

TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2019

The Reorganization Meeting of the Moorestown Township Council was called to order by Patricia L. Hunt, Township Clerk, at Town Hall, Council Chambers, 111 West Second Street, Moorestown at 7:00 p.m. Attendance was as follows:

Brian Donnelly, Councilmember
Nicole Gillespie, Councilmember
Victoria Napolitano, Councilmember
Lisa Petriello, Councilmember
Michael Locatell, Councilmember

Thomas Neff, Township Manager
Patricia L. Hunt, Township Clerk
Kevin E. Aberant, Township Attorney (8:05 pm)

OPENING STATEMENT: Ms. Hunt welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished all a Happy New Year. She read the Open Public Meetings Act statement in full, as printed on the agenda.

"Notice of the Reorganization Meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act" by:

1. Posting a copy of the agenda on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex.
 2. Filing a copy of the agenda in the office of the Township Clerk at the Municipal Complex.
 3. Emailing a copy of the agenda to the Courier Post and Philadelphia Inquirer.
 4. Forwarding written notice to each person who has requested copies of the regular meeting schedule.
- All of the above posting, filing and mailing have taken place on the 4th day of January, 2019.

FLAG SALUTE and NATIONAL ANTHEM: Ms. Hunt asked all to stand for the flag salute and National Anthem led by Moorestown Theater Company.

INVOCATION: Ms. Hunt led the invocation.

STATEMENT OF ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF TOWNSHIP COUNCIL: Ms. Hunt read the following statement into the record: This shall certify that Nicole Gillespie, with a total of 5,905 votes, and Brian Donnelly, with a total of 5,763 votes, officially won the November 6, 2018 election for Moorestown Township Council.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEMBERS: The newly elected members, with family members by their side, were sworn in as follows:

1. Nicole Gillespie (oath administered by the Honorable Troy Singleton)
2. Brian Donnelly (oath administered by the Honorable James Florio)

ELECTION OF MAYOR – TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2020: Ms. Hunt called for the election of Mayor.

Nomination by: Ms. Gillespie for: Ms. Petriello Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly

Nomination by: Mr. Locatell for: Mr. Donnelly Seconded by: Ms. Napolitano

There being no further nominations, Ms. Hunt asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion by: Ms. Gillespie Seconded by: Ms. Napolitano Vote: All in favor

Ms. Hunt took a roll call vote for the nomination of Ms. Petriello. The vote follows:

Mr. Donnelly:	<u>Petriello</u>	_____
Ms. Gillespie:	<u>Petriello</u>	_____
Mr. Locatell:	_____	<u>Donnelly</u>
Ms. Napolitano:	_____	<u>Donnelly</u>
Ms. Petriello:	<u>Petriello</u>	_____

Ms. Hunt took a roll call vote for the nomination of Mr. Donnelly. The vote follows:

Mr. Donnelly:	_____	<u>Petriello</u>
Ms. Gillespie:	_____	<u>Petriello</u>
Mr. Locatell:	<u>Donnelly</u>	_____
Ms. Napolitano:	<u>Donnelly</u>	_____
Ms. Petriello:	_____	<u>Petriello</u>

The Oath of Office for Mayor was administered by Assemblyman Herb Conaway to Ms. Petriello, with her family by her side. There was great applause

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR - TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2019:

Mayor Petriello called for the election of Deputy Mayor.

Nomination by: Mr. Donnelly for: Ms. Gillespie Seconded by: Ms. Petriello

Mr. Locatell noted that, in the past, Democrat Mayor Aberant decided to make a Republican as Deputy Mayor as an opportunity to have a bi-partisan Council.

Nomination by: Mr. Locatell for: Ms. Napolitano Seconded by: None/Motion Died

Ms. Napolitano stated that she is not going to second herself; however, she felt that Mr. Locatell brings up an interesting point.

There being no further nominations, Mayor Petriello asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion by: Mr. Locatell Seconded by: Ms. Napolitano Vote: All in favor

Ms. Hunt took a roll call vote for the nomination of Ms. Gillespie. The vote follows:

Mr. Donnelly:	<u>Gillespie</u>	_____
Ms. Gillespie:	<u>Gillespie</u>	_____
Mr. Locatell:	<u>Gillespie</u>	_____
Ms. Napolitano:	<u>Gillespie</u>	_____
Ms. Petriello:	<u>Gillespie</u>	_____

The Oath of Office for was administered by Senator Troy Singleton to Ms. Gillespie, with her family by her side.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Locatell explained that he nominated Mr. Donnelly as he has concerns regarding Ms. Petriello's decision making. However, she is the Mayor now and he will work with her and do his best to help her be successful.

Mr. Donnelly indicated that, especially through a bi-partisan perspective, he appreciated Mr. Locatell's support. However, he expressed his support for Mayor Petriello noting he knows she will do a fantastic job.

Ms. Napolitano welcomed the newly-elected members and hoped that they will find the same satisfaction in serving the community as she does. She wished Mayor Petriello well and hoped all would get along and do great things for Moorestown this year.

Ms. Gillespie said that it was her honor and privilege to nominate Mayor Petriello. She commended her and looked forward to serving with her as Mayor. She thanked Council for its support of her nomination as Deputy Mayor. Ms. Gillespie gave special thanks to her family, Senator Singleton, those that supported her and Mr. Donnelly during the campaign and election. Ms. Gillespie thanked the residents for their participation in a democracy. She thanked the outgoing members of Council who reached out to her. She expressed her appreciation to Township employees that have helped to get her up to speed. Ms. Gillespie looked forward to serving and promised her commitment.

Mayor Petriello recognized the dignitaries present (past governor, members of the legislature, freeholders, school board members, etc.). She welcomed the new members of Council. She thanked Moorestown Theater Company and staff and looked forward to a busy year. She looked forward to the work ahead; looked forward to working better with the community. She hoped for greater transparency and better communication and community involvement. She felt same has already begun as evidenced by the seeking of proposals for professional services, which included involvement by staff and all of Council. In addition, board and committee appointments are more inclusive. Mayor Petriello looked forward to the coming year noting there is a lot to do.

Mr. Donnelly thanked (ex-officio) Governor Florio, Assemblyman Conaway and Senator Singleton for being present tonight. Mr. Donnelly hoped for a bi-partisan Council. Mr. Donnelly noted that this date recognizes the 23rd Anniversary of when his father was killed and how hard the date is on his mother and family; he especially thanked them for being here tonight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR OF APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Petriello announced the reappointment of Chris Chesner as Class II Member of the Planning Board with a term expiring on December 31, 2019.

APPOINTMENT RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Petriello opened the floor for public comment. There being no comment, the floor was closed.

Mayor Petriello asked for Council comments.

Mr. Locatell asked why a seat on the Appearance Committee was left vacant, noting there were requests to serve received; he reviewed them. Mayor Petriello advised that she was waiting on feedback from the Chairperson. However, the seat could be filled this evening with the appointment of Janet Knowles. Mr. Locatell supported the appointment. Ms. Hunt was advised to add Ms. Knowles to the appointing resolution.

Much discussion was held on the appointments. In summary, Mr. Locatell and Ms. Napolitano questioned why certain people were not reappointed, noting their contributions and knowledge concerning the board or committee they served on; as well as, questioning why certain people were appointed when there was no need to replace someone (when they could have been reappointed) or suggesting, in certain circumstances, that someone else, appeared to be better qualified. In summary, Mayor Petriello advised that all recommendations were considered and several of them were accepted. However, Council received many applications from qualified people wanting to serve and she felt that in order to allow others to serve and to bring about new ideas and creativity, it was important to appoint new members, which included removing some members that served on more than one board.

Ms. Gillespie advised that she supports the appointment of Janet Knowles to the Appearance Committee; and if Council makes that appointment, she will be abstaining due to the fact that she works for the Knowles Teacher Initiative, of which Ms. Knowles is a co-founder; and therefore, again, she will be abstaining.

Mr. Locatell advised that, during the RFP process, discussion was held on retaining Taylor Design as an alternate, noting they are in the middle of the TAP Grant application paperwork for the Lenola Improvement Project. He expressed his concern with not meeting deadlines for the grant (due to new professionals) and being disqualified for the grant. He asked that Taylor Design be appointed as an alternate. Mayor Petriello advised that Council will be moving forward in a different direction with Bach Associates and Environmental Resolutions, Inc. as an alternate. Ms. Napolitano expressed her concern with not meeting mandatory deadlines and strongly urged that Taylor Design be appointed alternate, if only in connection

Motion by: Mayor Petriello Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor x *Nayes* *Abstention*

Resolution 4-2019 Environmental Advisory Committee

Gerry Thone	Full Member	December 31, 2020
Joan Ponessa	Full Member	December 31, 2020
Jennifer Otter	Alternate Member	December 31, 2019
Henry Balikov	Alternate Member	December 31, 2019
Michael Locatell	Council Liaison	December 31, 2019

Motion by: Gillespie Seconded by: Mayor Petriello
All if favor x *Nayes* *Abstention*

Resolution 5-2019 Low and Moderate Income Housing Oversight Committee

Jack Ferry	Regular Member	expires December 31, 2020
Frederick Sutherland	Regular Member	expires December 31, 2020
William Creeley	Regular Member	expires December 31, 2020
John David Stack	Regular Member	expires December 31, 2020
Michelle Jackson	Regular Member	expires December 31, 2019 (FUT)
Michael Locatell	Council Member	expires December 31, 2019

Motion by: Mayor Petriello Seconded by: Ms. Gillespie
All if favor x *Nayes* *Abstention*

Resolution 6-2019 Open Space Advisory Committee

John Lance	Full Member	expires December 31, 2020
Maura Dey	Full Member	expires December 31, 2020
Harry Mayer	Full Member	expires December 31, 2020
Steward Maines	Full Member	expires December 31, 2020
Victoria Napolitano	Council Member	expires December 31, 2019

Motion by: Ms. Gillespie Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor x *Nayes* *Abstention*

Resolution 7-2019 Planning Board

Brian Donnelly	Class III	expires December 31, 2019
Robert Musnug	Class IV	expires December 31, 2022
David Zipin	Alternate I	expires December 31, 2020
Ryan Vander Weilen	Alternate II	expires December 31, 2019

Motion by: Mayor Petriello Seconded by: Ms. Gillespie
All if favor x *Nayes* *Abstention*

Resolution 8-2019 Recreation Advisory Committee

Richard Sweeney	Full Member	expires December 31, 2020
Dan Posternock	Full Member	expires December 31, 2020
Ben Blank	Full Member	expires December 31, 2020
Lorraine Hullfish	Full Member	expires December 31, 2020
Amy Gravenstine	Full Member	expires December 31, 2020
VACANT	Sophomore Member	expires June 30, 2019 (FUT)
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Nicole Gillespie	Council Liaison	expires December 31, 2019

Motion by: Mr. Donnelly Seconded by: Mayor Petriello
All if favor x *Nayes* _____ *Abstention* _____

Resolution 9-2019 Sustainable Moorestown

Susan Smetona	Regular	December 31, 2020
Toni Farmer	Regular	December 31, 2020
Wolfgang Skacel	Regular	December 31, 2020
Bradd Forestein	Regular	December 31, 2020
Kenneth Elwell	Regular	December 31, 2020
Barbara Kreider	Regular	December 31, 2019 (FUT)
Victoria Napolitano	Council Liaison	December 31, 2019

Motion by: Mayor Petriello Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor x-except *Nayes* Ms. Napolitano *Abstention* _____

Resolution 10-2019 Telecommunications and Technology Committee

Kristine Piccola	Full Member	expires December 31, 2020
Joyce Cheng	Full Member	expires December 31, 2020
Brandus Ginter	Full Member	expires December 31, 2019
Nicole Gillespie	Council Liaison	expires December 31, 2019

Motion by: Mr. Donnelly Seconded by: Mayor Petriello
All if favor x *Nayes* _____ *Abstention* _____

Resolution 11-2019 Tree Planting and Preservation Committee

John Gibson	Full Member	expires December 31, 2020
Jay Hartman	Full Member	expires December 31, 2020
Carl Cutler	Full Member	expires December 31, 2020
Dawn Bohr	Full Member	expires December 31, 2020
John Greim	Alternate Member	expires December 31, 2020
Lisa Petriello	Council Liaison	expires December 31, 2019

Motion by: Mr. Locatell Seconded by: Ms. Gillespie
All if favor x *Nayes* _____ *Abstention* _____

Resolution 12-2019 Confirming Mayor's Appointments to Library Board of Trustees

Muriel Ginsberg Regular Member expires December 31, 2023
Mary McMahan Regular Member expires December 31, 2019 (FUT)

Motion by: Ms. Gillespie Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor x *Nayes* _____ *Abstention* _____

Resolution 13-2019 – Appointing Kevin E. Aberant, Esquire, of Taenzer, Ettenson & Aberant, PC, Township Attorney and Authorizing Award of a Contract for 2019

Motion by: Ms. Gillespie Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor x *Nayes* _____ *Abstention* _____

Resolution 14-2019 - Appointing Anthony H. Ogozalek, Jr., Esquire as Township Prosecutor for 2019

Motion by: Mr. Locatell Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor x *Nayes* _____ *Abstention* _____

Resolution 15-2019 - Appointing Steve Wenger, Esquire, as Alternate Township Prosecutor for 2019

Motion by: Ms. Gillespie Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor x *Nayes* _____ *Abstention* _____

Resolution 16-2019 - Appointing Christopher L. Baxter, Esquire as Township Public Defender for 2019

Motion by: Mr. Locatell Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor x *Nayes* _____ *Abstention* _____

Resolution 17-2019 - Appointing James D. Fattorini, Esquire as Alternate Township Public Defender for 2019

Motion by: Ms. Gillespie Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor x *Nayes* _____ *Abstention* _____

Resolution 18-2019 - Appointing Michael Holt, RMA, of Holman, Frenia, Allison PC, Certified Public Accountants and Registered Municipal Auditors, as Township Auditor and Authorizing Award of a Contract for 2019

Motion by: Mr. Locatell Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor x *Nayes* _____ *Abstention* _____

Resolution 19-2019 – Appointing McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC as Bond Counsel and Authorizing Award of a Contract for 2019

Motion by: Ms. Gillespie Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor x *Nayes* _____ *Abstention* _____

Resolution 20-2019- Appointing Clarke Caton Hintz as Affordable Housing Planning Consultant and Authorizing Award of a Contract for 2019

Motion by: Mr. Locatell Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor x *Nayes* _____ *Abstention* _____

Resolution 21-2019- Appointing Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC as Affordable Housing Counsel and Authorizing Award of a Contract for 2019

Motion by: Mr. Locatell Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor x *Nayes* _____ *Abstention* _____

Resolution 22-2019 – Appointing Bach Associates as Township Landscape Architect/Park Design Consultant and Authorizing Award of a Contract for 2019

Motion by: Ms. Gillespie Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor x-except *Nayes* Ms. Napolitano *Abstention* _____

Resolution 23-2019 – Appointing Environmental Resolutions, Inc. as Alternate Township Landscape Architect/Park Design Consultant and Authorizing Award of a Contract for 2019

Motion by: Mr. Donnelly Seconded by: Ms. Gillespie
All if favor x-except *Nayes* Ms. Napolitano *Abstention* _____

Resolution 24-2019 - Appointing Genova Burns, Attorneys at Law, Labor Counsel and Authorizing Award of Contract for 2019

Motion by: Ms. Gillespie Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor x-except *Nayes* Mr. Locatell, Ms. Napolitano *Abstention* _____

Resolution 25-2019 – Appointing The Garty Law Firm, LLC as Alternate Labor Counsel and Authorizing Award of Contract for 2019

Motion by: Ms. Gillespie Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor x-except *Nayes* Ms. Napolitano *Abstention* _____

Resolution 26-2019 – Appointing Genova Burns, Attorneys at Law, Redevelopment Counsel and Authorizing Award of Contract for 2019

Motion by: Ms. Gillespie Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor *x-except* Naves Mr. Locatell *Abstention* _____

Resolution 27-2019 – Appointing McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC as Alternate Redevelopment Counsel and Authorizing Award of Contract for 2019

Motion by: Ms. Gillespie Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor *x* Naves _____ *Abstention* _____

Resolution 28-2019 – Appointing Pennoni Associates, Inc. as Township Engineer and Authorizing Award of Contract for 2019

Motion by: Ms. Gillespie Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor *x* Naves _____ *Abstention* _____

Resolution 29-2019 – Appointing Environmental Resolutions, Inc. as Alternate Township Engineer and Authorizing Award of a Contract for 2019

Motion by: Mr. Locatell Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor *x* Naves _____ *Abstention* _____

Resolution 30-2019 – Appointing Alaimo Group as Alternate Township Engineer and Authorizing Award of a Contract for 2019

Motion by: Mr. Locatell Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor *x* Naves _____ *Abstention* _____

Resolution 31-2019 – Appointing Environmental Resolutions, Inc. as Utilities and Storm Water Engineer and Authorizing Award of a Contract for 2019

Motion by: Ms. Gillespie Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor *x* Naves _____ *Abstention* _____

Resolution 32-2019 – Appointing Pennoni Associates, Inc. as Alternate Utilities and Storm Water Engineer and Authorizing Award of Contract for 2019

Motion by: Ms. Gillespie Seconded by: Mr. Locatell
All if favor *x* Naves _____ *Abstention* _____

Resolution 33-2019 - Appointing Prime Law, Attorneys At Law, as Alternate Redevelopment Counsel and Authorizing Award of Contract for 2019

Motion by: Mr. Locatell Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor x *Nayes* _____ *Abstention* _____

Resolution 34-2019 - Appointing Kathleen McGill Gaskill, Esquire, Tax Appeal Attorney and Authorizing Award of Contract for 2019

Motion by: Ms. Gillespie Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor x *Nayes* _____ *Abstention* _____

Resolution 35-2019 - Appointing Acacia Financial Group, Inc. for Financial Advisory Services and Authorizing Award of Contract for 2019

Motion by: Mr. Locatell Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor x *Nayes* _____ *Abstention* _____

Resolution 36-2019 – Appointing Thomas J. Merchel to the Professional Municipal Management Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Joint Insurance Fund for 2019

Motion by: Mr. Locatell Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor x *Nayes* _____ *Abstention* _____

Resolution 37-2019 - Designating the Courier Post as the Official Newspaper and the Philadelphia Inquirer as the Alternate Official Newspaper for 2019

Motion by: Ms. Gillespie Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor x *Nayes* _____ *Abstention* _____

Resolution 38-2019 - Adoption of the 2019 Temporary Current Fund Budget and the 2019 Temporary Utility Fund Budget

Motion by: Ms. Gillespie Seconded by: Mr. Donnelly
All if favor x *Nayes* _____ *Abstention* _____

Resolution 39-2019 – Approving Consent Agenda Resolution

Motion by: Mr. Donnelly Seconded by: Ms. Napolitano
All if favor x *Nayes* _____ *Abstention* _____

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Under the Consent Agenda, the Township Manager read Resolution Nos. 40-2019 through 57-2019 by title.

Resolution 40-2019 – Ratifying Election of Deputy Mayor

Resolution 41-2019 – Setting the Annual Meeting Schedule of the Township Council of the Township of Moorestown for 2019

Resolution 42-2019 - Designating the Depositories for Township Funds

Resolution 43-2019 - Adoption of a Cash Management Plan

Resolution 44-2019 - Establishing Interest Rates for Nonpayment of Miscellaneous Charges

Resolution 45-2019 - Establishing Rates of Interest for Nonpayment of Taxes, Utility Charges and Special Assessments Due to the Township

Resolution 46-2019 - Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Conduct Sales of Bond Anticipation Notes

Resolution 47-2019 - Authorizing the Tax Collector to Cancel Minor Tax and Utility Account Balances and Overpayments

Resolution 48-2019 - Authorizing the Tax Assessor to Perform Statutory Duties

Resolution 49-2019 - Setting Attendance Policy for Boards and Committees

Resolution 50-2019 - Setting Annual Fee Schedule (Administration-Variou) for 2019

Resolution 51-2019 - Setting Annual Fee Schedule for the Department of Recreation for 2019

Resolution 52-2019 – Adopting a Fee Schedule for Use of Parks and Recreational Facilities for 2019

Resolution 53-2019 - Authorizing Signatories on Township Checks

Resolution 54-2019 - Authorizing Execution of CP-1 Applications for the Year 2019

Resolution 55-2019 - Authorizing Participation in the Burlington County Shared Services Forum

Resolution 56-2019 - Designating an Americans with Disability Coordinator Pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations Title 28, Chapter 1, Part 35 Subpart A, 35.107(A)

Resolution 57-2019 - Establishing Guidelines for Township Officials in the Use of Electronic Communications in Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act

Daryl Tonia, 12 Meadow Drive, congratulated Council. Ms. Tonia did not feel that an affordable housing developer should be able to sue seventy-one residents; she believes there are other options. She recognized that the matter is in the courts, but hoped all could come up with a solution.

CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL:

Mr. Locatell thanked the public for coming out. He stated that civic interest in very important; debate and listening to each other is key. He looked forward to working with the new members and the Mayor.

Mr. Donnelly thanked everyone for attending. He advised that, come April, he will have had served twenty-five years in the military and the peaceful transfer of power from one governing body (no matter how small it might be) to another is a very rare thing on this earth. He expressed his appreciation for the time and service that the Council members give and what they have done.

Ms. Napolitano felt that those that have served on Council for a while have all striven for transparency, if not most of all the Mayor and it is something that the two new members ran on. She felt that a healthy public discussion of the decision-making process regarding appointments is not a bad thing. She said it is not her intention to be argumentative or political but to have those types of discussions in public. She agreed that Council needs to work together and more importantly, it can. She thanked all for attending and invited them back to future meetings of all boards and committees, noting their input is important.

Ms. Gillespie stated that the selection of professionals was rigorous and time consuming; the number one priority was to bring accountability and value to the taxpayers and they did everything they could to make that happen. She thanked the staff for its role in connection with that process and thanked them for their commitment. Ms. Gillespie said the boards and committee process brought home (for her) just how lucky Moorestown is to have such talented and engaged citizens. She was in awe of the number of qualified applicants (far more than could be appointed). She encouraged the public to attend the meetings, even if they were not appointed. She was excited to see what all will accomplish together.

Mayor Petriello agreed and looked forward to working with Council in the future to do good things for Moorestown. She gave a special thank you to her family. She thanked everyone for coming out.

BENEDICTION: Ms. Hunt led the benediction.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:50 p.m.

Motion by: Ms. Gillespie

Seconded by: Mr. Locatell

All in Favor x

Nays _____

Abstention _____

PATRICIA L. HUNT, RMC
Township Clerk