The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Township Clerk, Amy Leso, RMC. The meeting was advertised in the following manner:

A. Posting written notice on the official Bulletin Board in the Township Municipal Building on December 1, 2014
B. Faxing and mailing written notice to The South Jersey Times and The Courier Post on December 1, 2014
C. Filing written notice with the Clerk of West Deptford Township on December 1, 2014

An invocation was given by Deacon Dave Murnane. The invocation was followed by the Flag Salute which was led by Boy Scout Troop 295.

The 2014 Miss West Deptford Township Queens were also in attendance and recognized: Tiny Miss West Deptford 2014 Kaylin Stetser, Little Miss West Deptford 2014 Karsyn Stetser, Miss Pre-Teen West Deptford 2014 Grace Cairns, Miss Teen West Deptford 2014 Acadia Gallagher and Miss West Deptford 2014 Julia Magill, who sang the Star Spangled Banner.

Official Roll Call was then taken:

Ms. DiCarlo, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Maher, Mr. Mehaffey and Mr. Reid were in attendance for this meeting.

Senate President Steve Sweeney assisted with the swearing in of Committeeman Jim Mehaffey. His family was present as he took the Oath of Office.

Senate President Steve Sweeney assisted with the swearing in of Committeeman Adam Reid. His family was present as he took the Oath of Office.

Mr. Maher nominated Mr. Mehaffey for the position of Chairperson of the Township Committee (Mayor). It was seconded by Mr. Hansen. Mr. Mehaffey declined the nomination.

Mr. Reid nominated Ms. DiCarlo for the position of Chairperson of the Township Committee (Mayor). It was seconded by Mr. Mehaffey. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Hansen	N
Mr. Maher	N
Mr. Mehaffey	Y
Mr. Reid	Y
Ms. DiCarlo	Y

Senate President Steve Sweeney assisted with the swearing in of Denice DiCarlo as Mayor. Her family was present as she took the Oath of Office.

Mayor DiCarlo took over as chairman of the meeting.

Mr. Reid nominated Mr. Jim Mehaffey for the position of Vice Chairperson of the Township Committee (Deputy Mayor). It was seconded by Mr. Maher. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Hansen	Y
Mr. Maher	Y
Mr. Mehaffey	*(not called for roll)*
Mr. Reid	Y
Ms. DiCarlo	Y

Senate President Steve Sweeney assisted with the swearing in of Jim Mehaffey as Deputy Mayor. His family was present as he took the Oath of Office.

Mr. Reid made a motion to establish the Township Committee Departments. His motion was seconded by Mr. Mehaffey. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Hansen	Y
Mr. Maher	Y
Mr. Reid	Y
Deputy Mayor Mehaffey	Y
Mayor DiCarlo	Y

#1 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD ESTABLISHING THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE DEPARTMENTS

Mayor DiCarlo announced the following appointments:

Finance & Administration Committee Chairperson:	Denice DiCarlo
Department of Public Works Chairperson:	Adam Reid
Department of Utilities Chairperson:	Jeff Hansen
Department of Public Safety Chairperson:	Jim Mehaffey
Department of Buildings and Grounds Chairperson:	Jerry Maher

Mayor DiCarlo addressed the residents. She recognized the special guests, former Township Committee members and current representatives from the local, county and state levels. She said that her dad instilled a strong work ethic in her. She thanked her husband, John, and their children and congratulated her son-in-law for recently enlisting in the armed services. She spoke about the need for financial stability and economic development. She will stay in touch with the residents and hopes to restore pride and a sense of community in West Deptford. She encouraged the other committee members to move forward in a positive way.

Each member of the Township Committee was given the opportunity to speak.

Mr. Mehaffey welcomed everyone to the meeting and spoke about his family. He is glad to have the opportunity to serve and considers it an honor. He hopes to accomplish great things with the other members of the committee.

Mr. Reid thanked Mr. Sweeney for attending. He also thanked outgoing committee members Raymond Chintall and John Keuler for their service. He thanked his family for their support. He said his daughter, Lilly, is his motivation to make West Deptford a better place. He spoke of his grandfather, Bob Reid, a past West Deptford Committeeman, who took pride in the things he had accomplished in his hometown. He wants West Deptford Township to be refocused and re-energized.

Mr. Hansen thanked outgoing committee members Raymond Chintall and John Keuler and welcomed Mr. Reid and Mr. Mehaffey. He thanked department heads Matt Moore and Greg Black for their hard work and spoke about the projects in the Recreation Department and the relationship that was developed with the West Deptford High School Athletic Department. He said that he looks forward to working with the other members of the committee.

Mr. Maher thanked Mr. Sweeney and other honored guests for attending the meeting. He thanked his wife, Michelle, and his family and friends and wished everyone a Happy New Year. He urges the committee members to use their skills to make things happen in 2015. He said that

economic development and growth is imminent and the committee needs to make tough decisions. He wants to work together with the other committee members.

Mr. Reid made a motion to reject all RFP submissions and direct the Purchasing Agent and Township Clerk to re-advertise for the professionals. His motion was seconded by Mr. Mehaffey. Mr. Maher asked for the reason for this. Mayor DiCarlo explained that it was to get a larger number of submissions from which to select the professionals. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Hansen	N
Mr. Maher	N
Mr. Reid	Y
Deputy Mayor Mehaffey	Y
Mayor DiCarlo	Y

#2 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD REJECTING ALL RFP SUBMISSIONS AND DIRECTING THE PURCHASING AGENT AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR THE PROFESSIONALS

Mr. Reid made a motion to appoint Timothy D. Scaffidi, Esquire as Solicitor with a temporary contract not to exceed $17,500.00. His motion was seconded by Mr. Mehaffey. Mr. Maher said he does not know Mr. Scaffidi. Mayor DiCarlo provided his credentials. Mr. Hansen questioned why the committee would not continue to use Mr. Ogozalek. Mayor DiCarlo responded. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Hansen	N
Mr. Maher	N
Mr. Reid	Y
Deputy Mayor Mehaffey	Y
Mayor DiCarlo	Y

#3 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD APPOINTING TIMOTHY D. SCAFFIDI, ESQUIRE AS SOLICITOR WITH A TEMPORARY CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED $17,500.00

Mr. Reid made a motion to appoint T&M Associates as Engineer, Petroni and Associates, LLC as Auditor, Lawrence Hubert as Public Defender and Kelly Conroy, Esquire as Prosecutor all with temporary contracts not to exceed $17,500.00. His motion was seconded by Mr. Mehaffey. Mr. Maher said he is not happy with this proposal. Mr. Hansen again questioned why the committee would not continue to use the professionals that were appointed in 2014 and asked how long these professionals would be in place. Mayor DiCarlo explained that this was a “not to exceed” amount, not a time commitment. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Hansen	N
Mr. Maher	N
Mr. Reid	Y
Deputy Mayor Mehaffey	Y
Mayor DiCarlo	Y

#4 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD APPOINTING T&M ASSOCIATES AS ENGINEER WITH A TEMPORARY CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED $17,500.00

#5 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD APPOINTING PETRONI AND ASSOCIATES, LLC AS AUDITOR AS AUDITOR WITH A TEMPORARY CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED $17,500.00

#6 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD APPOINTING LAWENCE HUBERT AS PUBLIC DEFENDER WITH A TEMPORARY CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED $17,500.00

#7 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD APPOINTING KELLY CONROY, ESQUIRE AS PROSECUTOR WITH A TEMPORARY CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED $17,500.00

Mr. Reid made a motion to appoint Sandra Rost as Zoning Officer for a one year term. His motion was seconded by Mr. Mehaffey. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Hansen	Y
Mr. Maher	Y
Mr. Reid	Y
Deputy Mayor Mehaffey	Y
Mayor DiCarlo	Y

Mr. Reid made a motion to appoint Mark Hallahan as Building Sub-code Official for a four year term. His motion was seconded by Mr. Mehaffey. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Hansen	Y
Mr. Maher	Y
Mr. Reid	Y
Deputy Mayor Mehaffey	Y
Mayor DiCarlo	Y

Mr. Mehaffey made a motion to appoint Adam Reid as a Class III Member of the Planning Board. His motion was seconded by Mayor DiCarlo. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Hansen	N
Mr. Maher	N
Mr. Reid	Y
Deputy Mayor Mehaffey	Y
Mayor DiCarlo	Y

Mr. Reid made a motion to appoint Janell Diaco as Deputy Township Clerk for a one year term. His motion was seconded by Mr. Mehaffey. Mr. Maher asked for her qualifications. He was told she is a West Deptford resident with 20 years of office experience and a paralegal certificate. The salary was questioned. Her salary will follow what is in the salary ordinance. The committee discussed and questioned the salary of the previous Deputy Clerk. The administrator did not have exact figures with him. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Hansen	N
Mr. Maher	N
Mr. Reid	Y
Deputy Mayor Mehaffey	Y
Mayor DiCarlo	Y

#8 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD APPOINTING A DEPUTY TOWNSHIP CLERK

Mr. Reid made a motion to appoint Kristin Barry as Deputy Court Administrator for a one year term. His motion was seconded by Mr. Mehaffey. Mayor DiCarlo explained that she is only one who is certified at this time. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Hansen	Y
Mr. Maher	Y
Mr. Reid	Y
Deputy Mayor Mehaffey	Y
Mayor DiCarlo	Y

#9 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD APPOINTING A DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Reid made a motion to appoint Matt Moore and Chief Samuel DiSimone as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators each for a one year term. His motion was seconded by Mr. Mehaffey. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Hansen	Y
Mr. Maher	Y
Mr. Reid	Y
Deputy Mayor Mehaffey	Y
Mayor DiCarlo	Y

#10 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD APPOINTING DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATORS

Mr. Reid made a motion to appoint Sandra Rost as Municipal Housing Liaison for a one year term. His motion was seconded by Mr. Mehaffey. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Hansen	Y
Mr. Maher	Y
Mr. Reid	Y
Deputy Mayor Mehaffey	Y
Mayor DiCarlo	Y

Mr. Reid made a motion to appoint Jeff Totten as Public Agency Compliance Officer for a one year term. His motion was seconded by Mr. Mehaffey. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Hansen	Y
Mr. Maher	Y
Mr. Reid	Y
Deputy Mayor Mehaffey	Y
Mayor DiCarlo	Y

Mr. Reid made a motion to appoint Ms. DiCarlo as Executive Director, West Deptford Redevelopment Entity. His motion was seconded by Mr. Mehaffey. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Hansen	Y
Mr. Maher	Y
Mr. Reid	Y
Deputy Mayor Mehaffey	Y
Mayor DiCarlo	*(not called for roll)*

Mr. Reid made a motion to approve the following appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. His motion was seconded by Mr. Mehaffey. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Hansen	Y
Mr. Maher	Y
Mr. Reid	Y
Deputy Mayor Mehaffey	Y
Mayor DiCarlo	Y

Members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Two 4 years terms	James Robinson, Jr.
	Rick Nichols

Mr. Reid made a motion to approve each of the following appointments to the Multiple Dwelling Regulation Board. His motions were all seconded by Mr. Mehaffey. The vote for each motion was as follows:

Mr. Hansen	Y
Mr. Maher	Y
Mr. Reid	Y
Deputy Mayor Mehaffey	Y
Mayor DiCarlo	Y

Members of the Multiple Dwelling Regulation Board

(Class I – Citizen)	
One Class I Member, 2 year term	Ken Boody
One Class I Member, 1 year term	Cathy Nahas
One Class I Alternate, 1 year term	Brittney Sullivan
(Class II – Tenant)	
Two Class II Members, 1 year term	Richard Merget
	Tyler Levine
One Class II Alternate, 1 year term	Susan Pihs
(Class III – Park Ownership)	
Two Class III Members, 1 year term	Donald Paetzold
	Ibrahim Okatan
One Class III Alternate, 1 year term	Carol Baker

Mr. Reid made a motion to approve the following appointment to the Recreation Advisory Board. His motion was seconded by Mr. Mehaffey. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Hansen	Y
Mr. Maher	Y
Mr. Reid	Y
Deputy Mayor Mehaffey	Y
Mayor DiCarlo	Y

At-Large Member of the Recreation Advisory Committee

One 3-year term	Jason Brandemarti

Mr. Reid made a motion to approve Zack Knapp, Thomas Roberts, and James Walker, Jr. as Special Police Officers. His motion was seconded by Mr. Mehaffey. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Hansen	Y
Mr. Maher	Y
Mr. Reid	Y
Deputy Mayor Mehaffey	Y
Mayor DiCarlo	Y

#11 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD APPOINTING SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

The following appointments were made by Mayor DiCarlo.

Members of the Planning Board

One Class I (1-year term)	Denice DiCarlo, Mayor
Mayor Designee	Jim Mehaffey, Deputy Mayor
One Class II (1-year term)	Eric Agren
One Class III (1-year term)	Committeeman Adam Reid
Two Class IV (4-year term)	Phil Zimm
	Paul Lenkowski
One Class IV Alternate (2-year term)	Hunter Kintzing

Members of the Library Commission (2 seats)

One 5-year term	April Maska
Fill unexpired Term (12/31/15)	Nancy Barna
Mayor's Representative (1-year term)	Stacy Reid
Superintendent of Schools Representative	Margaret Page

Members of the Environmental Commission

Two 3-year terms	Miriam Reichenbach
	Ken Miller
Planning Board Member (3-year term)	Eric Agren

Members of the Emergency Services Coordinating Council (3 seats)

Two Citizen-At-Large (1-year terms)	Chief Samuel DiSimone
	Mike Nahas
Mayor's Alternate (1-year term)	Committeeman Reid

Appointment of the Public Safety Director – Deputy Mayor Mehaffey

1. Member of the Emergency Services Coordinating Council Township Liaison (1-year term)	Mark Boucher

Mr. Mehaffey made a motion to appoint Mark Boucher as a Member of the Emergency Services Coordinating Council as the Township Liaison for a one year term. His motion was seconded by Mr. Reid. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Hansen	Y
Mr. Maher	Y
Mr. Reid	Y
Deputy Mayor Mehaffey	Y
Mayor DiCarlo	Y

Mr. Reid made a motion to designate the official newspaper and newspapers to be furnished notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975. His motion was seconded by Mr. Mehaffey. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Hansen	Y
Mr. Maher	Y
Mr. Reid	Y
Deputy Mayor Mehaffey	Y
Mayor DiCarlo	Y

#12 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AND NEWSPAPERS TO BE FURNISHED NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT OF 1975

Mr. Reid made a motion naming official depositories and cash management plan for the Township of West Deptford for the year 2015. His motion was seconded by Mr. Mehaffey. Mayor DiCarlo explained that the cash management plan was developed by the CFO and Treasurer to ensure that the committee will receive bank reports in a timely manner. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Hansen	Y
Mr. Maher	Y
Mr. Reid	Y
Deputy Mayor Mehaffey	Y
Mayor DiCarlo	Y

#13 RESOLUTION NAMING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES AND CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD FOR THE YEAR 2015

Mr. Reid made a motion to appoint Bowman & Company, LLP to provide financial assistance with a temporary contract not to exceed $17,500.00. His motion was seconded by Mr. Mehaffey. Mayor DiCarlo explained the need for this. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Hansen	N
Mr. Maher	N
Mr. Reid	Y
Deputy Mayor Mehaffey	Y
Mayor DiCarlo	Y

#14 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD APPOINTING BOWMAN & COMPANY, LLP WITH A TEMPORARY CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED $17,500.00

Mr. Reid made a motion adopting the times, dates and location of the regularly scheduled meetings of the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford for the year 2015. His motion was seconded by Mr. Mehaffey. Mayor DiCarlo explained that the meetings have been moved to Wednesdays allowing for two full work days following each meeting to complete tasks from the meeting. Mr. Maher explained that this presents problems for those who travel for work. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Hansen	Y
Mr. Maher	Y

Mr. Reid	Y
Deputy Mayor Mehaffey	Y
Mayor DiCarlo	Y

#15 RESOLUTION ADOPTING TIMES, DATES AND LOCATION OF THE REGUALRLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD FOR THE YEAR 2015

Mr. Reid made a motion to adopt the 2015 Temporary Budget. It was seconded by Mr. Mehaffey. The vote was as follows.

Mr. Hansen	Y
Mr. Maher	Y
Mr. Reid	Y
Deputy Mayor Mehaffey	Y
Mayor DiCarlo	Y

#16 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2015 TEMPORARY BUDGET

Mayor DiCarlo offered an opportunity to the members of the Township Committee to make any final remarks. Mr. Maher hopes for open lines of communication going forward and for the residents to stay attached. Mr. Hansen echoes Mr. Maher's statements and looks forward to working with the Utilities department. Mr. Reid said that it is an honor and a privilege to serve. Mr. Mehaffey thanked everyone and hopes all can work together. Mayor DiCarlo thanked everyone for their support and their confidence in her as the mayor.

Open Meeting to the Public:

Mr. Maher made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Mr. Mehaffey seconded the motion and it was approved by the entire committee.

No one addressed the committee.

Mr. Mehaffey made a motion to close the meeting to the public and it was seconded by Mr. Maher. The motion carried unanimously.

A Benediction was given by Deacon Dave Murnane.

Mayor DiCarlo called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Reid made a motion, a second was given by Mr. Mehaffey and approved by the entire committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Leso, RMC
Township Clerk