fire Department and any or all matters in connection therewith.

Section 3. Road and Municipal Building & Grounds Committee - This Committee, or a majority thereof, shall have general supervision and control over construction and repairs of the Township roads, of the Engineer's Department, the illumination of street lighting of the Township, over all buildings and grounds, also approve of all signs to be erected and have control over Township electrician, and all other matters pertaining to these departments.

Section 4. Building Committee - The Building Committee, or a majority thereof, shall have general supervision and control over the Building Inspector and his Department, and any or all matters in connection therewith.

Section 5. Police Committee - The Police Committee, or a majority thereof, shall

have general supervision and control over the Police Department and any or all matters in connection therewith.

Section 6. The members of the Township Committee shall from time to time choose, by a majority vote, such other standing committees as they may consider necessary who shall respectively have such powers and authority and perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Township Committee. All acts of standing and special committees must be approved by a majority of the Board.

Section 7. Each standing Committeeman shall hold office until the first day of January next succeeding his election unless sooner removed.

Section 8. Special Committees may be authorized from time to time by the Township Committee by a majority vote, which special committee shall, unless otherwise ordered, be appointed by the Chairman of the Township Committee, with the approval of a majority vote thereof, and shall perform such duties as may be required by the Township Committee.

Section 9. The act of the majority of any committee shall be deemed to be and be the act of such committee.

ARTICLE VI

All appointments of officers or employees and their dismissal must be first approved by the Chairman of the Committee for which he works.

ARTICLE VII

Whenever any vacancy shall occur among the officers or committees of the Township Committee, by death, resignation or otherwise, the Township Committee by a majority vote, may choose a successor to hold office for the unexpired term of such officer or committeeman whose place shall be vacant.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1. All bills and demands against the Township shall be in writing, fully itemized and shall be properly verified by the claimant and presented to the Township Clerk or his assistant at least seventy-two hours before a regular meeting.

Section 2. All bills shall be referred to the Committee on Finance unless by unanimous consent they are considered by the Township Committee without reference.

Section 3. The resolution for audit shall direct that a warrant be issued when the funds of the Township are sufficient to meet it.

Section 4. The date of audit and the amount for which payment is ordered shall be endorsed on the face of the audited bill and be signed by the members of the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1. No debt shall be contracted or liability incurred or contract made or entered into by or on behalf of the Township Committee by any officer or committeeman of the Township Committee for an amount in excess of the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.) unless the same shall be in writing and also unless the same shall be authorized and directed by a resolution of the Township Committee, or a majority of them, and the resolution shall be entered in the minutes of the Township Committee. For obligation of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.) or under, a like resolution shall be essential unless authority shall be delegated by the Township Committee to so contract without resolution.

Section 2. Any notice required to be given by these rules shall be given by mailing the same addressed to the person entitled thereto to his last known address, and such notice shall be deemed to be given at the same time of such mailing. Any member of the Township Committee may waive in writing any notice required to be given by these rules.

Section 3. Upon demand of any member of the Township Committee or when ordered by the Chairman and when directed by these rules the yeas and nays shall be called and entered upon the minutes.

Section 4. No petitions will be received or acted upon unless said petitions are duly signed by Freeholders.

ARTICLE X

All matters not covered by these rules as now adopted or as may be hereafter changed from time to time, shall be governed by rules laid down in Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE XI

These rules shall not be altered, amended or repealed except by a majority vote of the members of the Township Committee at a regular meeting or special meeting.

Mr. Reilly - I notice in Article V, section V, Police Committee is in direct contradiction to Township ordinance establishing a Police Department. Police Committee, or a majority thereof, shall have general supervision and control over the Police Department, - Township ordinance states that Police Commissioner shall have undivided authority.

Chairman - If ordinance specifies, the resolution cannot change that.

Mr. Reilly - Shouldn't it be altered to coincide with the ordinance?

Chairman - The ordinance prevails.

Mr. McCarthy - I believe that is nothing but copy of what was in resolution three years ago. Ordinance stands under any question.

Mr. Reilly - I simply wanted to call it to your attention.

On roll call Com. voted as follows - Com. Hanniball, Aye. Com. Reilly, With that exception, yes. Com. Falt, Aye. Com. McCarthy - I vote yes with the exception.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Hanniball, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:

RESOLVED that Wesley R. Falt be appointed as Township Treasurer for the year 1930.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, resolution was declared adopted.

The following list of Committees were appointed by the Chairman -

Finance Committee

James J. Reilly, Chairman
August F. Hanniball, Jr.
Joshua McCarthy

Police Committee

Joshua McCarthy, Chairman
August F. Hanniball, Jr.
Wesley R. Falt

Fire Committee

Wesley R. Falt, Chairman
Joshua McCarthy
August F. Hanniball, Jr.

Roads, Municipal Buildings and Grounds Committee

August F. Hanniball, Jr., Chairman
Joshua McCarthy
Lacey Walker

Building Committee

Joshua McCarthy, Chairman
James J. Reilly
Wesley R. Falt

A motion was made by Mr. Falt, seconded by Mr. Hanniball, approving the appointment of the above Committees.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, motion was declared carried.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr.:

Mr. Hanniball:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Teaneck, N. J. that the salaries for the positions listed below shall be as follows for the year 1930:

Engineer	\$6,000.	per year
Assistant Engineer	3,000.	" "
Township Treasurer	600.	" "
Township Auditor	5,000.	" "
Custodian	1,200.	" "
Poor Master	250.	" "
Recorder	1,000.	" "
Court Clerk	500.	" "
Deputy Township Clerk	2,100.	" "
Chief Clerk, Finance Dep.	3,000.	" "
Janitor	2,200.	" "
Assistant Janitor	1,800.	" "

Mr. Reilly - I haven't been given much, if any, consideration on make-up of this, first I saw it was Monday night. Haven't had chance to go over it. I would like to know about increase in the engineer, why it is \$6,000. over \$4,500.

Chairman - He will give his entire time and there will be no other engineer for road and sewer work in the Township.

Mr. Reilly - Is that to be designated?

Chairman - That is the understanding, he is to give his entire time.

Mr. Reilly - How about Township auditor, from \$3500. to \$5000.?

Chairman - At present time auditor gets paid for extras. This covers everything, no extras. Auditor this year has been paid \$9200. or more.

Mr. Reilly - Shouldn't we have separate resolution stating that?

Chairman - We have a letter which will be turned over to Clerk which designates that.

Mr. Reilly - I notice you have a special resolution taking care of Township attorney, whose salary is also increased. He is not to receive any extra compensation, although it is wide open, except work of unusual character, I don't know who will define that.

Chairman - Township Committee.

Mr. Reilly - We should have one covering the auditor. Why not have a resolution drawn, why was attorney's put in?

Chairman - Reason was because there are some exceptions there, and there are none to auditor.

Mr. Reilly - If it is necessary in one it is in another.

On roll call on this resolution, Committeemen voted as follows: Com. Hanniball, Falt and McCarthy - Aye. Com. Reilly - No. Carried.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Hanniball, seconded by Mr. Falt:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Township Committee be authorized to make the following appointments -

Engineer, 1930	- R. W. Wells
Assistant Engineer, 1930	- W. G. Whitelaw
Township Auditor, 1930	- H.V. Reilly & Co.
Custodian for 1930	- Jacob Brinkerhoff
Poor Master for 1930	- B. A. Bernstorff
Recorder for 3 years as provided by law	- John W. Waldron
Court Clerk for 3 years	- Henry C. Benzenberg
Assessment Commissioner, 3 years	- Rudolph Zimpel
Township Electrician, 1930	- Henry Walthers
Deputy Township Clerk, 1930	- Clara Christensen
Chief Clerk, Finance Department, 1930	- Edward Goetz
Janitor, 1930	- Wm. Volz
Assistant Janitor, 1930	- Wm. H. Ward
Constable, 1930	- Frederick G. Wolf
Members of the Board of Examiners for Master Plumbers for 1930	- P. Borrows and Henry Windsor

Mr. Reilly - On this also I must repeat I haven't been given an opportunity to give the proper attention to these appointments. I hope in the future at least common courtesy will be given me to know what is going to happen. Are you going to adopt as a whole or separate?

Chairman - Adopt as a whole.

Mr. Reilly - Poor master is changed. I think that common decency at least should give that man an opportunity of remaining in the job. He has served last eight years faithfully and so far as I can find out, up to this morning he hasn't been notified of job being taken from him.

On roll call Com. voted as follows: Com. Hanniball, Falt and McCarthy - Aye.
Com. Reilly - No. Carried.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Hanniball
BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Teaneck, that Ernest Weller be and he is hereby appointed Township attorney for the year 1930 at a salary of \$4500. payable monthly, said salary to be exclusive of compensation for services to be rendered in litigated matters in courts or before statutory boards or bodies, bond proceedings, bank opinions, special elections, searches and real estate instruments, or work of unusual character not in the regular course of municipal business.

Mr. Reilly - I am sorry, again I must make a few remarks on this. Mr. Ferry's term of office extends for another year.

Chairman - This is for Township attorney.

On roll call Com. voted as follows: Com. Hanniball, Falt and McCarthy - Aye.
Com. Reilly - No. Carried.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Falt, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:
RESOLVED that the Times Review, a weekly newspaper of Teaneck, New Jersey, be and the same is hereby appointed by the Township Committee, the governing body of the Township of Teaneck, as the official newspaper of the Township of Teaneck, and be it further

RESOLVED that all legal notices, ordinances, tax sales, requests for bids, budgets, codes and any or all other notices required by laws to be published, shall be published in the Times Review, and be it further

RESOLVED that said appointment of the Times Review as the official newspaper of the Township of Teaneck become effective as of January 1st, 1930.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, resolution was declared adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Hanniball
BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Teaneck, N. J., that the following banks be designated as depositories for the funds of the Township of Teaneck, N. J. for the year 1930 -

Peoples Trust & Guaranty Co., Hackensack

Teaneck National Bank, Teaneck, N. J.

West Englewood National Bank, Teaneck, N. J.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, resolution was declared adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Hanniball, seconded by Mr. McCarthy
BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Clerk be directed to notify the Peoples Trust & Guaranty Company, the Teaneck National Bank and the West Englewood National Bank, of the appointment of Mr. Lacey Walker as Chairman and Mr. Wesley R. Falt as Treasurer of the Township Committee, who are herewith authorized to jointly sign all checks pertaining to the Township finances.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, resolution was declared adopted.

Mr. Schroeder - It certainly was gratifying to the members of the Republican Association of Teaneck to bear witness to the oath of office administered to Mr. Falt, Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Hanniball, and also to the appointment of Mr. Lacey Walker as Chairman of the Committee for 1930. It affords me great pleasure to have this opportunity of presenting each one of you with this little token of appreciation, and they are accompanied with our sincerest wishes for the coming year and we hope you shall use this present for performance of your duties throughout the future.

Mr. McCarthy - In answer to those remarks, the only thing that I can say, I appreciate it very much and it is my earnest wish and desire to maintain your good will and cooperation at all times.

Mr. Falt - In behalf of this town, I thank the Republican organization and I will do everything in my power to carry out my job in a thorough and honest way.

Mr. Hanniball - I want to thank the Republican organization for the confidence they placed in me, and I want to assure you in the running of my department I will be glad to take any recommendations for further efficiency in this department from any resident of Teaneck.

Mr. Reilly - I hope you will permit me, I want to call upon my vote on the appointments. I particularly was referring to the recorder and I want this statement entered on the records -

It must be known to all of you gentlemen that Mr. Ferry's term of office extends for another year. This attempt to oust him, you must know, will result in expensive litigation that will have to be paid by the taxpayers of this Township. You are doing this in the face of Mr. Ferry's statement that he intends to take this case to the Supreme Court. It seems to be hardly in keeping with your campaign promises of honest and efficient government. I am sure that the fair minded citizens of this Township will resent this attempt to disqualify from office a Recorder who has brought the court proceedings from the back room, where they were previously held, out into the open and placed on a plane as high as any court in the County. Personal honor should deter you from this proposed step to grab an office by trickery or subterfuge. I wish to go on record as opposing the appointment of any other one in his place. I particularly call your attention to the fact that Mr. Ferry was appointed for term of one year, and last for term of three years, and in both instances he took his oath of office.

Chairman - As I understand it, in 1918 first Recorder was appointed for three years. Recorders have been appointed successively at expiration of three year period or as in some cases of appointment for an unexpired term. Mr. Ferry was appointed in 1927. The Law provided he should be appointed for three years. Township Committee erred in appointing him for one year. At next year, 1928, they tried to correct that error and re-appointed him for three years which I understand and believe was not correct. They should have appointed him for two year term. The time he was appointed on January 1, 1927, it was intention of that Township Committee that he have a three year term. There is nothing personal in reference to Mr. Ferry. Personally, I think he is a man of high character and served well. It was question that mistake was made by previous Township Committee and we are attempting to correct it.

Mr. Reilly - I don't quite agree that mistake was made by previous Township Committee. They were under impression originally that he was appointed for three years, but when minutes were looked up it was only for one year. I have Mr. Ferry's own word that Mr. Schroeder and Mr. Waldron didn't admit that his term of office was illegal. They told that to Mr. Ferry personally.

Mr. McCarthy - We have had legal opinion that our action is correct otherwise we would not do it.

Mr. Reilly - Mr. Ferry has advised me to serve notice on you he is going to contest it.

Chairman - We regret it, there is nothing personal with reference to Mr. Ferry.

Mr. Reilly - You just said he was good judge, why not leave him there?

Chairman - Republican administration would want to have a Republican.

Mr. Reilly - Is that the way we are to be governed?

Chairman - I think on important jobs, yes.

A motion was made by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Hanniball, that the meeting adjourn to January 7th, 1930.

On roll call all Committeemen being in favor and none against, motion was declared carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Hessler
Township Clerk.