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Reorganization Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey was held on Thursday, January 5, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time, at the Municipal Building, 1000 Route 10, in said Township.

The meeting was called to order by Township Clerk/Business Administrator Joseph A. Giorgio.

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**STATEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER:**

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by posting written notices and agenda of the meeting on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, 1000 Route 10, Township of Hanover and by hand delivering, mailing or faxing such notice and agenda to the following newspapers:

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and by filing same with the Township Clerk.

(Signed) Joseph A. Giorgio, Township Clerk

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**OPENING PRAYER:**

Rev. Ross Lang, Pastor, Hildale Park Presbyterian Church offered the opening prayer.

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND POSTING OF COLORS:**

Members of the Hanover Township Veterans Alliance led the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the posting of the colors.

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**ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Members George Coppola, Robert Brueno and John F. Ferramosca

ABSENT: NONE

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**STATEMENTS OF MORRIS COUNTY CLERK AND COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS:**

The Statement of Determinations submitted by the Morris County Clerk and the Chairman of the Board of County Canvassers relative to the General Election held on November 8, 2016, in the Township of Hanover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, regarding the results of the election of Township officials in and for the Township was presented.

The Board determined that the following persons were duly elected as members of the Township Committee in and for the Township of Hanover for the term noted:

**Committeeman-Elect Ronald F. Francioli..... Three Year Term**  
**Committeeman-Elect Thomas "Ace" Gallagher..... Three Year Term**

In addition, the Board of Canvassers has also determined that with regard to the School Board Election that was also held on November 8, 2016, the following members were elected to serve as members of the Hanover Township Board of Education and Hanover Park Regional Board of Education. They are:

**Tim Donahue..... Two Year Term (Regional)**  
**Daniel J. Breen..... Three Year Term (Local)**  
**Stephen E. Ferda..... Three Year Term (Local)**  
**Patricia Mattia..... Three Year Term (Local)**

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**INSTALLATION OF COMMITTEEPERSON – ELECT:**

The Board determined that the following persons were duly elected as members of the Township Committee in and for the Township of Hanover for the term noted:

**Committeeman-Elect Ronald F. Francioli.**  
**Committeeman-Elect Thomas “Ace” Gallagher**

The Oath of Office was administered to Committeeman-Elect Ronald F. Francioli by Hon. Douglas Cabana, Esq

The Oath of Office was administered to Committeeman-Elect Thomas “Ace” Gallagher by Morris County Sheriff James Gannon.

**ORGANIZATION**

**APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN:**

Joseph A. Giorgio, Township Clerk/Administrator, was unanimously designated as Temporary Chairman of the Reorganization Meeting.

The Temporary Chairman called for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Township Committee for the year 2017. He noted that whoever was elected serve as the Chairman of the Township Committee and Mayor.

Member Francioli was nominated for the position of Chairman by Member Coppola. The motion was seconded and closed all other nominations was by Member Ferramosca and was unanimously passed.

Mr. Giorgio: Mr. Chairman it gives me great pleasure to turn over the gavel to you.

**RESOLUTION NO,**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017**

***BE IT RESOLVED***, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that

**RONALD F. FRANCIOLI**

is hereby appointed Chairman of the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover, and so designated as Mayor, for the year 2017 or until his successor shall be appointed and qualified.

AYES: Members Ferramosca, Gallagher, Brueno, and Coppola

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: Member Francioli

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**PRESENTATION OF GAVEL TO NEW CHAIRMAN**

Mayor: Good Evening everyone and thank you for coming out on a Thursday night, we have a full meeting room like this is really a nice thing to see and we are happy to see you all here, wish you a very Happy New Year and on behalf of myself Happy New Year to our entire staff. At this time we have some special guests here I would like to recognize Freeholder Director Doug Cabana, who swore me in and thank you Doug once again, I appreciate it. As well Hank Lyon, thank you for coming. John Cesaro is here, and we also have Deborah Smith with us and thank all the Freeholders for taking the time out to be with us here in Hanover Township tonight we all appreciate it, we all appreciate it. We know how hard you work and once again congratulations to

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both Doug Cathy and Tom they on their re-election this year and we are looking forward to working with you again.

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(Signed) Ronald F. Francioli, Mayor

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**ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Members Gallagher, Ferramosca, Brueno, Coppola and Mayor Francioli

ABSENT: None  
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**RECOGNITION:**

Mayor: Ladies and Gentleman every year we recognize Employees of Hanover Township for their service and we have 19 such employees this year for service awards and we would like to present them with Pins indicating our appreciation of their service and Mr. Giorgio will read the names of the individuals who are here with us tonight.

Mr. Giorgio: Just as a matter of a side note, the seal and the pin, the artist on this was Ron Francioli, he was the one that came up with the symbol and design. He is a great artist and he should get the recognition of it.

We have 10 years of service and it always gives me great pleasure to pass out these pins its not only the years but it's the fact that we here in Hanover Township are blessed by having employees, individuals who are dedicated servants to the public. I think they are honest they are consencisis and they put in a full day's work and I think the taxpayers of Hanover Township need to know that. It is very rare that we get complements about our employees but when we do I'm gratified because I think it is important because this Municipality functions because of those dedicated employees.

Employees who were in attendance who received service pins were:

<b>10 Years</b>	<b>Brian DiPrimo</b>	<b>Public Works</b>
<b>15 Years</b>	<b>Silvio Esposito Ann Kraynak</b>	<b>Finance Environmental Secretary</b>
<b>20 Years</b>	<b>David White Brian Pillion</b>	<b>Police Department DPW</b>
<b>25 Years</b>	<b>John Collora</b>	<b>Police Department</b>
<b>30 Years</b>	<b>Michael Wynne</b>	<b>HSA</b>



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Assessment Search Officer  
Affirmative Action Public Agency  
Compliance Officer  
Americans With Disabilities Act Coordinator  
Commissioner to North Jersey Health Benefits Fund  
Commissioner to Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund  
Alternate Commissioner to Morris County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund  
Community Development Revenue Sharing  
Program Committee Representatives  
Morris County Airport Advisory Committee  
Hanover Sewerage Authority  
Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority  
Planning Board:  
Class I Member – Mayor  
Class III - Member of Governing Body  
Board of Adjustment  
Environmental Commission  
Landmark Commission  
Recreation Commission  
Open Space Advisory Committee  
Office of Emergency Management  
Cultural Arts Committee  
Economic Development Advisory Committee  
Substance Awareness Council  
Green Team  
Community Farm & Garden Advisory Committee

**APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR:**

Planning Board:  
Class IV Member  
Class II Member

Mr. Giorgio: Can we have a motion to confirm those two appointments. Motion made by Member Ferramosca and seconded by Member Brueno and unanimously passed.

**OTHER RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Designation of Depository of Funds (Three)
2. Designation of Investment Officials
3. Designation of Professional Services
4. Designation of Official Newspapers
5. Fixing the Rate of Interest to be Charged for Delinquent Taxes or Assessments
6. Cancellation of Tax Overpayments on Delinquent Taxes \$10.00 or Less
7. Waiving Interest and Penalties on Any Past Due Charges - Age 65 or Over
8. Authorizing the Annual Tax Sale
9. Designation of Special Service Officers and Special Assignment Personnel (See Schedule "A" attached)
10. Authorization of Temporary Appropriations
11. Designation of Township Committee Meeting Dates
12. Vehicle Allowance
13. Tax Appeal Authorizations (Two)
14. Cash Management Plan

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

**COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

Mayor: Ladies and Gentleman you have been very patient and kind with us, so at

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this time please take your shoes off. Sit back and now you are going to hear from the Members of your Township Committee and I'm sure they are going to be brief and kind in their remarks. I am going to start on my far left with re-elected Committeeman Thomas "Ace" Gallagher.

Member Gallagher: Usually I go last and I'm usually the person that is between our residents and the food that's usually an issue, last year I went over I won't go over this year I don't think. I would like to begin by thanking my family, Sheila, Danny, Katie, my mom, my brother Dan, and I want to say that I have Nick, Luch, Katie and Will and they are almost like family we are together so much, but I want to say that I'm starting to understand the balance of being a Committeeman because in my first term only two times my wife Sheila said to me I didn't sign up for this, thank you guys thank you for your sacrifice and thank you Sheila.

In my first three years I believe I gave Hanover Township 100% and I actually plan on building on what worked and retooling certain areas to learn how to be even better public servant. I also want to thank God for the good friends that I have because sometimes I get fired up and I have good enough friends that will call me up and say you have to hold on a second, and we have a good team and I have a lot of true friends and I appreciate every one of you. Before I go on, I just want to take a minute out to recognize the staff and the employees here at Hanover Township. I have to start with Joe Giorgio, I say that back in the old days they called James Brown the hardest working man in show business, I call Joe Giorgio the hardest working man in Hanover Township because we all drive Joe crazy, not only the Township Committee but I'm pretty sure the entire staff of Hanover Township. I can't tell you how many times I call Joe, if he doesn't have the answer he gets back to me right away, so Joe I can go on and on and I want you to know how much I appreciate you and I do believe we became very good friends and I'm looking forward to serving with you for three more years so thank you Joe Giorgio.

Now, I just want to say my biggest responsibility is working as the Director of DPW and I have developed such a great respect for Brian Foran Allen and all the men and staff in the DPW. These guys are 24/7, people say some times you guys are lucky that you get to work outside, in New Jersey, me and Brian talked about it yesterday, we might have 125 days beautiful days in New Jersey, it's raining, it's cold, it's hot, these guys are out there and it doesn't matter, with the leaf pickers, with the snow, with the grass, so I just want to say Brian Foran that you guys are unbelievable you have earned my respect and you guys do a great job for Hanover Township and I don't think there could be a better DPW in the State of New Jersey and I mean that. (Applause)

One more thing about the DPW before I get into a bit of specifics is I usually refer and regularly refer to Hanover Township's PD as Hanover Township's Finest and I refer to the Fire Department as the Bravest and I'm going to borrow a term that I have heard that in New York City uses for the DPW they call themselves New York City's Strongest, so periodically now maybe regularly you will hear me refer to these guys as Hanover Township's Strongest because they work hard and they do a great job and we all count on them and I will tell you that all of my years on Board of Education too, I can't tell you how many times we said "Let's call Brian Foran," he is everywhere all the time and so are his men and we thank you again Brian Foran, Allen and the entire team I appreciate you guys we all do. Just some nuts and bolts about the DPW and I will give you five facts, we discussed that we weren't going to go over statics but in 2016 they collected 5,144 tons of trash, recycling and curb side pickup 1670 tons, metal 30 tons, they went around the town 18 times collecting leaves and collecting 12,872 cubic yards of leaves. They are also a major partner in our road projects in Hanover Township from identifying the worst roads and helping priorities the master list and providing the information on what should be classified as grind and pave project which are much more cost effective and in addition to being a major player in this aggressive road paving project the DPW patched and repaired many roads in house using 352 tons of asphalt. The DPW continues to be a major part of One Day One School Beautification Safety Initiative, worked with Open Space and Recreation to purchase and install Urban-X exercise equipment in Central Park, and a major force in the Whippany River Clean-up, I can go on there is a lot more, but that is a decent snapshot of what these men do every day.

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Substance Awareness Council had a great year, we provided many healthy activities for our youngsters, subsidized many assemblies for our school system and once again held a great event at Whippany Park High School in May with well over 400 people in attendance. Besides all of the educational components this council is involved in we always push the theme in all of our events that you can have a great time with your friends without introducing drugs and alcohol. There are too many people to thank but I will recognize our Chair Carol Giorgio. Carol is 24/7 and she does a great job and she reels us all in all the time and I can't tell you how many times in the last three years she's said to me "Ace, Stop!" and we would go back and forth and we would get a good meetings of the minds and get a good product and we usually have a good event, so Joe please tell Carol tell her she does a great job and I'm looking forward to continuing to work with her.

School and Park Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, thanks again to DPW, Hanover Township PD, Superintendents of Schools, Committeeman Coppola and myself over 27 improvements in the last three years and our goal is to increase the safety of pedestrians and vehicular traffic in and around our schools and parks. We use the four E systems, Education, Engineering, Enforcement and Evaluation. I love working with these guys and I appreciate Brian Cahill, one of our board members is here, he has been with us since the start and he is the Vice-Chair. Two more quickies, I just want to say that, Oh Bob is that my six minutes,

Member Brueno: Yes it was, but you're on a roll.

Member Gallagher: The k-8 relationship has never been better and I worked with Bob Mooney and I worked very close with the schools, and now with Mr. Wasko I think he is fantastic. Open Space Advisory Committee we had a great year Bob Brueno is going to be overseeing that Committee this year, they have very good things coming. That's my report Mayor.

Member Brueno: The man with the timer. I would also like to start by thanking my family and all the patience that they have shown and aren't here tonight my wife Sharon and daughters Katie, Allie and Olivia. Sharon is home helping Olivia with her 6<sup>th</sup> grade math, getting ready for a test tomorrow, so they are unable to be here, but I do appreciate all the patience and tolerance that they have shown on our many late nights here. President Elect Trump had a meeting with Current President Obama a few weeks ago asked him to recommend some appointees, President Obama recommended that he appoint Hillary Clinton to be President (Laughter) so we try to start with a little humor and keep the mood kind of light and maybe keep everyone awake a little bit.

Mayor: Moving right along.

Member Brueno: So I'll quote Bill Parcells who said very famously "don't kid yourself fellas you are what your records says you are," I think as a Committee I would like to commend not only Joe Giorgio as the glue that holds us together but my fellow Committee Members as well, I think we have done a pretty good job, not great, there is always room for improvement, but I think we have done a pretty good job moving Hanover forward, we are going to documents some of our successes here, but we tried to keep taxes down and I think we have accomplished that compared to many towns in the area, and also maintain a level of services, you can't do that without a great team, so I think our record is pretty good we are always going to try and improve and we will try to do better this year but I just want to commend all Town workers not just the Committee for the great job that they do in Hanover Township, yes they are compensated but I think they go above and beyond to keep Hanover a great place to live and work and play.

A few highlights from the Recreation Department under the totaling and guidance of Denise Brennan and her team Dina Schill, Tom Quirk and Jackie Grasso for the second year in a row we've had the fireworks right here in the town campus that's because the new artificial turf went into the High School and we weren't allowed to have the fireworks there anymore and that has really gone well, that's become a great event, an event not to miss. New exercise equipment in Central Park, I don't know if anyone has walked down Eden Lane recently but there is new exercise equipment we are going to be having classes there with a trainer in conjunction with our connectivity we really want to get

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Hanover out exercising and walking and of course there will be no charge to use that equipment and it is outdoors so it will be open 24/7 12 months of the year not trying to take anybody's memberships away from the YMCA or anything else but there is equipment out there to be used by Hanover residents. We have over 25 plus programs just a couple of the new ones in the Recreation Department is Country Fusion Denise started to explain to me what that is I'm still not very sure but I think it has something to do with exercising. Kindermusic, summer camp we hit the maximum number this year so we have a lot of kids coming to the town summer camp, we have a kids try harder triathlon, we had 40 participants last year for kids between the ages of 6-12 and we want to thank the Hanover Police Department for separating out some space on Highland Road so they can run and feel important so we have a kids triathlon going. Some of our regular events Hanover Township Day Touch a Truck, Fishing Contest, Masquerade at Malapardis, Summer Concert Series which will be continuing. We also want to thank the Police and Fire Department we have 12 defibrillators AED units in our parks and we do thank the Police and Fire for training over 50 coaches and volunteers on how to use those defibrillators. So God forbid if someone has a heart attack at one of our parks we do have these units there and hopefully that won't have to be used but if it is hopefully it will be able to save a life. Dial-A-Ride is under the Recreation Department as well, we took residents to over 500 medical appointments free of charge. Bee Meadow Pool our membership is up, there is a charge for membership it is totally self-funded by the members, I know some ask why can't we go for free, it would be nice to open it for free, but by law that pool has to be funded by membership fees, if we have another hot summer I want to encourage everybody to join Bee Meadow Pool. A couple of other events, Discover Hanover Walks, won't get into details but just discovering Hanover neighborhoods and some of the things that go on in the neighborhoods and also the Hanover's wellness program

Lastly but just as importantly Hanover Department Construction Department under Sean Donlon, special recognition for that team this year, they brought in over \$1.6 million in permit fees much of that from our new commercial neighbors, so when you see MetLife going up and the Wegman's going up yes they are going to be tax payers but the permit fees just to make sure all the construction is done properly and safely over \$1.6 million dollars, I don't know if we are going to count on that again next year, but that's a nice shot in the arm from a revenue standpoint helps keep our residential tax dollar and our tax bill down. Some of the highlights there 71 site plan exemptions, you may have no idea what means, but our commercial tenants are moving and improving, so there are people moving in to those commercial buildings, they are improving the buildings and that is a very good sign. Some of the other commercial buildings, the Maserati Dealer on Route 10, who would have thought Hanover Township, would have a Maserati Dealer and a Lexus Dealer side by side but we do.

Mayor: They take coupons.

Member Brueno: Frankly, I can't afford to buy a car there, but maybe some of you can. Again, it just shows how desirable it is to be in Hanover. Aircraft hangers in Morristown Airport, the YMCA, the High School building, the Wegman's, Hanover Crossroads, a lot of new commercial activity going on here in Town and that means tax ratable.

Last but not least, coming up on my sixth year here on the Committee, and that means re-election time, so I just want to announce very briefly I will be running for re-election again and if you are inclined to vote, I think I have done a good job, I certainly would appreciate your support.

Mayor: These guys are the reason why my job is so easy. They really cover their positions very well and it's a good supportive team. On that note, I'm going to jump over to Deputy Mayor Ferramosca who is going to give you some updates.

Member Ferramosca: Thank you Mayor, my thoughts will focus on the three r's. Recognition, Reflection and Resolutions. Let's begin with recognition, acknowledging the Department Heads and the Board Leaders who make things happen around here. From a Planning and Board of Adjustment stand point, Blais Brancheau, Kim Bongiorno and Chairman Gene Pinadella and Ben Stanziale, we thank you. Engineering led by Gerry

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Maceira, Dave Leo and the engineering staff. EDAC Chairman Dan Breen, Sewerage Authority Michael Wynne and Chairman Joe Schleifer. Green Team Chairman Phil Glawe and Dennis Wilson Chairman of Environmental Commission and we thank you. Thanks also goes to well deservedly to our Business Administrator and his staff along with Mayor Francioli and my fellow Committeemen for their support in keeping Hanover a great affordable place to live.

Thank you to my family and special recognition to my wife Cathy for her support, her counsel and express gourmet meeting night dinners, as well as handling and assuming the bulk of household responsibilities as I spend a lot of my time serving the people of this Township here.

In a reflection standpoint upon this past year one word kind of summarizes it all, Teamwork. EDAC led the way, developing strategies to attract quality and prestigious iconic names to our community to preserve our ratable base. We welcomed MetLife this was a huge addition to the family, they joined up with Bayer Healthcare to complete what we call the redevelopment of the former Lucent track, that's some 200 acres of property which is now prime commercial property. In addition, EDAC conducted a major Business-To-Business Networking Building Event which supported the commerce within Hanover Township. This allowed all the business within Hanover Township, whether you were Bayer or you were the smallest coffee shop in the Township to mingle with each other.

Then Planning Board was very busy this year working on strategies and plans to shape the future of Hanover with the goal to keep Hanover a great suburban place to live. Planning supported smart redevelopment, planning review and approved a major new Hanover Crossings, an 80,000 square retail development at the old Berlex site, as you all well know it is located on the corner of Ridgedale and Hanover Avenue, and that has been dormant for nearly 20 years. Major Master Plan initiatives by Planning also included the development of a very effective strategic affordable housing plan that supported the requirements of the court at the same time preserving the suburban way of life for the residents of Hanover Township.

From an Engineering standpoint it was all about the roads, 16 roads overall including major roads such as Cedar Knolls Road, Eden Lane and Forest Way. Ten thousand tons of asphalt was placed down this year all and all four miles of road way were resurfaced. We also supported the successful redesign of Route 10 and Jefferson Road intersection, taking that from an "F" to a far more favorable intersection. These improvements completed by Engineering would not have been possible without a team effort and the effort was contributed by Brian Foran's DPW who stepped up big time, HSA who helped under road lines as well as our Police Department led by Chief Roddy. In addition, Engineering worked on sidewalk installation from South Jefferson Road to Cedar Knolls Road they also worked on kicking off connectivity Phase 1A which allows us to walk or bicycle ride or skate board or whatever you want to do from Morris County's Library to the Frelinghuysen Arboretum to our Central Park we will be building upon that in the future.

The Green Team lead by Phil Glawe earned distinction of being a "Silver Certified Community for Environmental Initiative," this is exceptional only 10% of the communities in the State of New Jersey earn that distinction.

Hanover Sewerage Authority once again produced award winning performance in contributed greatly in Hanover's economic development success. HSA was recognized for the 27<sup>th</sup> year in the row for certification by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies and received a JIF safety award for the 18<sup>th</sup> year in the row. The Authority also received an association of an Environmental Authorities Best Practice Award. These are significant achievements.

As for resolutions, what are we going to do this year? We look forward to working this new year with my fellow Committeemen, the Business Administrator, the Department Heads, and the Municipal Staff to ensure Hanover remains a great affordable place to live, work and play.

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My focus this year will be in three areas, roads and infrastructure continuation; the reinvention of the Route 10 Corridor which is sorely needed; and three EDAC's development of what we call the 20-25 envisioning plan along with expansion of the connectivity. Mayor that concludes my remarks.

Mayor: George has been a strong, to say strong ally of our Public Safety Department is an understatement. He adopted this department with the Fire Departments he has thrown himself into it and over the last several years I have never seen a Committeeman so committed and devoted in defense of them, in support of them, George has been just a strong advocate and continues to be so it is my honor George I will turn the meeting over to you.

Member Coppola: Thank you Mayor, before I begin as you can see I have a number of reports that have all of the detailed information of about what I'm going to give, I don't think you want me to go through 37 pages of documents. So please take them if there is not enough there just let Krista know and she will get you a copy.

First of all, I would very much be remised if I didn't acknowledge Joe Giorgio our Administrator and I want to thank my wife Phyllis, Phyllis is always there supporting me I know she doesn't like to hear it, 55 years together and she still doesn't want to hear it but every morning she says are you going to call up Joe? Yes, I'm going to call Joe. He gives me an update, but every time I call Krista immediately puts me or any Committeeman into Joe to get an answer to a question that I might have. If he is busy he call us right back, but between Joe and his staff, Cathy and Robin Dente they really do a great job and I'm really proud to be part of the Township Committee and the Hanover Family.

Most of all I'm proud of these assignments that I have received with the Police to include the Fire Districts 2 & 3 EMS, OEM, Landmark, Cultural Arts, Seniors and Veteran's Alliance. I make it a point to go to their meetings and I know it takes you away a lot but Phyllis is very much understanding of that. Last year I made an announcement that in 2016 it was going to be a very transitional year for the Police Department; I never realized just how huge this under taking was and how smooth the transition took place. We appointed a new Chief Mark Roddy, appointed two new Lieutenants Mike Loock, Dave White, Dave has 20 years with Hanover PD. We appointed three new Sergeants Brian Pilipie, Robert Carpenter, John Schauder. We hired three new patrolman, Stephen Manny, Eric Woodruff and Joshua Williams. All of the aforementioned resulted in a staffing of our Police Department to remain at 30.

Most of what I am proud of is that all of the changes that were made predicated on testing, no political involvement whatsoever. There is a number of activities that the Chief and his department performed during the course of the year, such as Morris County Rapid Deployment Team, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, they attend tactical meetings, Brian Pilipie does Believe In Me, which helps Autistic Children, Drug collection boxes, there is three pages of what the Police Department does. So, if you get a chance take a copy of that and just take a look at what they do.

District 2 Fire Department, they responded to 602 fire emergencies, 386 medical emergencies, the fire prevention bureau completed 490 inspections, 11 fire prevention training classes and they conducted 23 fire training classes all for a combined total of 5,014 man hours.

District 3 Fire Department and EMS they responded to 544 fire emergencies, 1358 medical emergencies, 129 motor vehicle accidents, 41 training classes all combined for a total of 5925 man hours. Other services provided under the fire prevention code.

Both of these companies do a numerous amount of work, a lot of times we really don't see it as a former volunteer of the emergency squad myself I can tell you that they are out 24/7 with the Police day and night. Whenever we have an emergency they are there. Whenever that ambulance is called they respond. So if anyone is really interested in helping they can definitely use some volunteers.

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OEM they really do a lot themselves, a lot of what you hear tonight about what these different groups do are all supported by public safety, but one of the areas that I really want to note because it seems to be a very high volatile issue during the course of the year, everybody was talking about it. It was the butane tank rail cars, that seemed to be a very big concern, I want to tell you for the leadership of Tom Quirk along with the Police Department, Whippany & Cedar Knolls Fire Department Hanover Township K-8 School District, Regional High School District, Water Shed Commission, Morris County OEM and the Sheriff's Office, a complete and when I say complete I saw it it was incredible, proactive plan was developed with the dealing with an unlikely event that a tank explosion would occur to ensure safety of all the residents of Hanover Township. I can't tell you how much work went into it and how much organizing they did. When you say Watershed Commission just to make sure we had enough water. Where were the trains located, so we can address the emergency, so they really did a lot?

Landmark Commission is extremely active this year and Chairman Mike Czuchnicki and his committee, I can't tell you, we have the oldest burying yard 1718 we are under a major program of stone restoration, you will look out in that showcase and you will see one of the plaques which we used as a sample that we are putting in the burial yards, they also completed a new brochure which was "A Journey Through Whippany" which I'll have a copy of that will be provided for everyone which shows the many historic sites in Hanover. We have a couple former Landmark Commission members here, thank you very much, you don't realize how much history Hanover Township has and these folks have done a lot and Mark is if there are any other members in the audience but they have done a lot of work and I want to also thank the Committee, they have been extremely supportive, this is your history this is the history of Hanover Township, the one thing that we don't want to do is lose it, there is a lot involved in the Landmark Commission and Mike has really brought it into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, sometimes he's a pain in the neck, but he does a great job and I really want to thank him.

Cultural Arts has also a number of events during the course of the year, I just have to say when these events come up on the website and there are brochures outside take a look many of them are for free, but take part, they are absolutely fantastic. If you have ever listened to the Wind Symphony and listen to their concerts, I can't thank Ed the Chairman for all he does to try to get and do to get those programs going, he does a fantastic job, so if you can take a look at the brochures and come to the events.

This year was my first year as a full time member of the Senior Citizens Club as being officially retired, I want to tell you something I was shocked, I said oh boy here I'm going to go to this club what am I going to do, right Carol, they are so active during the course of the year, they have so many programs that we have gone to and it's incredible and I really enjoy being part of that organization. That group is very out of this world and if you like some of the shows going to different shows they do different ones throughout the year and it's really great, and I encourage anyone who is a senior going to be a senior to think about it join the senior club.

Veteran's Alliance I can't thank these guys enough, you saw them here tonight, they really do a great job. I always tell people especially last year at the end of the year, being away during the last quarter of each year is really hard on a veteran, I used to sit there daydreaming what it was going to be like when I got home, and to hear that song for Christmas, "I'll be home for Christmas" it puts tears in Veteran's eyes they are thinking about the family, they are thinking about being home, so whenever you see a Veteran always say thank you, people don't realize it's being away, there are Veteran's served during Cold Wars or actual war but regardless they are giving their time and they are giving their life at no cost to you the Citizens of the United States of America.

I look forward to what is taking place in the inauguration this coming year, God Bless America and look really forward to it and as Bob Brueno just mentioned I too am up for re-election and prepared a little statement but I'm not going to read it all because I think you've heard enough, I'm here wishing to serve, I already submitted my petition to serve on my 4<sup>th</sup> term and I'm not going on that old cliché because there is something that I have to finish I'm serving because I like it, I love it, and I enjoy being part of it, I find it very rewarding and I enjoy serving with my fellow Committee Members, Ron is always here to

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help me out and if I need to know something I have an Administrative group that is always there to help me out, whenever I need some help, and I enjoy very much serving on the Committees that I have, so with that I would like to say thank you for your confidence in me during my time in office, I hope you will consider it when I'm up for re-election, but more importantly I would like to wish you all a very Happy, healthy, prosperous and blessed New Year.

Mayor: Do you think he is passionate? Okay your eyes aren't dilated, I'm just going to take a moment as you heard from every member of this Township Committee the various responsibilities they have and they gave you a very comprehensive reports as to how we are doing, but I want to tell you that we are doing very well. Let me tell you as Chair from a financial standpoint Silvio, thank you very much for all of your dedication and help this year with Hanover Township and watching the cigar box, as we say. Hanover Township still remains debt free; it's going to remain that way. We are out of the doldrums of the 2008 and 2009, we have moved steadfastly ahead to where we are today, and where are we today? With a ratable base in this town Sal probably remembers a ratable base was something in the neighborhood of \$1 or \$2 billion dollars now it's \$4 billion bucks now Sal, in Hanover Township that's how fast we have grown and we have done a yeoman job in economic development, I think we have done a quality job on economic development, sometimes the word is looked upon as development in a Township as almost a derogatory statement, we have taken properties in this Township and we restored them, we have redeveloped, we have taken properties that have had environmental issues and impacts and we have returned them to useful properties, quality ratable and we built up this township to where it is today. We are going to continue to do that, we are dynamic we are not going to stand still. Hanover moving in that direction, you saw the results of Bayer Corporation over the last few years, it's a beautiful building, award winning building, Bayer Boulevard is near completion, still a little more work to do on the far end of that. MetLife is now in, MetLife with 850 employees, Bayer's in with 2600 employees and the entire campus is now owned by Bayer Corporation, so now the balance of that campus isn't under the threat of COAH anymore, Council of Affordable Housing as you have heard so much about, in this Township, and we put COAH a little bit behind us because when we were litigated against in COAH and John and the Planning Board and everyone had done their share of work we responded to the amount of units that the Court said we said to Judge Hansbury no you owe us nine, so we complied fully with COAH, we are not under the threat of that anymore.

We have much more to do in this Township, very shortly you are going to hear about an announcement we are working on it right now, but a very large business campus in your Township with various large buildings if I can describe it, is going to be bought under one ownership a very major international banking corporation will become a seat and headquarters not will Hanover Township be the pharmaceutical capital of the area but it's going to get into the banking capital of the area one of our larger ratable and we are going to be able to announce that shortly.

We know that ShopRite is in; boy do we know that ShopRite is in. I think we eliminated about 5 of their lawsuits, but I think there are 5 more to go, Wegman's will be online in July, 144,000 square foot of groceries, you think you got lost in ShopRite we are going to send a search party when you go to Wegman's.

ShopRite again is a major player in the grocery business Wegman's will also be a major player in the grocery business, we have other work to do, Economic Development as John said is bringing a great deal of VI routes to the Township, it's bringing balance its an economic driver in this community. When we look at economic development in this community as I said earlier we are looking into redevelopment in this community, taking sites like Corporate Mailings that needs a re-facing they need to get updated and in that area get new uses. We are doing more and more with the Route 24 corridor study that has just been completed. The Planning Board has had hearings already we are looking at the retail uses along Route 10 up and down from Parsippany down to East Hanover. We have a nickname in Hanover now as the "tween" city, because retailers see us as between two big market areas, we have to realize that we have to become more attentive to what retailers need, to what current retailers want in the way of signage and the way of parking and way of more dynamic to stimulate more retail use in the Township.

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Housing has always been an issue in this Township, density has always been an issue in this Township, I don't think Hanover Township has done anything in the way of a result of this housing that I'm not fully proud of, yes there is density, seem to be the market area, the market trends this area to most developers, with the cost of acreage to go from more units per acre than a single family house. Single family homes in our Bee Meadow Areas our Trailwood, our Countrywood, you are doing fine, and they will continue to do fine. We are taking areas that need additional examination and we may be looking for additional housing and I'm trying to encourage this Township Committee to look further than the density factor than the idea of believe it or not rental units that are so desperately needed by the businesses that are coming into the Township.

Economic energy thrives on many things, it thrives on consumers that we in our Township that come in, they man our business, they bring professionalism, they buy gas, they go to our restaurants, they live here they work here etc., we need to have a well-rounded developed community and that's what we have always strived for that's what we are going to continue to strive for as we go forward. So I'm looking at 2017 for Hanover to continue on the path of upgrading our zones, maintain our services, attracting new quality businesses as we go along, I am looking at our Township from a standpoint of keeping it fiscally sound. Our taxes in 2014 and 2015 were zero on the municipal side, yes taxes did go up, but when you consider taxes we had our municipal tax, education, fire etc., all to be considered, but Hanover on the municipal side these gentleman delivered to you zero tax increase for those two consecutive years and in 2016 1 quarter of 1% tax increase on the municipal side. So Francioli what are you saying to us for 2017 are we going to get zero taxes, we are going to do lots of roads, we are going to do lots of improvements, there are lots of things that are going to be happening here. Financial Officer advises me that 2.5 million dollars has to be paid back in what's know as tax appeals settlements. Silvio, that should conclude most of the tax appeal settlements that we have, are we still going to have a carry over?

Silvio: (Inaudible)

Mayor: Well \$2.5 million we had several million last year as well, we are working our way out of tax appeals that we have negotiated out, and we are going to build ourselves into a very strong fiscal position as we go forward. So listen, I want to wish everyone a very very Happy New Year, I know it's going to be dynamic rest of the New Year, my wife is never going to see me again. What kind of look was that? She is wonderful, she tolerates me, there are weeks when she doesn't see me and it's for all of these gentleman here for the amount of time that they put in day and nights, it's not just a show up on Thursday nights, we are doing more in the way of technology here, Joe Giorgio our Administrator is moving us more and more towards paperless, which is a trend for most of the municipalities, we have the E-Blast, our website that is going on, we got the regular printed newsletter that you gotten here and we are trying to do more in the way of getting involved even with what you see now in trends on social networks and Facebook. Facebook we are being very careful about, we want to use Facebook as posting information to you, not going to get into dialogue with you and not going to tell you what is right or wrong, whether the information that isn't correct but we are going to try to deliver more information so again I want to wish you all a Happy New Year and I'm looking forward to working with this team in the coming year and I think it's going to be a dynamic year. Judge you are doing a great job, thank you for being here and with us today, and everyone that I see here that has joined us, there are too many in the room to name all of you but I wish everyone a very Happy New Year, God Bless You, God Bless Hanover.

Mr. Giorgio: Please stand for the closing Benediction.

**BENEDICTION:** Rev. Ross Lang, Pastor, Hildale Park Presbyterian Church

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Dessert and Coffee in Municipal Building Hallway**