

Cape May Court House, NJ  
January 2, 2009 5:00PM  
REORGANIZATION PART I

FLAG SALUTE

INVOCATION: Bishop Robinson, Christ Gospel Church of Whitesboro

GOD BLESS AMERICA: Larry Matthews

THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED:

I hereby declare that notice has been given to the Herald Times, the Gazette-Leader, and the Atlantic City Press and posted on the bulletin board of the Middle Township Municipal Building stating the time and place of the following meeting as required in P.L. Chapter 231 of the State of New Jersey (Sunshine Law).

The Middle Township meeting was called to order by James Alexis, Township Clerk on the above date at 5:00 PM in the Municipal Building. The purpose of this meeting is to Swear in various officials.

Honorable Jefferson Van Drew, Senator 1<sup>st</sup> District swore in newly elected Committeemember F. Nathan Doughty Jr. for a three-year term.

On motion by Committeemember DeLanzo seconded by Committeemember Barry and passed on roll call, F. Nathan Doughty Jr. was chosen as Mayor for the year 2009. Honorable Jefferson Van Drew swore in the Mayor.

On motion by Mayor Doughty seconded by Committeemember Barry and passed on roll call, Susan Atkinson DeLanzo was chosen to act as Mayor in the absence of the Mayor. Honorable Jefferson Van Drew swore in the Deputy Mayor.

1. RESOLUTION NO. 1-09 – APPOINTMENT – MUNICIPAL JUDGE – GEORGE B. NEIDIG, JR.  
– On motion by Committeemember Barry seconded by Committeemember DeLanzo and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, the Governing Body of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey that the following individual is hereby appointed to the position opposite their name at the following salary:

NAME	TITLE	SALARY	EFF. DATE	EXP. DATE
George B. Neidig, Jr.	Municipal Judge	\$30,000.00	01/01/2009	12/31/2011

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Doughty – “Run with Interlocal with Dennis Township for Court Services. One step in the right direction. Consolidation of services and it will work very well. Court will be held on Monday so it’s a good thing. First of all I would like to thank you out there, you are the people that have made it possible for me and my other two here to be here. Without a doubt without you we wouldn’t be here today. It is very important that you support us and I would like to thank you again and it shows great for our community and what we are doing to make this possible. The next thing that is happening very quickly is Mr. Alexis is retiring. Been here 13 years, Gerry .. I don’t know what to tell you.

Alexis – She is getting a full time job

Mayor Doughty – “He has just done a remarkable job and will be hard to replace. Everyone of us respect his ability to do that. You think we have the authority to do a lot, we do not have a lot of authority to do a lot, we do not. At the end of the day our ability to hire, fire and spend money is miniscule. I would like everyone to give him a round of applause.

Mayor introduced Mr. & Mrs. Mallett.

Mayor Doughty stated that Mr. & Mrs. Mallett “ have a few children in the school system, You will see him around town. He is a Cornell graduate and has a lot to bring to the table. Roughly 65 applications for this job and interviewed 25 and we got the greatest amount of knowledge would ever get interviewing these 25 telling us what they were gonna do what they were not gonna do, and this gentleman survived. Behind every man is a great woman, and if his car ever breaks down he doesn’t need to fix it cause he lives right up on Romney. He will be on call as Mr. Alexis was, maybe not as much as he was but in time. New beginning on February 1. Any words of wisdom?”

Mark Mallett – “I look forward to it. Jim has been a pleasure to work with so far. I know there is a lot of knowledge he has that I am going to have to get up to speed pretty quick. I know he has a terrific job.

Mayor Doughty – we have a lot to be proud of in Middle Township. One of the largest land masses of wildlife available and we will continue to add to that, where the animals and all that can move around. We have roughly 30 acres and it will continue to get bigger. It’s a community that goes from the Delaware Bay to the Atlantic Ocean. Recreation Department that is second to none, and add areas that can be used as physical fitness things that can be put to work. Shopping center that is doing well and will continue to do

well. We should be proud that there will be all these stores done there and I'm sure they will fill very quickly." Mayor Doughty thanked the public for their support.

Committeemember Barry – ‘Going to be a good year ... 2009... but it's going to be a tough year. Construction boom is over. Retail and hospitality businesses affected by the deep recession that we're in. So our challenges are going to be we have a wonderful police department and public works and order to preserve our safety and quality of life in Middle Township we are going to do everything humanly possible to preserve all our jobs and services, but at the same time this is no time not to hold the line on taxes, and the word from Trenton is kinda ugly on what they are going to do for us, so for the next three months we are going to be in line with a pretty seriously struggle to put together a budget that works for everybody that preserves services to the extent possible that doesn't hit folks any harder than they have already been hit.”  
“Want to thank a few people in particular, for Susan and I having Nate's wisdom, his love for the township, his lifetime experience with the township, his encouragement to each of us and the support has really made this job as a Township Committeeman really a wonderful job. At the average Township Committee meeting ya know a few people show up and they are ruder then you could imagine, a few of them, and you think is that what's it's about but there are so many wonderful moments were you can plan for the future and get to put together a program and help people, that it really is a rewarding job and serving with Nate is the key to it being rewarding, so I would like to thank him very much and I would also like to thank Judge Tourison who has just done a remarkable job, and he has made a decision not to do this anymore but the quality of our court system and the quality of his service has just been unparallel. That's all I have.”

Committeemember DeLanzo wished everyone a Happy New Year, “I wish you the best in 2009. We all face some trying times, we all feel it, but it is reassuring to see you (public) looking back cause I know we will get there and I know we will do it together, cause that's what it takes. And I have been really proud to serve with Nate as Mayor and Steve and together we will work hard to do the very best we can....”  
“Also, want to thank Jim Alexis, very nice working with Jim and he has always been there when I needed to call on him. Wish him the very best.... also, thank you to Jim Pickering.... Look forward to 2008”

Jeff Van Drew congratulated committee and thanked and good luck to Jim.

Mayor Doughty – thanked professionals that make it possible. Mr. Orlando, Mr. Pickering, Mr. Alexis, Mr. Mallett, Mrs. Bittner, Victoria, Tony Harvatt. Also, Mr. Jones, Frank Dougherty, Mr. Soracco , Mr. Melchiorre, Mr. Cornell.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31pm

James Alexis, Clerk