

BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE REORGANIZATION MEETING

January 1, 2016



BOROUGH OF SOMERVILLE ANNUAL
REORGANIZATION MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2016
12:00 NOON

SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
CORNER OF DAVENPORT STREET & ORCHARD STREET

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| 1. INTRODUCTORY MUSIC: | GABRIELLE JAVIAR
JOSHUA CLARKSON
ZACHARY BERMUDEZ
IAN DALIDA |
| DIRECTED BY: | STEPHEN LORETTI |
| 2. OPENING SONG | SHILOH PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
CHOIR |
| 3. TOWN CRIER: | DAVID LANG |
| 4. INVOCATION: | PASTOR JACK WEBSTER
SHILOH PENTECOSTAL CHURCH |
| 5. MOMENT OF SILENCE: | In Memory of:
Chief Becker
Chief Kavanaugh
2 ND Lieutenant Sheats
Fire Official Van Horn |
| 6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: | BRENDAN GALLAGHER,
Recruit, US Army, Calvary Scout,
Ft. Benning, GA
Summer 2016 |

SEAN MCNAMARA,
Recruit, US Marines, Parris Island, SC
Spring 2016

7. RECOGNITION OF SOMERVILLE ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL:

8. NATIONAL ANTHEM: SARAN AKINS-LANE

9. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW: KEVIN SLUKA, RMC

10. OATH OF OFFICE FOR MAYOR: BRIAN GALLAGHER
Holding Bible: Lisa (wife)
On Stage: Brian Jr., Annie, Ian, Brendan, Maura (children)
Oath administered by: Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli

11. OATH OF OFFICE FOR COUNCIL: THOMPSON MITCHELL
Holding Bible: Helen (daughter)
Oath administered by Kevin Sluka, Clerk-Administrator

12. OATH OF OFFICE FOR COUNCIL: STEVE PETER
Holding Bible: Elizabeth Romano (Fiancé)
Oath administered by Kevin Sluka, Clerk-Administrator

13. CALL OF ROLL FOR 2016 MAYOR & COUNCIL: KEVIN SLUKA

14. ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

15. 2015 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD:
Presented by Mayor Gallagher

16. PRESENTATION OF FIRE CHIEF BADGE TO ROBERT LYNN
Presentation by Councilman Utter, Fire Commissioner

17. INTRODUCTION OF NEW FIRE CHIEF
Councilman Utter, Fire Commissioner

18. OATH OF OFFICE FIRE CHIEF: GREG SORACE
HOLDING BIBLE: Kimberly (wife)
ON STAGE: Joseph (son)
Oath administered by Kevin Sluka, Clerk Administrator

19. OATH OF OFFICE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:
DEPUTY CHIEF: MARC PELLEGRINO
1ST ASSISTANT: BRIAN ISELIN
2ND ASSISTANT: ROBERT WORTMAN

20. STATE OF THE BOROUGH ADDRESS: BRIAN GALLAGHER, MAYOR

21. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES: (chair listed first)
PUBLIC WORKS STEVE PETER / DENNIS SULLIVAN
POLICE JASON KRASKA / KEN UTTER
FIRE KEN UTTER / JANE KOBUTA
PUBLIC PROPERTY TOM MITCHELL / STEVE PETER
FINANCE DENNIS SULLIVAN / TOM MITCHELL
ADMIN/PERSONNEL JANE KOBUTA / JASON KRASKA

22. COUNCIL LIAISONS FOR 2016:

JANE KOBUTA
West End Redevelopment Raritan River Greenways
Library Landfill Development Committee
Workplace Diversity Task Force Kirby Ave. Redevelopment Committee

THOMPSON MITCHELL
Recycling TMA Ridewise
SRVSA Environmental Commission
NJ Transit Railroad Coalition Historic Advisory Committee
West End Redevelopment Committee

JASON KRASKA

Board of Health	Recreation
Accident Review Committee	CDBG
NJ Transit Railroad Coalition	Municipal Alliance & Youth Services
Complete Streets	

DENNIS SULLIVAN

Board of Education	East End Redevelopment
By-Laws Committee	Veterans Association
Somerset County Freeholders	Human Relations
Kirby Ave, Redevelopment Committee	

KEN UTTER

Fire Police	Somerset Medical Center
DSA/SBPA	Landfill Committee
Emergency Management	First Aid & Rescue Squad
Complete Streets	East End Redevelopment Committee
Fire Museum	Emergency Services Facility Committee
Regional Center	

STEVE PETER

Code Enforcement	Municipal Court
Somerville TV	Gaston Ave. Redevelopment Committee

23. APPOINTMENT OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS BY MAYOR:

(Consent of Council not required)

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Ken Cornell	5 year	12/31/20
Luc Sergile	5 year	12/31/19 (unexpired term)
Christopher Peak	5 year	12/31/17 (unexpired term)

24. APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS BY MAYOR:

(Consent of Council not required)

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Lisa Yates	4 year	12/31/19 (Class IV)
Dr. Richard Goldsmith	2 year	12/31/17 (Alternate 2)

25. APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS BY COUNCIL:

(Requires motion and vote)

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Jane Kobuta	1 year	12/31/16

26. APPOINTMENT OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT BY COUNCIL:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Ed Allatt	2 year	12/31/17 (Alternate1)
Art Adair	4 year	12/31/19

27. DOWNTOWN SOMERVILLE ALLIANCE: BOARD OF TRUSTEES BY COUNCIL:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Tom Genova	3 year	12/31/18 (Property Owner)

28. APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR: (CONSENT OF COUNCIL)**APPOINTMENT OF FIRE APPARATUS DRIVERS:**

CENTRAL HOOK & LADDER:	TODD STARNER
LINCOLN HOSE:	JIM COOKINGHAM
ENGINE COMPANY No.1	FERNANDO FRANCO
WEST END HOSE COMPANY No.3	GLEN THORNE
ENGINE (2) WEST END RESERVE	JOHN ZALEWSKI

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Louis Maranski	1 year	12/31/16 (Sup't appointment)
Brian Gallagher	1 year	12/31/16

BOARD OF HEALTH:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
John Prudente	3 year	12/31/18
Patricia Kerwin	3 year	12/31/18
Joe Mitchell	3 year	12/31/18

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Gina Stravic	3 years	12/31/18
Tara St. Angelo	3 year	12/31/18
Sandra Benscoter	2 year	12/31/17 (Alternate #1)

COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Ronald Czajkowski	1 year	12/31/16

RARITAN MILLSTONE RIVERS FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Kevin Sluka	1 year	12/31/16

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE & YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Shirley Sibilia	1 year	12/31/16
Rose Jean-Baptiste	1 year	12/31/16
Theresa Bonner	1 year	12/31/16
Leigh McLachlan	1 year	12/31/16
Laura Camisa	1 year	12/31/16

FIRE POLICE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Kent Buchanan	1 year	12/31/16
Greg Jobin	1 year	12/31/16
Robert Bryant	1 year	12/31/16
Eligh Harrell	1 year	12/31/16
Peter Fusco	1 year	12/31/16

SOMERSET COUNTY RECYCLING COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Rodney Hadley	1 year	12/31/16

SOMERSET COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC):

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Rodney Hadley	1 year	12/31/16 (Mayor's recommendation)
Kevin Sluka	1 year	12/31/16 (Council Recommendation)

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	
Brian Gallagher	4 years	12/31/16	
Steve Weinman	3 years	11/30/17	
Dennis Manning	1 year	12/31/16	(Police Rep.)
Frank McAleavy	1 year	12/31/16	
Greg Sorace	1 year	12/31/16	(Fire Rep.)
Keith Thedinga	1 year	12/31/16	
Kevin Sluka	1 year	12/31/16	
James Barry	1 year	12/31/16	(Squad Rep.)
Rodney Hadley	1 year	12/31/16	
Scott Skrivanek	1 year	12/31/16	
Ken Utter	1 year	12/31/16	
Frank Vuoso	1 year	12/31/16	
Joanne Sung	1 year	12/31/16	(Schools Rep.)

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE ADVISORS & LIAISONS:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Michael Halperin	1 year	12/31/16
Fred Picchiello	1 year	12/31/16
Lou Sasso	1 year	12/31/16
Beth Anne Macdonald	1 year	12/31/16
Benjamin Strong	1 year	12/31/16
Herb Hall	1 year	12/31/16
Mike Lapotasky	1 year	12/31/16
Gary Falk	1 year	12/31/16

SOMERSET COUNTY BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	
Kevin Sluka	1 year	12/31/16	
Brendan Nally	1 year	12/31/16	(Alternate 1)
Frank Vuoso	1 year	12/31/16	(Alternate 2)

N. J. TRANSIT R.R. / RARITAN VALLEY RAILROAD COALITION:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Thompson Mitchell	1 year	12/31/16

UPPER RARITAN WASTEWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Rodney Hadley	1 year	12/31/16
Michael Cole	1 year	12/31/16

ACCIDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Dennis Manning	1 year	12/31/16
Rodney Hadley	1 year	12/31/16
Greg Sorace	1 year	12/31/16
Kevin Sluka	1 year	12/31/16
Pat Weston	1 year	12/31/16
James Barry	1 year	12/31/16
Frank Vuoso	1 year	12/31/16
Brendan Nally	1 year	12/31/16

HISTORIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Jennifer Young	1 year	12/31/16
Marge Sullivan	1 year	12/31/16
James Sommerville	1 year	12/31/16
Robert Barth	1 year	12/31/16
Jadusingh Martin	1 year	12/31/16
Rob Ambrose	1 year	12/31/16
Phil Decker	1 year	12/31/16
Dawn Taylor	1 year	12/31/16
Marcie Fiorentino	1 year	12/31/16

RARITAN RIVER GREENWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Jane Kobuta	1 year	12/31/16
Jason Kraska	1 year	12/31/16
Kathy Gerndt	1 year	12/31/16

LANDFILL REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Brian Gallagher	1 year	12/31/16
Jane Kobuta	1 year	12/31/16
Ken Utter	1 year	12/31/16
Bernie Navatto	1 year	12/31/16

WEST END REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Brian Gallagher	1 year	12/31/16
Jane Kobuta	1 year	12/31/16
Tom Mitchell	1 year	12/31/16
Bernie Navatto	1 year	12/31/16

EAST END REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Brian Gallagher	1 year	12/31/16
Dennis Sullivan	1 year	12/31/16
Ken Utter	1 year	12/31/16
Bernie Navatto	1 year	12/31/16

KIRBY AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Brian Gallagher	1 year	12/31/16
Dennis Sullivan	1 year	12/31/16
Jane Kobuta	1 year	12/31/16

Bernie Navatto	1 year	12/31/16
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GASTON AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Brian Gallagher	1 year	12/31/16
Steve Peter	1 year	12/31/16
Jane Kobuta	1 year	12/31/16
Bernie Navatto	1 year	12/31/16

REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	
Brian Gallagher	1 year	12/31/16	Executive Committee
Lisa Yates	1 year	12/31/16	
Rick St. Pierre	1 year	12/31/16	
Ken Utter	1 year	12/31/16	

FIRE MUSEUM RESTORATION COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Bobby Lynn	1 year	12/31/16
Tom Sutphen	1 year	12/31/16
Pat Weston	1 year	12/31/16
Rich O'Neill	1 year	12/31/16
Brendan Nally	1 year	12/31/16
Jim Sutphen	1 year	12/31/16
Phil Decker	1 year	12/31/16
Marge Sullivan	1 year	12/31/16
Greg Sorace	1 year	12/31/16
Ryan Donahue	1 year	12/31/16
Dave Vallone Sr.	1 year	12/31/16
Bryan O'Neill	1 year	12/31/16

SOMERSET COUNTY CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Marge Sullivan	1 year	12/31/16

EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITIES COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Brian Gallagher	1 year	12/31/16
Frank McAleavy	1 year	12/31/16
Dennis Manning	1 year	12/31/16
James Barry	1 year	12/31/16
Marc Pellegrino	1 year	12/31/16
Greg Sorace	1 year	12/31/16
Brendan Nally	1 year	12/31/16
Richard O'Neill	1 year	12/31/16
Pat Weston	1 year	12/31/16
Brian Iselin	1 year	12/31/16

SOMERVILLE TELEVISION COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Jim Balzano	1 year	12/31/16
Robert Barth	1 year	12/31/16
Jeff Carlson	1 year	12/31/16
Ken Cornell	1 year	12/31/16
Shirley Gurisic	1 year	12/31/16
Herb Hall	1 year	12/31/16
Michael Halperin	1 year	12/31/16

WORKPLACE DIVERSITY TASK FORCE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Jane Kobuta	1 year	12/31/16
Dennis Manning	1 year	12/31/16
Art Adair	1 year	12/31/16
Jack Webster	1 year	12/31/16
Rodney Dorsey	1 year	12/31/16

29. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

30. CONSENT RESOLUTIONS (16-0101-001 THRU 16-0101-026)

- 16-0101-001 Establishing 2016 Meeting Procedure
Description: the 1st and 3rd Mondays are regular meetings except that we will have meetings on Tuesdays if the preceding Monday is a Holiday. Except the January Meetings will be on the 1st and the 11th
- 16-0101-002 Designating Official Newspapers
Description: Identifying the Courier News as the official newspaper and in cases where two newspapers are needed the Star Ledger shall be the 2nd official newspaper.
- 16-0101-003 Filing Signature with Secretary of State
Description: Pursuant to state statute the Municipal Clerk is authorized to distribute the Mayor's signature and municipal seal upon request of the Secretary of State.
- 16-0101-004 Adopting 2016 Holiday Schedule
Description: establishing the holiday schedule that Borough operations are closed.
- 16-0101-005 Authorizing Disbursement of Funds for Hospitalization and State Health Benefits prior to Council Approval
Description: Allows the CFO to make payments to the State of NJ Electronic Payment System at which time bills are received.
- 16-0101-006 Authorizing Signature
Description: Allowing the Mayor & Council President to sign checks & other documents
- 16-0101-007 Establishing Interest Rate on Delinquent Taxes
Description: 8% per annum on first \$1,500 and 18% on excess of \$1,500 of the delinquency. Any taxpayer with a delinquency in excess of \$10,000 will also be charged a penalty.
- 16-0101-008 Establishing Interest Rate on Delinquent Sewer Use Taxes
Description: 8% per annum on first \$1,500 and 18% on excess of \$1,500 of the delinquency.
- 16-0101-009 Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Wire Transfer Funds for Investment and Payment of Capital Debt
Description: Allows CFO to wire funds for investment of surplus funds throughout the year.
- 16-0101-010 Appointing 2016 Officials and Employees
Description: Identifies the position being held by municipal employees and consulting personnel.
- 16-0101-011 Adopting Policy and Procedure Manual
Description: the manual has been updated and will continue to be updated. Establishes rules and regulations for municipal employees.
- 16-0101-012 Sewer Utility Temporary Budget-2016
Description allows for 26.25% of the 2015 budget to be appropriated to initiate activity for the 2016 year until the 2016 budget is passed.
- 16-0101-013 Downtown Somerville Alliance Temporary Budget-2016
Description allows for 26.25% of the 2015 budget to be appropriated to initiate activity for the 2016 year until the 2016 budget is passed.
- 16-0101-014 Authorizing Appropriations to Cover Debt Service Requirements from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016
Description: The temporary budget resolution allows for current fund obligations to be paid. This resolution allows for debt service to be paid.
- 16-0101-015 Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Accounting Services (Auditor)-Hodulik & Morrison P.A.
- 16-0101-016 Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair & Open Contract for Special Counsel for Redevelopment Projects-DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP.
- 16-0101-017 Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair & Open Contract for Bond Counsel – Gibbons, P.C.

The Annual Reorganization Meeting of the Borough of Somerville for 2016 was held on Friday, January 1, 2016 at the Somerville High School Auditorium, Davenport Street, Somerville, New Jersey at 12:00pm.

Town Crier, David Lange Officially called the meeting to order.

Pastor Jack Webster of Shiloh Pentecostal Church offered the Invocation.

Mayor Gallagher asked for a moment of silence in memory of:

Chief Becker
Chief Kavanaugh
2ND Lieutenant Sheats
Fire Official Van Horn

Mayor Gallagher introduced Brendan Gallagher, Recruit, US Army, Calvary Scout, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Gallagher recognized the Somerville Armed Forces Personnel here today and thanked them for their service.

The National Anthem was sung by; Sarah Akins-Lane.

Clerk-Administrator Kevin Sluka stated, "that the meeting will please come to order at 12:00noon. Adequate notice of this meeting, as required by the Open Public Meeting Act has been provided for in that a copy of a resolution of January 1, 2016, specifying the date, time and location, was (1) posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall, (2) mailed to the Somerset Messenger-Gazette, Courier News and Home News; and (3) given to the Clerk-Administrator.

Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli administered the oath of office to Mayor Brian Gallagher for a full four (4) year term. Holding the Bible was his wife Lisa Gallagher and his children on the stage.

Clerk-Administrator Sluka administered the oath of office to Councilman Thompson Mitchell for a full three (3) year term, with his daughter Helen holding the Bible for him.

Clerk-Administrator Sluka administered the oath of office to Councilman Steve Peter for a full three (3) year term, with his Fiancé Elizabeth Romano holding the Bible for him.

The roll call of the newly seated 2016 Borough Council was taken and the following members were present: Mayor Brian G. Gallagher, Presiding, Councilwoman Jane Kobuta, Councilman Jason Kraska Councilman Thompson Mitchell, Councilman Steve Peter, Councilman Dennis Sullivan, and Councilman Kenneth Utter.

Election of 2016 Borough Council President:

Mayor Gallagher commented that for the past twelve years as Mayor there has always been a unanimous Borough Council vote of the Council President. This position requires a level of skill knowledge and understanding the current issues surrounding the Borough.

Mayor Gallagher asked for the nomination of Councilman Utter for the position of Council President.

Councilwoman Kobuta stated that it was the duty of the Borough Council to nominate the Council President.

Mayor Gallagher did not relinquish the floor and asked for the motion of Councilman Utter.

Councilman Kraska made a motion and was seconded by Councilman Utter to nominate Councilman Utter for 2016 Borough Council President. The motion was defeated by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilman Kraska, Councilman Utter

Nays: Councilwoman Kobuta, Councilman Mitchell,
Councilman Peter, Councilman Sullivan,

Mayor Gallagher commented that this was election was held many times over 12 years and again it is important for a unanimous decision. He feels that Councilman Peter is an intelligent and capable man but in order to perform the roles you need at least a year of Council experience.

Mayor Gallagher then opened to floor for additional nominations for 2016 Borough Council President.

Councilwoman Kobuta made a motion and was seconded by Councilman Mitchell to nominate Councilman Peter for 2016 Borough Council President. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilwoman Kobuta, Councilman Mitchell,
Councilman Peter, Councilman Sullivan,

Nays: Councilman Kraska, Councilman Utter

Presentation of outgoing Fire Chiefs badge to Robert Lynn.

Councilman Utter, Fire Commissioner highlighted the over thirty year career of Chief Robert Lynn. He has served as a Chief for the past seven years. He is a quiet leader who gets the job done with little fuss. During the past year he spearheaded a major fire department action plan.

Chief Lynn thanked everyone for their support over the past number of years. He appreciated the opportunity to serve an extra year as Chief of the Department.

Chief Lynn presented Councilman Utter with his Fire Commissioner's Badge.

Mayor Gallagher also thanked Chief Lynn for this many years of service to the Somerville Fire Department.

Councilman Utter introduced incoming Fire Chief Greg Sorace.

Clerk-Administrator Sluka administered the oath of office to Fire Chief Greg Sorace for a two (2) year term, with his wife Kim holding the Bible for him along with his son Joseph.

Clerk-Administrator Sluka administered the oath of office to Deputy Chiefs, Marc Pellegrino, Brian Iselin and Robert Wortman.

Mayor Gallagher recognized the members of the Somerville Fire Department and Somerville Rescue Squad for their service to the community.

Mayor Brian G. Gallagher presented the following 2016 State of the Borough Address:

Honorable Members of Council, distinguished guests, friends and family..... Good Afternoon to all and Happy New Year!

The State of our Borough is strong, thriving and we have become a destination point Statewide. With so many great things going on, Somerville has only just begun to unleash its potential. We are returning our Borough to that center of life it once was for an entire region. Whether it is living, learning, shopping or dining...our Somerville is the talk of the State.

Twelve years ago when first elected Mayor, I stood before you and outlined a vision for what Somerville could be, and the tools that would be necessary to fulfill that vision. Through a very public process, hard work, smart decisions, and through vocal bipartisan decisions and agreement for the Borough's future, not political decisions for the party's future, we have changed the tide of Somerville.

We went from one of searching for what would come our way to help turn us around, to leading the way and becoming the model statewide on how to develop a community. We approached our decisions not from a political perspective or legal perspective, but what was right for Somerville.

We hired the best professionals and let them do their work. I look forward to continuing these policies working with the 2016 council.

Each council person brings a different strength to the table and when we are all aligned, well the past 12 years speaks for itself, nobody can stand in Somerville's way! This council needs to keep that momentum moving forward.

Few municipalities in the State can lay claim to what Somerville has accomplished in the last twelve years and that is no accident. Hard work, vision, good and thoughtful decisions, and a focus on success for our Borough has created what the entire State is looking for.....opportunity.

We are the County Seat of a Main Street New Jersey Community with a Special Improvement District, in the heart of a Transit Village, bordered by 4 redevelopment areas including a designated Brownfield, and part of the State's first multi-town Regional Center Partnership.

There is a reason Somerville has just been named by NJ Monthly as one of the top 16 downtowns in the entire State.

There is a reason Somerville was named in the top 5 small cities to live in in NJ.

There is a reason Somerset County was named one of the top 5 counties to live in in the entire country.

That reason is development...and when you hear that word everyone immediately thinks of taking down and putting up new buildings, they think Starbucks and Wolfgangs...yes those are part of it, but they come as a result of a different kind of development...

Development of a community, its faces, its places and its personality...that is the really complex part of development.

So while everyone sees the big physical development, lets talk a bit about what Somerville has developed in just the last 12 years as part of its character to attract that development...

Cultural Development

- The Central Jersey Jazz Festival
- Oktoberfest
- Arts On Division
- Pop Up Art Galleries
- Division Street in all its glory

Historical Development

- 3 more buildings on the State & National Register
- A wonderful Fire Museum just reopened
- A restored Borough Hall interior
- Historical plaque program
- Rehabilitation of historic structures

Recreational Development

- A state of the art splash park for kids
- The Peters Brook Greenway trail
- A brand new playground at Carol Pager Park
- Our own central park...30 acres on the landfill about to become accessible parkland in the middle of a downtown county seat

Transportation Development

- \$16 million renovation of the train station
- One Seat Ride to Manhattan
- Route 22 improvements
- The walking school bus program

Residential Development

- Zoning ordinance improvements in all residential zones
- Borough Hall on line to do business at the taxpayers convenience
- Diverse housing stock Borough wide
- Residential reinvestment in their homes

Commercial/Retail Development

- 20 new stores opened in the past year alone
- Significant boutique and entrepreneurial retail
- Multiple corporate relocations to downtown buildings bringing jobs and economic action

Educational Development

- Top rated public and private schools in the state
- A superintendent that is rated #1 in the State, and a #1 instructor nationwide
- Ground breaking partnerships to allow SHS kids to graduate HS with an associates degree from RVCC
- Great arts and athletic programs
- Our Churches engaging our youth to help them learn

Environmental Development

- Incorporation of Leed concepts into our redevelopment plans
- Partnerships with the NJ Water Supply Authority for neighborhood pilot programs to reduce run off
- Installation of a large rain gardens at [one of our parks to catch road](#) run off
- Member of Sustainable NJ
- Clean up of contaminated sites

Government Development

- Open communication at all levels including VilleTV and Somerville Direct
- Obtaining \$12 million in grants in the last year alone from the State where there is very little money available
- Changing state level policy to suit local level needs--the ERGG program which brought Shop Rite to Somerville
- Pushing for the one seat ride
- Our legislators Congressman Lance, Sen Bateman, Assembly Ciatterelli and Simon advocating when necessary.

All of this culminates in Somerville's Development!

And Somerville's development is when private investment...whether developer, entrepreneur, professional or resident says this is where I want to earn a return. This is where I want to set roots and raise my family, this is where I want my kids to go to school, this is where I want to spend my Friday nights, this is where I want to be!!

So picture this...you walk out your front door in Somerville, or you get off the train or bus, or you park your car, or you get out of your Uber ride ...and now you have some decisions to make...

- do I take a tour of the Duke Estate
- do I go shopping downtown or at the mall
- do I grab a bite to eat
- do I go golfing at one of the many county courses
- do I go hiking in the Sourlands
- do i take a jog on the Peters Brook greenway trail
- do I look at an art installation or listen to a band
- do I go see a ballgame
- do I look for a great place to rent an apartment or purchase a home
- or do I just go for a cup of coffee and see people that are warm, friendly and my neighbors.

Folks, you can't do that anywhere else...!!!!

People become so focused on what they don't have that they lose sight of what we do have and what has been created in a 12 short years!

A young woman stopped me one evening on Division Street as she heard I was the Mayor. She said she lived in Brooklyn but came out here to visit friends because she heard about how great a town it was. She said "you know you have this town that has this great urban vibe and feel, but still maintains a small town warmth and charm, we don't have that in Brooklyn."

Well that's what keeps people coming back to Somerville...it's the Faces and Places and Character of a community that defines how people perceive it...and makes them want to be a part of it.. living, working and playing!

Somerville is cool!! And every one of you has helped to make it that way.

The measure of our success as a council is not in outlining year end achievements, but in planning for the future of what we need yet to achieve. To look ourselves and our residents squarely in the eye and say here is where we want our next steps to be. These are steps forward, not steps back to the days of political instability and fighting, but a continuance of a working relationship that gets the job done for our taxpayers.

While I have spoken at length of our redevelopment efforts, and those efforts will continue in a very public forum, there are only two areas of focus that I will address today as I believe these are the next defining issues for our Borough....Infrastructure and Recreation.

Our infrastructure is old. Our roads need repair, our sanitary sewer system and utility services need upgrading, and our emergency services are working out of antiquated, and re-adapted buildings. In the words of Councilman Utter, this is the year for our emergency services.

Recreation has consistently taken a back seat to other pressing issues. Our facilities and programs are quite frankly old and lacking.

Let's face it any elected official can figure out pretty easily how to spend your hard earned taxpayer dollar...the true talent of an elected official is figuring out how to make money for the taxpayer, and my tenure as Mayor working with the council has done just that. Now as we see redevelopment taking hold we can begin to stabilize the residential tax base, we have the ability to begin to repair our infrastructure and develop quality recreation.

In order to begin to address both of these issues I have asked the redevelopment committee to identify revenue projections coming from our redevelopment in the next 20 years, and we can then dedicate a

percentage of the revenue received directly to these two areas. This is where we can use new developer money, not average taxpayer money, to begin rectifying some of these issues.

In addition, I am tasking the Recreation commission with updating their master plan so they have a road map of goals to work towards, not a reactionary decision process. We will also take advantage of aggressive grant applications, creative financing programs, public private partnerships, and a fresh look at sharing and combining services where necessary to improve them. I have the confidence in our Borough team to tackle these and other issues as they arise.

The single most important aspect of Somerville is the quality of life we all enjoy, this is the reason why people choose to live here, raise their families, some for many generations and one which we all must strive to maintain through thick and thin.

This is what makes this Borough strong...we have an identity like no other and you need to be a part of it to really understand. We have a volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad that is second to none, and when the chips are down these are the men and women you want bursting through your front door.

Our police department is eager, intelligent and flourishing with 5 new hires this year under Chief Manning.

Our volunteer committees, commissions and boards make this Borough what it is...they are dedicated people who want to make a difference in where they live.

There is no better job in the world than being Mayor or councilperson of this Borough and only those that have served truly understand what I speak of. It is an inordinate amount of time taken away from you personally, but the rewards of helping to build a great community are returned tenfold.

As much as things change around us, Somerville remains this constant that lends stability to this region which other municipalities strive to emulate.

To the Borough Council I say thank you as your time serving our Borough is never fully recognized. I ask that you ensure politics takes a back seat in all of your decisions though. You are neighbors working together to better this Borough. Remember that and when all else fails, I have said this before.....go have a beer with a fireman, they have a way of shedding light on issues that is clear, concise and in the best interest of the Borough!

We are lucky to have a citizenry that is engaged, informed and intent on preserving the way of life in Somerville. There are many reasons people choose to live in Somerville, but only one common reason they stay...our citizens love our Somerville. Whether it is a new family to town or a family that has seen 5 generations living here, they all hold that common bond.

Somerville truly is the center of life for Somerset County, from grand old homes to starter housing, from the bustling downtown to the peaceful surroundings of the Peters Brook and the Raritan River...we have all that anyone could want in a Borough, and she remains that wonderful place for our children.

I wish great prosperity for all the good people of our Borough, in this beautiful town we all call home.

Thank you and God Bless Somerville and all of her citizens!

2016 Citizen of the Year

Mayor Gallagher commented that at this time, he was unable to present the Citizen of Year Award. The recipient was unable to attend due professional reasons. He will be making the presentation to the person on his way home and an announcement will be made at a future date.

Mayor Gallagher made the following 2016 standing committees and 2016 Borough Council liaisons appointments:

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES: (chair listed first)	
PUBLIC WORKS	STEVE PETER / DENNIS SULLIVAN
POLICE	JASON KRASKA / KEN UTTER
FIRE	KEN UTTER / JANE KOBUTA
PUBLIC PROPERTY	TOM MITCHELL / STEVE PETER
FINANCE	DENNIS SULLIVAN / TOM MITCHELL
ADMIN/PERSONNEL	JANE KOBUTA / JASON KRASKA

COUNCIL LIAISONS FOR 2016:

JANE KOBUTA

West End Redevelopment Library	Raritan River Greenways Landfill Development Committee
Workplace Diversity Task Force	Kirby Ave. Redevelopment Committee

THOMPSON MITCHELL

Recycling	TMA Ridewise
SRVSA	Environmental Commission
NJ Transit Railroad Coalition	Historic Advisory Committee
West End Redevelopment Committee	

JASON KRASKA

Board of Health	Recreation
Accident Review Committee	CDBG
NJ Transit Railroad Coalition	Municipal Alliance & Youth Services
Complete Streets	

DENNIS SULLIVAN

Board of Education	East End Redevelopment
By-Laws Committee	Veterans Association
Somerset County Freeholders	Human Relations
Kirby Ave, Redevelopment Committee	

KEN UTTER

Fire Police	Somerset Medical Center
DSA/SBPA	Landfill Committee
Emergency Management	First Aid & Rescue Squad
Complete Streets	East End Redevelopment Committee
Fire Museum	Emergency Services Facility Committee
Regional Center	

STEVE PETER

Code Enforcement	Municipal Court
Somerville TV	Gaston Ave. Redevelopment Committee

Mayor Gallagher made the following additional appointments:

APPOINTMENT OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS BY MAYOR:

(Consent of Council not required)

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Ken Cornell	5 year	12/31/20
Luc Sergile	5 year	12/31/19 (unexpired term)
Christopher Peak	5 year	12/31/17 (unexpired term)

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS BY MAYOR:

(Consent of Council not required)

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Lisa Yates	4 year	12/31/19 (Class IV)
Dr. Richard Goldsmith	2 year	12/31/17 (Alternate 2)

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS BY COUNCIL:

Councilman Sullivan made a motion and was seconded by Councilman Mitchell to approve Councilwoman Kobuta as the Borough Council Planning Board representative.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Carried unanimously

APPOINTMENT OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT BY COUNCIL:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Ed Allatt	2 year	12/31/17 (Alternate1)
Art Adair	4 year	12/31/19

Councilwoman Kobuta made a motion and was seconded by Councilman Sullivan to approve the aforementioned appointments.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Carried unanimously

DOWNTOWN SOMERVILLE ALLIANCE: BOARD OF TRUSTEES BY COUNCIL:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Tom Genova	3 year	12/31/18 (Property Owner)

Councilman Sullivan made a motion and was seconded by Councilman Mitchell to approve the aforementioned appointment.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Carried unanimously

APPOINTMENT BY MAYOR: (CONSENT OF COUNCIL)

APPOINTMENT OF FIRE APPARATUS DRIVERS:

CENTRAL HOOK & LADDER:	TODD STARNER
LINCOLN HOSE:	JIM COOKINGHAM
ENGINE COMPANY No.1	FERNANDO FRANCO
WEST END HOSE COMPANY No.3	GLEN THORNE
ENGINE (2) WEST END RESERVE	JOHN ZALEWSKI

Councilman Utter made a motion and was seconded by Councilman Peter to approve the aforementioned appointments.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Carried unanimously

The following additional appointments were made:

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Louis Maranski	1 year	12/31/16 (Sup't appointment)
Brian Gallagher	1 year	12/31/16

BOARD OF HEALTH:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
John Prudente	3 year	12/31/18
Patricia Kerwin	3 year	12/31/18
Joe Mitchell	3 year	12/31/18

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Gina Stravic	3 years	12/31/18
Tara St. Angelo	3 year	12/31/18
Sandra Benscoter	2 year	12/31/17 (Alternate #1)

COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Ronald Czajkowski	1 year	12/31/16

RARITAN MILLSTONE RIVERS FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Kevin Sluka	1 year	12/31/16

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE & YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Shirley Sibilia	1 year	12/31/16

Rose Jean-Baptiste	1 year	12/31/16
Theresa Bonner	1 year	12/31/16
Leigh McLachlan	1 year	12/31/16
Laura Camisa	1 year	12/31/16

FIRE POLICE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Kent Buchanan	1 year	12/31/16
Greg Jobin	1 year	12/31/16
Robert Bryant	1 year	12/31/16
Eligh Harrell	1 year	12/31/16
Peter Fusco	1 year	12/31/16

SOMERSET COUNTY RECYCLING COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Rodney Hadley	1 year	12/31/16

SOMERSET COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC):

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Rodney Hadley	1 year	12/31/16 (Mayor's recommendation)
Kevin Sluka	1 year	12/31/16 (Council Recommendation)

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	
Brian Gallagher	4 years	12/31/16	
Steve Weinman	3 years	11/30/17	
Dennis Manning	1 year	12/31/16	(Police Rep.)
Frank McAleavy	1 year	12/31/16	
Greg Sorace	1 year	12/31/16	(Fire Rep.)
Keith Thedinga	1 year	12/31/16	
Kevin Sluka	1 year	12/31/16	
James Barry	1 year	12/31/16	(Squad Rep.)
Rodney Hadley	1 year	12/31/16	
Scott Skrivanek	1 year	12/31/16	
Ken Utter	1 year	12/31/16	
Frank Vuoso	1 year	12/31/16	
Joanne Sung	1 year	12/31/16	(Schools Rep.)

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE ADVISORS & LIAISONS:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Michael Halperin	1 year	12/31/16
Fred Picchiello	1 year	12/31/16
Lou Sasso	1 year	12/31/16
Beth Anne Macdonald	1 year	12/31/16
Benjamin Strong	1 year	12/31/16
Herb Hall	1 year	12/31/16
Mike Lapotasky	1 year	12/31/16
Gary Falk	1 year	12/31/16

SOMERSET COUNTY BLOCK GRANT COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	
Kevin Sluka	1 year	12/31/16	
Brendan Nally	1 year	12/31/16	(Alternate 1)
Frank Vuoso	1 year	12/31/16	(Alternate 2)

N. J. TRANSIT R.R. / RARITAN VALLEY RAILROAD COALITION:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Thompson Mitchell	1 year	12/31/16

UPPER RARITAN WASTEWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Rodney Hadley	1 year	12/31/16
Michael Cole	1 year	12/31/16

ACCIDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Dennis Manning	1 year	12/31/16
Rodney Hadley	1 year	12/31/16

Greg Sorace	1 year	12/31/16
Kevin Sluka	1 year	12/31/16
Pat Weston	1 year	12/31/16
James Barry	1 year	12/31/16
Frank Vuoso	1 year	12/31/16
Brendan Nally	1 year	12/31/16

HISTORIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Jennifer Young	1 year	12/31/16
Marge Sullivan	1 year	12/31/16
James Sommerville	1 year	12/31/16
Robert Barth	1 year	12/31/16
Jadusingh Martin	1 year	12/31/16
Rob Ambrose	1 year	12/31/16
Phil Decker	1 year	12/31/16
Dawn Taylor	1 year	12/31/16
Marcie Fiorentino	1 year	12/31/16

RARITAN RIVER GREENWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Jane Kobuta	1 year	12/31/16
Jason Kraska	1 year	12/31/16
Kathy Gerndt	1 year	12/31/16

LANDFILL REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Brian Gallagher	1 year	12/31/16
Jane Kobuta	1 year	12/31/16
Ken Utter	1 year	12/31/16
Bernie Navatto	1 year	12/31/16

WEST END REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Brian Gallagher	1 year	12/31/16
Jane Kobuta	1 year	12/31/16
Tom Mitchell	1 year	12/31/16
Bernie Navatto	1 year	12/31/16

EAST END REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Brian Gallagher	1 year	12/31/16
Dennis Sullivan	1 year	12/31/16
Ken Utter	1 year	12/31/16
Bernie Navatto	1 year	12/31/16

KIRBY AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Brian Gallagher	1 year	12/31/16
Dennis Sullivan	1 year	12/31/16
Jane Kobuta	1 year	12/31/16
Bernie Navatto	1 year	12/31/16

GASTON AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Brian Gallagher	1 year	12/31/16
Steve Peter	1 year	12/31/16
Jane Kobuta	1 year	12/31/16
Bernie Navatto	1 year	12/31/16

REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Brian Gallagher	1 year	12/31/16 Executive Committee
Lisa Yates	1 year	12/31/16
Rick St. Pierre	1 year	12/31/16
Ken Utter	1 year	12/31/16

FIRE MUSEUM RESTORATION COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Bobby Lynn	1 year	12/31/16

Tom Sutphen	1 year	12/31/16
Pat Weston	1 year	12/31/16
Rich O'Neill	1 year	12/31/16
Brendan Nally	1 year	12/31/16
Jim Sutphen	1 year	12/31/16
Phil Decker	1 year	12/31/16
Marge Sullivan	1 year	12/31/16
Greg Sorace	1 year	12/31/16
Ryan Donahue	1 year	12/31/16
Dave Vallone Sr.	1 year	12/31/16
Bryan O'Neill	1 year	12/31/16

SOMERSET COUNTY CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Marge Sullivan	1 year	12/31/16

EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITIES COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Brian Gallagher	1 year	12/31/16
Frank McAleavy	1 year	12/31/16
Dennis Manning	1 year	12/31/16
James Barry	1 year	12/31/16
Marc Pellegrino	1 year	12/31/16
Greg Sorace	1 year	12/31/16
Brendan Nally	1 year	12/31/16
Richard O'Neill	1 year	12/31/16
Pat Weston	1 year	12/31/16
Brian Iselin	1 year	12/31/16

SOMERVILLE TELEVISION COMMITTEE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Jim Balzano	1 year	12/31/16
Robert Barth	1 year	12/31/16
Jeff Carlson	1 year	12/31/16
Ken Cornell	1 year	12/31/16
Shirley Gurisic	1 year	12/31/16
Herb Hall	1 year	12/31/16
Michael Halperin	1 year	12/31/16

WORKPLACE DIVERSITY TASK FORCE:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Jane Kobuta	1 year	12/31/16
Dennis Manning	1 year	12/31/16
Art Adair	1 year	12/31/16
Jack Webster	1 year	12/31/16
Rodney Dorsey	1 year	12/31/16

Councilman Mitchell made a motion and was seconded by Councilwoman Kobuta to approve the aforementioned committee and board appointments.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilwoman Kobuta, Councilman Kraska,
Councilman Mitchell, Councilman Peter,
Councilman Sullivan, Councilman Utter

Nays: None

Mayor Gallagher opened the meeting to comments:

There were no further comments from the public at this time and the public session was closed.

The following consent resolutions were presented for consideration: (16-0101-001 thru 16-0101-026)

RESOLUTION 16-0101-001

ESTABLISHING 2016 MEETING PROCEDURE

BE IT RESOLVED that all 2016 Executive Session meetings followed by the Workshop meetings and further followed by the Regular meetings of the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville will be held at Council Chambers located at 24 South Bridge Street, Somerville at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time, for executive session and the public portion immediately followed on the following dates in the year 2016 with exception to the Annual Reorganization meeting which is held at noon on January 1, at the Somerville High School located at 222 Davenport Street (corner of Davenport Street and Orchard Street)

January 1(noon)	January 11
February 1	February 16 (Tuesday)
March 7	March 21
April 4	April 18
May 2	May 16
June 6	June 20
July 5 (Tuesday)	July 18
August 1	August 15
September 6 (Tuesday)	September 19
October 3	October 17
November 7	November 21
December 5	December 19
January 2, 2017 (Reorganization, at 12:00 noon Somerville HS, 222 Davenport Street)	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it shall be unlawful for any person to disturb any meeting of the Borough Council or any committee thereof and any person violating the provisions of this rule may be summarily ejected from the Council Chambers and from Police Headquarters by order of the Mayor or majority; also if a regular or special or other official meeting of the Council shall, because of the press of business run beyond 12:00 p.m. midnight into another day, such a meeting shall be considered for all official and legal purposes as being held on the day the meeting was officially called to order by the Mayor and then roll call taken by the Municipal Clerk.

RESOLUTION 16-0101-002

DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" the Borough establishes that the "Courier News" shall be designated as the official newspaper of the Borough of Somerville for the year 2016. In cases, in which two newspapers are required the 2nd official newspaper shall be the "Star- Ledger".

Adopted by the Borough Council on January 1, 2016

RESOLUTION 16-0101-003

FILING SIGNATURE WITH SECRETARY OF STATE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-129 that the Municipal Clerk if required shall be directed to file with the Secretary of State facsimiles of his signature and the Mayor's signature, an impression of the municipal seal and a statement of their terms of office, showing the commencement and expiration dates.

Adopted by Borough Council on January 1, 2016

RESOLUTION 16-0101-004

ADOPTING 2016 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of Somerville that the 2016 schedule be adopted as follows:

January 1	New Year's Day
January 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 15	President's Day
March 25	Good Friday
May 30	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 5	Labor Day
November 8	Election Day
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 24	Thanksgiving Day
November 25	Day After Thanksgiving Day
December 23	Christmas Eve (observed)
December 26	Christmas Day (observed)

RESOLUTION 16-0101-005

AUTHORIZING DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR HOSPITALIZATION
AND STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PRIOR TO COUNCIL APPROVAL

WHEREAS, Employee Health Insurance must be paid at the time the bills are submitted thru the States Transmittal Electronic Payment System (TEPS);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to disburse the monies due at the time the bills are submitted.

Adopted by Borough Council on January 1, 2016

RESOLUTION 16-0101-006

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville that in the absence of the Mayor, the Council President is hereby authorized to sign checks and withdrawal slips all necessary documentation to minimize disruption of government operations.

Adopted by Borough Council on January 1, 2016

RESOLUTION 16-0101-007

ESTABLISHING INTEREST RATE ON DELINQUENT TAXES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville that in accordance with R.S. 54:4-67 the interest rate on delinquent 2016 taxes shall be as follows:

1. Eight percent (8%) per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency.
2. Eighteen (18%) in any amount in excess of \$1,500.00
3. Any taxpayer with a cumulative delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 who fails to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year shall be charged with a penalty equal to six percent (6%) of the amount of the delinquency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no interest shall be charged until ten (10) days after the due date.

Adopted by Borough Council on January 1, 2016

RESOLUTION 16-0101-008

ESTABLISHING INTEREST RATE ON DELINQUENT SEWER USE TAXES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville that in accordance with R.S. 54:4-67 the interest rate on delinquent 2016 sewer use taxes shall be as follows:

1. Eight percent (8%) per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency.
2. Eighteen (18%) in any amount in excess of \$1,500.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no interest shall be charged until ten (10) days after the due date.

Adopted by Borough Council on January 1, 2016

RESOLUTION 16-0101-009

AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO WIRE
DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS DEBT, SCHOOL, COUNTY, SOMERSET RARITAN VALLEY SEWERAGE
AUTHORITY AND BRIDGEWATER COURTS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to wire transfer funds for investment of surplus funds, as they become available and payment of capital debt, provided that all investments are reported to the Borough Council.

Adopted by the Borough Council on January 1, 2016

RESOLUTION 16-0101-010
APPOINTING 2016 OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville that Officers and Employees for the year 2016 are hereby appointed by said Council and that they be and are the same as follows:

Municipal Clerk	Kevin Sluka
Borough Administrator	
Qualified Purchasing Agent	
Election Official	
License Officer	
ADA Coordinator	
Municipal Housing Liaison	
Assessment Search Officer	
Chief Financial Officer	Paige Elster
Sewer Collector	Janet Kelk
Tax Collector	
Payroll Clerk	Erin Martin
Tax Search Officer	Carol Strehle
Deputy Tax Collector	
Public Works Director	Rodney Hadley
Clean Communities	
Recycling Coordinator	
Borough Engineer	Matt Loper
Surveyor – Ass't to Engineer	Brendan Nally
Sewer System Engineer	Michael Cole
Community Development Director	Frank Vuoso
Construction Official	
Zoning Officer	
Building Sub-Code Official/Inspector	
Code Enforcement Officer	
Certified Flood Plain Manager	
Fire Sub-Code Official/Inspector	Dave Myers
Electrical Sub-Code Official/Inspector	
Building Inspector	
Deputy Code Enforcement Officer	
Plumbing Sub-Code Official/Inspector	
Deputy Code Enforcement Officer	Steve Spolarich
Fire Official	Keith Thedinga

Sup't of Fire Maintenance	Pat Weston
Health Officer	Paul Masaba
Borough Planner	Michael Cole
Dir. of Economic. Development	Colin Driver
Borough Attorney	Jeremy Solomon
Public Defender	Jim Loewen
Alternate Public Defender	Frank Taddeo
Prosecutor	Aravind Aithal
Prosecutor Alternate #1	Steve Sloan
Prosecutor Alternate #2	Christopher "Kip" Bateman
Special Counsel Redevelopment	DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole
Special Counsel Labor	DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole
Bond Counsel	Gibbons, PC
Risk Manager/ Insurance Agent	Genova Insurance
Municipal Auditor	Hodulik & Morrison

Adopted by the Borough Council on January 1, 2016

RESOLUTION 16-0101-011

ADOPTING POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

BE IT RESOLVED that the Policy and Procedure Manual, review and revised by the Personnel Committee on a needed basis with notifications of the Collective Bargaining Agreement that require notification is dated January 1, 2016 is hereby adopted by the Borough Council and shall be disbursed electronically to Borough employees

Adopted by Borough Council on January 1, 2016

RESOLUTION 16-0101-012

2015 SEWER UTILITY TEMPORARY BUDGET

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2016 Sewer Utility budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty (30) days of January 2016, and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2015 Sewer Utility budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance, is the sum of \$2,549,394.00 and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2015 Sewer Utility budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance is said budget is the sum \$669,215.93.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for her records.

APPROPRIATIONS	S&W	OTHER EXP
Operating Budget	71,138	50,269

SRVA	531,000
 TOTAL	 \$652,407.00

RESOLUTION 16-0101-013
2016 DOWNTOWN SOMERVILLE ALLIANCE TEMPORARY BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Local Budget Act provides that, where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the budget, temporary appropriations in the amount not to exceed 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2015 budget, should be made for the purpose and amount required, in the manner and time herein provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following temporary appropriations be made and that certified copies of this resolution be submitted to the Chief Financial Officer for her records.

DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT
Special Improvement District, Other Expenses	\$151,000

Adopted by the Borough Council on January 1, 2016

RESOLUTION 16-0101-014

AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS TO COVER DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FROM JANUARY 1,
2016 TO DECEMBER 31, 2016

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-19 provides authority for appropriating in a temporary resolution, the permanent debt service requirements for the coming fiscal year, providing that such resolution is not made earlier than December 22th of the year preceding the beginning of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is subsequent to December 22, 2015; and

WHEREAS, principal and interest will be due on various dates, from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016, inclusive of sundry bonds issued and outstanding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following appropriations be made to cover the period from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 inclusive:

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
CURRENT FUND:	
Debt Service:	
Bond Principal	\$ 1,760,000.
Interest on Bonds	427,000.
Interest on Notes	34,190.
Lease/Purchase:	
Lease Principal	294,000.
Lease Interest	16,000.
TOTAL/CURRENT	\$ 2,531,190.00
SEWER UTILITY FUND:	
Debt Service;	
Bond Principal	\$ 68,000
Interest on Bonds	1,500.
TOTAL/SEWER UTILITY	\$ 69,500

Adopted by the Borough Council on January 1, 2016

RESOLUTION 16-0101-015

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR ACCOUNTING SERVICES
(AUDITOR)-HODULIK & MORRISON, P.A.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville requires professional accounting services to perform the annual audits and serve as municipal auditor; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has determined and certified in writing by copy of this Resolution that the value of the contract will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Hodulik & Morrison, P.A. submitted a proposal that exhibited a familiarity with the Borough of Somerville, experience with municipalities within the County, the County itself and public clients of similar size and budgets; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville has utilized the firm of Hodulik & Morrison, P.A. in the past and found their work to be satisfactory; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Hodulik & Morrison, P.A. has submitted a proposal along with Political Contribution Disclosure and Business Entity Disclosure fulfilling the requirements to enable the firm of Hodulik & Morrison, P.A. to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Hodulik & Morrison, P.A. shall serve as the municipal auditor in accordance with their proposal dated December 10, 2015

WHEREAS, all work shall be authorized prior to commencement, however this contract shall be considered a month to month contract and shall not exceed 12 months.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. A professional services contract with Hodulik & Morrison, P.A., 1102 Raritan Avenue, PO Box 1450, Highland Park, NJ 08904 is hereby authorized
2. The Mayor and Clerk are authorized to sign a contract with the Firm of Hodulik & Morrison, P.A., 1102 Raritan Avenue, PO Box 1450, Highland Park, NJ 08904 in accordance with the following terms and conditions:
 - A. Term: Month to Month for a period of not to exceed 12 months or for length of project
 - B. Rate: \$37,700-2016 Current Fund (Must be authorized by letter prior to starting any work)
\$7,650-Single Audit
\$5,000-Assistance with Annual Financial Statement and Municipal Budget
\$11,750-Audit of Sewer Utility
 - C. Services: The firm shall provide professional accounting services
3. The Borough Clerk in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), is directed to publish a notice once in the Official Newspaper stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this contract.
4. The Borough Clerk shall make copies of this resolution available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 25 West End Avenue, Somerville, NJ during regular business hours.

Adopted by the Borough Council on January 1, 2016

RESOLUTION 16-0101-016

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS-DECOTIIS, FITZPATRICK, & COLE, LLP

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville requires professional legal services to serve as Legal Counsel for Redevelopment Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has determined and certified in writing by copy of this Resolution that the value of the contract will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP submitted a proposal that exhibited a familiarity with the Borough of Somerville, experience with municipalities within the County, public clients of similar size, projects of similar size, and an hourly rate acceptable to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville has utilized the firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, & Cole, LLP in the past and found their work to be satisfactory; and

WHEREAS, the firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP has submitted a proposal along with Political Contribution Disclosure and Business Entity Disclosure fulfilling the requirements to enable the firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, the firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP shall serve as Legal Counsel for Redevelopment Projects in accordance with their proposal dated December 10, 2015 for a period one year

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. A professional services contract with DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP Glenpointe Centre West, 500 Frank W. Burr Blvd., Suite 31, Teaneck, New Jersey 07666 is hereby authorized
2. The Mayor and Clerk are authorized to sign a contract with DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole, LLP Glenpointe Centre West, 500 Frank W. Burr Blvd., Suite 31, Teaneck, New Jersey 07666 in accordance with the following terms and conditions:
 - A. Term: A period of not to exceed 12 months or for length of project
 - B. Rate: \$166.25 hourly for legal services, \$100 per hour for paralegal services as per proposal dated December 10, 2015
Maximum amount of Borough fees shall be \$100,000
 - C. Services: The firm shall provide professional legal services for redevelopment
3. The Borough Clerk in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), is directed to publish a notice once in the Official Newspaper stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this contract.
4. The Borough Clerk shall make copies of this resolution available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 25 West End Avenue, Somerville, NJ during regular business hours.

Adopted by the Borough Council on January 1, 2016

RESOLUTION 16-0101-017

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR BOND COUNSEL- GIBBONS P.C.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville requires professional legal services to serve as Borough Bond Counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has determined and certified in writing by copy of this Resolution that the value of the contract will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Gibbons, P.C., submitted a proposal that exhibited a familiarity with the Borough of Somerville, experience with municipalities within the County, public clients of similar size, projects of similar size, budgets of similar size and a rate schedule acceptable to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville has utilized the firm of Gibbons, P.C., in the past and found their work to be satisfactory; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Gibbons, P.C., has submitted a proposal along with Political Contribution Disclosure and Business Entity Disclosure fulfilling the requirements to enable the firm of Gibbons, P.C., to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Gibbons, P.C., shall serve as Bond Counsel in accordance with their proposal dated December 16, 2015

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. A professional services contract with Gibbons, P.C., One Gateway Center, Newark, New Jersey 07102-5310 is hereby authorized

2. The Mayor and Clerk are authorized to sign a contract with Gibbons, P.C., One Gateway Center, Newark, New Jersey 07102-5310 in accordance with the following terms and conditions:
 - A. Term: A period of not to exceed 12 months or for length of project
 - B. Rate: rate schedule as per proposal dated December 16, 2015
\$475 single purpose ordinance
\$575 multiple and plus out-of pocket disbursements.
\$195/hr. All other fees listed in proposal
 - C. Services: The firm shall provide professional legal services as bond counsel

3. The Borough Clerk in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), is directed to publish a notice once in the Official Newspaper stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this contract.

4. The Borough Clerk shall make copies of this resolution available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 25 West End Avenue, Somerville, NJ during regular business hours.

Adopted by the Borough Council on January 1, 2016

RESOLUTION 16-0101-018

2016 CURRENT FUND TEMPORARY BUDGET

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2016 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty (30) days of January 2016, and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2015 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance, is the sum of \$17,892,131 and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2015 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance is said budget is the sum \$ 4,696,684

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for her records.

2016

APPROPRIATIONS	S/W	O/E
Admin & Exec,	59,780	51,476
Clerk, #1012	16,332	-
Elections	525	945
Financial Admin	37,275	10,290
Audit	-	13,125
Assessment of Taxes	11,287	1,148
Collection of Taxes	20,212	2,119
Legal,	11,812	8,925
Prosecutor,	-	3,400
Parking & Engineering	18,676	9,213
Building & Grds	46,725	22,758

Planning Bd	-	7,544
Dept/Tech	-	23,953
Zoning Bd of Adjustment	-	1,391
Group Insurance	-	315,000
Insurance/Other	-	600,000
Insurance/Dental	-	17,718
Fire Department	18,769	37,275
Fire Safety	15,750	1,115
Police Department	1,022,700	55,930
First Aid	-	18,375
Emergency Management	-	5,906
Crossing Guards	-	39,480
Road Repair and Maintenance	129,412	46,027
Snow Removal	-	6,562
Sanitary Sewer Sys	-	3,937
Garbage & Trash Removal	-	187,687
Recycling	-	25,000
Board of Health	27,200	28,000
Dog Regulations	-	11,287
Parks/Playgrounds	15,750	12,051
Recreation	32,812	656
Celebration of Public Events	-	525
Municipal Court	7,750	52,500
Dept Community Development	38,850	10,400
Plumbing Inspector	4,814	-
Electrical Inspector	26,775	-
Bldg Inspector	4,200	-
Street Lights	-	52,500
Fire Hydrant	-	42,000
Utility-Telephone	-	23,625
Utility-Water	-	4,200
Utility-Elec	-	55,125
Utility-Fuel	-	40,000
Accumulated Leave	-	13,000
Social Security	-	58,000

Unemployment	-	2,625
TOTAL	1,567,406	1,923,343
Capital Improvement Fund		20,000

Total including S/W, O/E & CIF \$3,510,749.

Adopted by the Borough Council on January 1, 2016

RESOLUTION 16-0101-019

AUTHORIZING EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES CONTRACT

WITH DRIVER & ASSOCIATES FOR REDEVELOPMENT CONSULTING SERVICES TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough may award contracts for "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Services ("EUS") without competitive bids in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(ii) and N.J.A.C. 5:34.2; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for redevelopment and economic development consulting services as set forth in the EUS certification attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Chief Financial Officer in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 has certified the availability of adequate funds to pay the maximum amount of the contract; and

WHEREAS, this resolution and the EUS contract shall be kept on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. A contract is hereby awarded to Driver & Associates, to provide Redevelopment Consulting Services to serve as the Borough's Economic Development Director.
2. The rate shall be a monthly rate of \$13,000 billed to the Borough of Somerville
3. A rate of \$195 per hour shall be billable to developer escrow accounts and mileage shall be billed at the IRS standard mileage rate
4. The Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute that agreement with Driver & Associates.
5. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an "Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts because it is not reasonably possible to draft specifications for redevelopment consulting services, extensive knowledge and a proven reputation in the field is required.
6. A notice of this contract award shall be published once in the Courier News.

Adopted by the Borough Council on January 1, 2016

RESOLUTION 16-0101-020

APPROVING THE 2016 SOMERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES SECTIONS 100 THRU SECTION 1000

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby approve annually the Somerville Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines Section 100 through 1000 and all revision throughout the year shall be affirmed by Borough Resolution upon review and recommendation of the Board of Engineers.

Adopted by the Borough Council on January 1, 2016

RESOLUTION 16-0101-021

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT
FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LABOR SERVICES-DECOTIIS, FITZPATRICK, & COLE, LLP

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville requires professional legal services to serve as Labor counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has determined and certified in writing by copy of this Resolution that the value of the contract will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP submitted a proposal that exhibited a familiarity with the Borough of Somerville, experience with municipalities within the County, public clients of similar size, projects of similar size, and an hourly rate acceptable to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville has utilized the firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, & Cole, LLP in the past and found their work to be satisfactory; and

WHEREAS, the firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP has submitted a proposal along with Political Contribution Disclosure and Business Entity Disclosure fulfilling the requirements to enable the firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, the firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP shall serve as Special Legal Counsel for Redevelopment Projects in accordance with their proposal dated December 10, 2015 for a period one year

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. A professional services contract with DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP, Glenpointe Centre West, 500 Frank W. Burr Blvd., Suite 31, Teaneck, New Jersey 07666 is hereby authorized
2. The Mayor and Clerk are authorized to sign a contract with DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole, LLP Glenpointe Centre West, 500 Frank W. Burr Blvd., Suite 31, Teaneck, New Jersey 07666 in accordance with the following terms and conditions:
 - A. Term: A period of not to exceed 12 months or for length of project
 - B. Rate: \$150 hourly for the services of all attorneys, as per proposal dated December 10, 2015
 - C. Services: The firm shall provide professional legal services to serve as Labor counsel
3. The Borough Clerk in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), is directed to publish a notice once in the Official Newspaper stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this contract.
4. The Borough Clerk shall make copies of this resolution available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 25 West End Avenue, Somerville, NJ during regular business hours.

Adopted by the Borough Council on January 1, 2016

RESOLUTION 16-0101-022
AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT
TO COLE & ASSOCIATES FOR SANITARY ENGINEERING
AND GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville has a need to acquire engineering services to consult the Borough as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5 as appropriate and the Borough of Somerville ordinance regulating pay to play and,

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator has determined and certified in writing that the value of the contract may exceed \$17,500; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is for one year; and

WHEREAS, Cole & Associates has submitted a full proposal that included 2016 Rate Schedule, along with Political Contribution Disclosure and Business Entity Disclosure fulfilling the requirements to enable Cole & Associates to provide such services; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Somerville of the authorizes the Administrator to enter into a contract with Cole & Associates as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Political Contribution Disclosure Form be placed on file with this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. A professional services contract with Cole & Associates, 3986 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648 is hereby authorized
2. The Mayor and Clerk are authorized to sign a contract with Cole & Associates, 3986 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648 in accordance with the following terms and conditions:
 - A. Term: A period of not to exceed 12 months or for length of project
 - B. Rate: 2016 Annual Fee Schedule at a public rate of \$155 per hour and \$170.00 private rate. Maximum amount of contract \$150,000 for Borough services
 - C. Services: The firm shall provide professional engineering services
3. The Borough Clerk in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), is directed to publish a notice once in the Official Newspaper stating the nature, duration, service and amount of this contract.
4. The Borough Clerk shall make copies of this resolution available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 25 West End Avenue, Somerville, NJ during regular business hours.

Adopted by the Borough Council on January 1, 2016

RESOLUTION 16-0101-023

AUTHORIZING EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH GENOVA INSURANCE AGENCY FOR RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES TO SERVE AS RISK MANAGER

WHEREAS, the Borough may award contracts for "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Services ("EUS") without competitive bids in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(ii) and N.J.A.C. 5:34.2; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for risk management consulting services as set forth in the EUS certification attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Chief Financial Officer in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:34-5 has certified the availability of adequate funds to pay the maximum amount of the contract; and

WHEREAS, this resolution and the EUS contract shall be kept on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows:

7. A contract is hereby awarded to Genova Insurance Agency, to provide Risk Management Consulting Services
8. The Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute that agreement with Genova Insurance Associates
9. The Borough is a member of the Statewide Joint Insurance Fund and the Risk manager is paid from premiums paid to Statewide Joint Insurance.

10. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an "Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts because it is not reasonably possible to draft specifications for risk management services, extensive knowledge and a proven reputation in the field is required.

11. A notice of this contract award shall be published once in the Courier News.

Adopted by the Borough Council on January 1, 2016

RESOLUTION 16-0101-024

AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR PRINTING SERVICES WITH THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

WHEREAS, the Borough of Somerville utilizes copy and printing services; and

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset is desirous of providing copy and print services in accordance with the terms of agreements which are on file in both the Municipal Clerk's Office and the Deputy Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. Seq) authorizes and empowers the County of Somerset and the Borough of Somerville to enter into such agreements; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the agreement for printing services with the County of Somerset.

Adopted by Borough Council on January 1, 2016

RESOLUTION 16-0101-025

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT FOR THE TONNAGE RECYCLED DURING YEAR 2015

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c 102 has established a recycling fund from which a tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs to continue to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, The NJ Department of Environmental protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations imposed on municipalities contain certain requirements as condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to maintaining and keeping verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing the Borough of Somerville to apply for such tonnage grants will memorialize the commitment of the Borough to recycling and indicate the assent of the Borough Council to the efforts undertaken by the Borough and requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such resolution should designate the individual authority to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Environmental Protection and designates Brendan Nally, recycling Coordinator, to ensure that the application is properly filed and a certified copy of this resolution is delivered to all pertinent agencies.

Adopted by the Borough Council on January 1, 2016

RESOLUTION 16-0101-026

APPOINTING KEVIN SLUKA AS THE QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A 40A:11-1 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, the N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3(a) permits a contracting agent to have a bid threshold up to \$36,000, if the contracting agent annually appoints a Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C 5:34-5 establishes the criteria for qualifications as a Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Sluka possess all the qualifications and meets the educational requirements and continues to maintain the continuing education credits; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Somerville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby appoints Kevin Sluka as the Qualified Purchasing Agent for the Borough of Somerville and further directs in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-2 that a copy of the Resolution shall be forwarded to the State of New Jersey Department of Local Government Services.

Adopted by the Borough Council on January 1, 2016

Councilman Sullivan made a motion and was seconded by Councilman Utter to approve the aforementioned consent resolutions.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilwoman Kobuta, Councilman Kraska,
Councilman Mitchell, Councilman Peter,
Councilman Sullivan, Councilman Utter
Nays: None

Councilman Sullivan made a motion and was seconded by Councilman Mitchell to approve payroll vouchers totaling \$671,351.51. The motion was approved by the following vote:

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilwoman Kobuta, Councilman Kraska,
Councilman Mitchell, Councilman Peter,
Councilman Sullivan, Councilman Utter
Nays: None

Mayor Gallagher acknowledged a number of State and County elected officials attending today's Annual Reorganization Meeting. He also recognized a number of past Mayors, Council Members and Borough Committee members present as well.

Mayor Gallagher thanked his family for their continued support in his efforts as Mayor.

Mayor Gallagher reminded everyone of the reception at the West End Hose Fire House after today's meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Borough Council, Councilwoman Kobuta made a motion and was seconded by Councilman Mitchell to adjourn the 2016 Borough Council Reorganization meeting. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Carried unanimously

Pastor Wester offered the Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Allena
Secretary