

Township of Randolph
Municipal Building
Randolph, NJ
January 2, 2025

A. OPENING OF REORGANIZATION MEETING

1. Opening of the Reorganization Meeting

The meeting is held pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice of the meeting has been provided by posting written notice of the time, date, location and to the extent known, the agenda of the meeting in Randolph Township. This notice was posted on the Bulletin Board within Town Hall, it was filed with the Township Clerk, and it was provided to those persons or entities requesting notification. Notice was also provided to the West Morris Reporter and the Morris County Daily Record on November 27, 2024, by emailing them the annual resolution adopted by the Council on November 26, 2024. The annual resolution, which included this meeting date, was advertised in the West Morris Reporter, the official newspaper of the Township of Randolph, on December 5, 2024, and the Daily Record on December 3, 2024. Notice was also provided to TapInto Randolph, the official Township online digital publication, on November 27, 2024.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Former Mayor Carey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Recognize Dignitaries

Present: Township Manager Poff; Assistant Township Manager Evan Covello, Township Clerk Luciani; Township Attorney Edward Buzak from the Law Office of Surenian, Edwards, Buzak, & Nolan, LLC; Military and Veterans Liaison Willy Tolba from the Office of Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill; Senator Anthony Bucco; Assemblywoman Aura Dunn; Morris County Commissioner Deborah Smith; Morris County Sheriff James Gannon; Morris County Surrogate Heather Darling; County College of Morris President Anthony Iacono; Morris County Chief Warrant Officer Jack Ambrose; Randolph Police Chief Will Harzula; Randolph Police Lieutenant Keith Donovan; Former Morris County Prosecutor Fred Knapp; and Rockaway Borough Chief Conrad Pepperman.

B. ROLL CALL OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

PRESENT: Councilwoman Carey
Councilwoman Elbaum
Councilman Forstenhausler
Councilman Hathaway
Councilman Nisivoccia
Councilwoman Thornton
Councilwoman Veech

C. SELECTION OF TEMPORARY MAYOR

Councilwoman Veech nominated Township Clerk Donna Luciani to be the temporary Mayor. Councilwoman Thornton seconded the nomination, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Councilwoman Carey
Councilwoman Elbaum
Councilman Forstenhausler
Councilman Hathaway
Councilman Nisivoccia
Councilwoman Thornton
Councilwoman Veech
NAYS: None

D. NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION OF MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2024

Councilwoman Carey nominated Councilman Hathaway to be appointed as Mayor of the Township of Randolph. Councilman Forstenhausler seconded the nomination, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Councilwoman Carey
Councilwoman Elbaum
Councilman Forstenhausler
Councilman Hathaway
Councilman Nisivoccia
Councilwoman Thornton
Councilwoman Veech
NAYS: None

E. NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2024

Councilman Hathaway nominated Councilman Forstenhausler to be appointed as Deputy Mayor of the Township of Randolph. Councilman Nisivoccia seconded the nomination, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Councilwoman Carey
Councilwoman Elbaum
Councilman Forstenhausler
Councilman Hathaway
Councilman Nisivoccia
Councilwoman Thornton
Councilwoman Veech
NAYS: None

F. SWEARING IN OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Manager Poff congratulated Councilman Hathaway and Councilman Forstenhausler on their appointments as Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Mayor Hathaway was sworn in by his wife, Whitney Hathaway; his children James and Elle held the Bible.

Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler was sworn in by his wife, Susan Forstenhausler; his daughter Lauren held the Bible.

G. RECOGNIZE 2024 RANDOLPH MAYOR

Mayor Hathaway asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the terror attack in New Orleans on January 1, 2025.

1. 2024 Mayor Carey

Mayor Hathaway acknowledged the service of former Mayor Christine Carey with the following remarks:

“Thank you, Mayor Carey, for your exceptional leadership of our community last year as Mayor. Your leadership capabilities should come as a surprise to no one as 2024 was your third term serving as Mayor of Randolph and 22nd year as a public servant here in town. Your even-keeled approach, willingness to listen, and accessibility to all our residents were on display throughout the year and speak to why I believe you are consistently such a successful leader of this community. You always put the needs of others before yours and never seek the spotlight.

Your regular “Mondays with the Mayor” open house meetings were a prime example of your commitment to communicating directly with residents and making sure everyone knew that they had a personal connection with their representatives in the town hall. You are truly the People’s Mayor. Our residents know you, and more importantly, they trust you – as do all of our township professionals and, of course, all of your colleagues on the council, including me.

Thank you for being an incredible example for me during my first term as Deputy Mayor. I learned a great deal watching and learning from your leadership this past year. Thank you for your tireless commitment to our residents and to making Randolph the absolute best place in New Jersey to live, work, and raise a family.”

Manager Poff acknowledged the service of former Mayor Carey with the following remarks:

"Mayor Carey, on behalf of the municipal employees and myself, I want to express our sincere gratitude for your hard work and dedication to Randolph Township this past year. Throughout 2024, you consistently demonstrated your commitment to serving our community and addressing the needs of its residents.

Your leadership was key in guiding us through various challenges, and your proactive approach to governing helped us achieve success. You kept the lines of communication

open, regularly engaging with residents on important issues, which strengthened our community and built trust in our local government.

You were always responsive to resident concerns and inquiries, promptly addressing issues like sidewalks, bus stop locations, and traffic. Your responsiveness to resident feedback and willingness to take action showed your dedication to serving the community and ensuring its well-being.

You effectively communicated important township news and events through various channels, including social media, emails, and press releases. You also worked to improve communication, such as finding ways to increase engagement with the township newsletter and providing regular updates during emergencies like the April earthquake and water main break. This demonstrated your commitment to transparency and accessibility.

You were an active member of our community, participating in many events like the Ironia PTO Winterfest, the Randolph Education Foundation's 5K race, and various township and school events. Your presence at these events showed your support for local organizations and your dedication to fostering a strong community spirit. You even went above and beyond by hosting "Mondays with the Mayor" at the library and sponsoring a Mayor's Wellness Walk, highlighting the importance of outdoor activities for mental well-being.

You effectively advocated for the township's interests at the state level, communicating with legislators about important issues like affordable housing. You also encouraged residents to express their opinions to state officials, demonstrating your commitment to representing the township's needs and concerns.

Mayor Carey, your leadership, dedication, and accomplishments in 2024 have significantly impacted Randolph Township. Your commitment to serving the community and your proactive approach to governance are truly commendable."

Councilwoman Carey stated the following:

"Thank you, Mayor Hathaway and Mr. Poff, for your kind words. Good evening, and Happy New Year. Thank you to all the family members, friends, staff, and elected officials who were so kind to join us tonight.

It was truly an honor and a privilege to serve as Mayor of Randolph this year. It was my third time serving as Mayor, and I enjoyed it tremendously. I have a lot of people I want to thank. First, I want to thank my husband, Frank, who is here tonight. When you serve as Mayor, and you also have a full-time job, and it happens to be a year where you are up for re-election, and you are very busy campaigning, it can put a lot of stress not only on you but on your family as well. I thank my husband for putting up with all of it this year and for his unwavering support. Also, thank you to my three children for their constant encouragement.

Of course, I would also like to recognize our exceptional township staff and professionals led by our Township Manager, Greg Poff. The staff who work in this building and throughout the town do a fabulous job keeping residents safe, keeping the town running

smoothly, and providing quality services to Randolph residents. Greg Poff is an outstanding Town Manager, and we are very fortunate to have him in Randolph.

I would also like to thank the many residents who raise their hands to volunteer to serve the Randolph community on numerous advisory committees and Boards, many of whom are being appointed this evening, and also those who volunteer in many other ways in our community as coaches or scout leaders or in community service organizations, and especially as volunteers on the Randolph Rescue Squad and Randolph Fire Department. You make Randolph a better place because of what you do and I don't know what we would do without you.

Next, I want to thank my fellow Council members for all their advice and assistance this year. Randolph is very fortunate to have a group of dedicated elected officials who work hard on behalf of all Randolph residents. Having three previous mayors on the Council – Joanne, Lou, and Mark – was certainly a big help to me. We are all here for each other, and as Mayor, you never feel alone. I don't want to forget former Councilwoman Marie Potter, who stepped down from the Council in May when she relocated to Florida.

I would also like to congratulate Randolph's new Mayor, Joe Hathaway, and Deputy Mayor, Mark Forstenhausler. Thank you to Joe for serving as Deputy Mayor this year and stepping in for me when I wasn't available. Joe and Mark are experienced, committed individuals who will do a great job leading the Council and serving Randolph in 2025.

So, overall, 2024 was an interesting year in Randolph. Early in the year, if you recall, we experienced an unprecedented 4.8 magnitude earthquake, and we ended the year with several weeks of mysterious drone sightings. Two situations that were not on my radar one year ago.

When serving as Mayor, you don't have any additional power or authority. You are still one of seven council members with a few additional responsibilities. One of the important aspects of serving as Mayor is to represent the Council at community events. I was very fortunate to be invited to and attend over 100 community events this year – from visiting our elementary schools to read to students at Ironia, or to explain to students at FB how local government works, to help students at Center Grove vote to select the cover of their yearbook or to honor veterans with students at Shongum. There were Eagle Awards and Gold Awards presentations to young men and women in scouting. There were Chamber of Commerce events and 20 ribbon cuttings to welcome new businesses to Randolph.

I attended several performances at Brundage Park Playhouse, Arts in the Park, the Country Fair, the kick-off of the Little League season, Haunted trails, Trunk or Treat, and the grand opening of a Fairy Trail. I participated in food distributions for Thanksgiving and distributions of school supplies and backpacks in late August sponsored by CCM. I celebrated birthdays with several residents who reached 100 years of age! There were pancake breakfasts, beefsteak dinners, mum sales at our firehouses, a Menorah lighting, and a Christmas tree lighting. Memorial Day, Patriot's Day, and Veteran's Day ceremonies

hosted by VFW Post 7333, and a flag retirement ceremony. Several Randolph Historical Society events, Diwali and Holi celebrations, the Greek Festival, and a Juneteenth event.

I attended several events at the Mt. Freedom Jewish Center and the Chabad Center for Jewish Life. I joined our senior community at the Senior softball picnic and the senior Olympics that were held in Randolph, and even joined line dancing classes with our senior Citizens club. I won't go on listing more, but my point is that there is a lot going on in Randolph, and we have a very strong, active, and vibrant community. We have a lot of great people doing great things, and it was a privilege to attend so many events and meet so many people.

One of my priorities this past year was to "Communicate More in 2024". To accomplish this goal, the Council worked with our Communications Director, Robert Rios, to significantly expand our communications via social media, a revamped township website, press releases, and weekly email newsletters. We saw significant year-over-year growth in our numbers of views, followers, impressions, and email subscribers. Basically, more residents were more engaged and got more information. In addition, I began holding Mondays with the Mayor and drop-in office hours for residents to discuss issues important to them. These expanded communications and outreach were intended to keep residents better informed and engaged, thus fostering a greater sense of connection and a stronger sense of community. The data indicates that we were successful.

For 2025, we have a lot more planned, which Mayor Hathaway will outline shortly. I will continue to serve on various boards and work groups and look forward to another busy and productive year. I will be the Council Liaison to the Recreation Advisory Committee. I will be chairing the Communications Work Group and the Infrastructure Work Group and serving on the New Resident Welcome Work Group.

I am looking forward to the year ahead and am proud of what we accomplished together in 2024, and I look forward to what we will accomplish together in 2025. I wish you all a happy and healthy year. Thank you."

H. COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

1. Goals and Objectives for 2025

Mayor Hathaway stated the following:

"Good evening, everyone, and a very Happy New Year. Thank you all for being with us tonight – our township professionals, committee members, and friends. I want to especially acknowledge my family, Whitney, James, and Elle, and the family members of all seven of us up here – we cannot sit up here doing our job without your support and the sacrifices you make that enable us to serve our community.

I want to thank our outgoing Mayor, Chris Carey, again for her leadership in 2024 and congratulate Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler. You both make up a combined 5 years' worth of

Mayoral experience, and I know how blessed I am to be able to rely on and learn from two of Randolph's most experienced and successful leaders during my term as Mayor. I also want to congratulate Councilwomen Veech and Thornton (and outgoing Mayor Carey) on their election wins and willingness to continue serving Randolph.

I also want to recognize the leadership of our township administration – Manager Greg Poff and Clerk Donna Luciani. Your leadership is what makes Randolph's local government operate smoothly, keeping residents safe and serving our community. I look forward to working with you both this year.

Looking ahead to 2025, I want to first thank the residents of Randolph for giving me the privilege to continue serving on our township council, and I want to thank my council colleagues for giving me the privilege to serve as Mayor this year – their collective support, experience, and dedication will be invaluable as we work together to make 2025 a remarkable year for Randolph. As some of you have heard me say already, with less than 365 days to go, I plan on making each day as Mayor count, advancing important initiatives, and having a positive impact on our community. While there are many priorities we have each year as a council, I want to highlight a few that will be top of mind for me in 2025.

One of my biggest priorities will be taking steps toward the redevelopment of Mt. Freedom. The Mt. Freedom area on Sussex Turnpike holds historical significance and is an area many of us want to see become a more vibrant business and retail district. This year, we will explore strategies to revitalize this area, including the potential of designating parts of Mt. Freedom as an area in need of redevelopment, and I look forward to making meaningful progress towards that goal.

I also want to build upon the strong steps the township took last year to improve our communication with residents. In 2025, residents will hear from the township council regularly through "Minute with the Mayor" updates, our growing township newsletter, and Council Corner segment, building upon our active social media presence and getting more residents engaged with our new See Click Fix app that will give residents the ability to quickly and simply communicate directly with the township.

2025 will also be an important year for advancing major infrastructure projects in town. This includes updating our 10-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan and finalizing our Circulation Plan to improve traffic safety and enhance pedestrian access to key points in town. I also look forward to moving forward our plans to construct a new Cultural Arts Center – I know Councilwoman Veech and some other members have more to add on this topic. Still, I look forward to advancing this initiative to reflect Randolph's rich and diverse culture and strengthen our tradition of outstanding arts and recreation offerings.

Finally, while this isn't a moment we will celebrate in 2025, I will also prioritize laying the groundwork for Randolph to partake in the celebration of America's semi-sesquicentennial – the 250th anniversary of the founding of our nation – in 2026. We will bring together volunteers and members of the community to begin planning for this once-in-a-lifetime moment for Randolph and for America later this year.

I'll close with sharing the committees and workgroups that I will be a part of in 2025. I will serve as the council liaison to our Economic Development Committee, Board of Education, and County College of Morris. I will also serve on a number of council work groups, including Cannabis, Communications & Technology, Emergency Management, Land Use, and New Residents Welcome.

I appreciate everyone's time. I am excited to work with our council, township professionals and all of our residents to make 2025 a year of progress and community connection here in Randolph. Thank you for your trust and support, and I look forward to getting to work on your behalf. Thank you."

Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler stated the following:

"Happy New Year, everyone, and thank you for attending the Randolph Township re-organization meeting this evening. Thank you to my wife Susan and daughter Lauren for swearing me in as Deputy Mayor, and thank you to my Mother-In-Law for all you do for us. Without the love and support of these three ladies, I would not have been able to serve Randolph in the fire department and township council.

In 2024, Mayor Carey served her 3rd term as Mayor of Randolph Township. Amazingly, she actually outdid herself on her previous two terms. She was everywhere, attending almost every event. She wrote numerous articles and press releases, all while running for re-election! The effort that she put into serving our community was almost superhuman, and I thank her so much for her selfless service. We spoke frequently, and it was obvious that she always had Randolph's best interests at heart. Thank you so much, Mayor!

Congratulations, Mayor Hathaway! I am confident you will do a great job in your new role. As Deputy Mayor, I look forward to working with and supporting you this year. This past year, I was a liaison with the Traffic Advisory Committee. This dedicated group of volunteers worked very hard with our township council and manager to make Randolph's roads safer for all of us. Sometimes, there were challenges working with the State of New Jersey and Morris County to improve roads in Randolph that fell under their control.

But as I have seen personally at motor vehicle accidents, including times when lives were tragically lost, the greatest impact on safety is for all drivers to pay more attention and please slow down. Arriving at your destination a few minutes later is OK, and you might just save a life, including your own.

Mr. Poff, you have been a fantastic Township Manager! We have seen many improvements this past year, and I thank you for continuing to help steer Randolph in the right direction. And I would be remiss if I didn't thank the best Township Clerk anywhere for another stellar year. Thank You, Donna!

As Deputy Mayor, I will serve with Mayor Hathaway as liaison to the Board of Education, the Safety Committee, and the Wildlife Advisory Committee. I look forward to serving

another year with the best and most dedicated township council that I have ever seen. Thank You.”

Councilmember Carey stated that she had no additional items to add to her previous comments.

Councilmember Elbaum stated the following:

“I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year filled with health, happiness and prosperity. I am honored to be serving with our newly appointed Mayor Hathaway and to be a part of a new legacy and chapter here in Randolph. I look forward to sharing fresh ideas and new perspectives; with a shared vision and renewed commitment to the betterment of the Randolph Township community. I am confident that Randolph will continue to thrive as a place where tradition meets progress, and a community that works hand in hand to build a better tomorrow. I look forward to writing this new chapter with my fellow council members.

As a councilperson, I will be serving as a liaison for the Board of Health this year. I look forward to working with our Health Department and creating programs and services in an effort to build a healthier community. I also look forward to working on several work groups including land use, ordinances and recycling/sustainability.

I also look forward to ushering new businesses here in town and witnessing the transformation of our thriving local community. Thank you to all of our local businesses who made Randolph their home and invested their livelihoods in our community. We thank you for your dedication and commitment to our town. Thank you.”

Councilman Nisivoccia stated the following:

“Good evening, everyone and thank you for attending. Special thanks to my wife and best friend Jackie and our two children, Emma and Raymond, for being here with me and for their unwavering support.

Congratulations to Chris, Joanne, and Joe on your re-election and Denise on your election. Chris – Congratulations on your induction into the very exclusive three-term mayor club. Of course, you did an outstanding job leading us this year as our mayor. Thank you for your time and commitment. Congratulations to our new Mayor, Joe, and new Deputy Mayor, Mark. I am looking forward to working with you and all the council members to always put Randolph first.

I would also like to congratulate all the volunteers being sworn in to the township’s boards and committees. Thank you for your service to our community.

This year, in addition to serving on several committees, I will serve as the council liaison to the Advisory Environmental & Landmark Committee and the Trails Advisory Committee. In closing, I wish everyone a safe, healthy, and Happy New Year.”

Councilwoman Thornton stated the following:

“Good evening and Happy New Year. Thank you to everyone for attending tonight. Thank you to Sheriff James Gannon for swearing me in tonight in light of your busy schedule and thank you also for your guidance and exemplary leadership. I would also like to thank my family – my husband, Scott, and our children, Jayson and Elizabeth, for being here tonight. Your love and support mean the world to me.

Thank you to our outgoing Mayor, Chris Carey, for your selfless dedication to the community. Your enthusiasm for the work and the events has been amazing; you were always available. Thank you. Congratulations to Mayor Hathaway on your first term as Mayor. Your strong commitment and leadership are inspiring and will only fuel Randolph Township further into the future. Congratulations to Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler. You and Mayor Hathaway will make a great team for 2025.

Finally, congratulations to my fellow re-elected officials and those who supported us. I am privileged to continue to serve the Township of Randolph with this dedicated council. In 2025, I look forward to serving on the Traffic Advisory Committee and continuing my work on the Library Board. In addition, I will also serve on several council workgroups including Emergency Management, Finance, Ordinances, Recycling/Sustainability and I will Chair the Diversity Council Workgroup. Have a safe and healthy New Year! Thank you.”

Councilwoman Veech stated the following:

“Good evening, thank you all for coming. Great job Chris and Joe, Congratulations Joe and Mark. Here’s an update on what I’ve been working on over the last year and will continue to focus on this coming year:

I am on the Planning Board and we have heard seven applications this year, along with updating the Township’s Master Plan’s “Circulation Plan” in process, continuing this month. The Circulation Plan lists township priorities including Route 10, sidewalks, mid-block crossings, traffic issues, and more. I’m serving on the Parks Advisory Committee focusing on upgrades, capital investments and maintenance of all Parks.

I Chair the Land Use Workgroup. A workgroup is a subset of the council that focuses on certain important projects or topics and brings those findings to the council for further action. The Land Use Workgroup has been actively working on plans for a new Cultural Arts Center, here on the town hall campus. We’ll be moving the Brundage Park Playhouse and the Artworks program to this new venue. This move will enhance our programs available to our residents and serve as a community cultural arts center. We’ve hired a group of engineers, and have been pulling together a request for a proposal (RFP) for a consulting firm to lead this project. The public will have many ways to provide input including focus groups, surveys, in person meetings, etc. during this coming year. We also have also started working on plans for a new VFW building.

I am a member of the Communications Workgroup; having served as Chair in 2024. We have significantly increased our social media presence after hiring a full time Communications Director. I trust you have seen a huge difference. Our focus this coming year is to increase the number of residents we're touching. Enabling them to get to know what the township does and how they benefit from our services.

We've also released See, Click, Fix, an app that allows our residents to report areas of concern such as potholes, catch basins, road obstructions, garbage/recycling issues, etc. Please download the app.

I am the Chair of a new workgroup entitled New Residents Workgroup. The goal of this Workgroup is for new residents to be welcomed to Randolph ensuring they receive the New Residents package. We will also encourage them to sign up for our digital news alerts and other township communications; as well as acclimating them to the various areas of township activities they may have interest in.

We want everyone to feel they are part of this great community. I am honored to serve another four years. Thank you and God bless you and God bless America."

I. R-01-25 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND BLACK HISTORY MONTH

1. R-01-25 Resolution Recognizing Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Black History Month

Councilwoman Thornton made a motion to approve R-01-25 Resolution Recognizing Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Black History Month. Councilwoman Elbaum seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES:	Councilwoman Carey
	Councilwoman Elbaum
	Councilman Nisivoccia
	Councilwoman Thornton
	Councilwoman Veech
	Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler
	Mayor Hathaway
NAYS:	None

J. CONSENT AGENDA, COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

DEPUTY CLERKS

1-year term

Janet Pollio and Mariam Sabri

**TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY
and Nolan, LLC**

1-year term

Surenian, Edwards, Buzak
(Edward J. Buzak)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

1-year term

William Wagner

DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

1-year term

Richard Briant

SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LABOR & NEGOTIATIONS

1-year term

Chilla Business Counsel

(James Prusinowski)

**SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR
TAX APPEALS**

1-year term

Dorsey and Semrau

(Fred Semrau)

TAX APPEAL APPRAISALS

1-year term

Otteau Group Inc.

(Jon Brody)

**POLICE GENERAL LEGAL, HEARINGS,
POLICE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS**

1-year term

Apruzzese, McDermott, &

Mastro & Murphy

(Arthur Thibault, Jr.)

**SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR NEGOTIATIONS &
PREPARATION OF DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENTS**

1-year term

Murphy, McKeon PC

(Anthony Bucco, Jr.)

PROSECUTOR

1-year term

Horan and Aronowitz

(John Horan)

PUBLIC DEFENDER

1-year term

Denis Driscoll

TOWNSHIP AUDITOR

1-year term

Nisivoccia and Company

(Kathryn Mantell)

BOND COUNSEL

1-year term

Hawkins Delafield &

Wood LLP

(Robert Beinfield)

RISK MANAGEMENT

1-year term

Professional Insurance

Assoc.

(Frank Covelli)

MUNICIPAL HISTORIAN

1-year term

Gail Hari

CDRS COMMITTEE

1-year term (3)

Mayor's Appointment
Governing Body Appointment
Alt. Appointed by Mayor

Richard Lindsay

Joanne Veech

Wayne Corsey

**ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL
SEWERAGE AUTHORITY (RVRSA)**

1 appt - (5 year term)

Phil Sheehy

COMMITTEE/BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

(2nd & 4th Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall)

1 appt – (4 years)

Gene Stracco

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT FOR LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

1 appt – (2 years)

Brian Robinson

BOARD OF HEALTH

(2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall)

2 appts – (3 years each)

Norma Jacobs
David Ray

Alternate No. 1 – (2 years)

Laura Pizzano

Alternate No. 2 – (2 years)

Mythili Khubani

Unexp. Term of Laura Pizzano
(exp: 12/31/25)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(1st Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in Town Hall)

3 appts – (3 years each)

Ginger Vukas
Ann Asbaty
Sydeny Ugalde

Unexp. Term of Nathan Penn
(exp: 12/31/25)

Alternate No. 1 – (2 years)

Jamie Frick

Alternate No. 2 – (2 years)

Rob Yellen

Student Member – (1 year)

Allison Spencer

ADVISORY ENVIRONMENTAL & LANDMARKS COMMITTEE

(4th Tuesday of month, 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall)

2 appts – (3 years each)

Julie Finco
Larry Appel

Alternate No. 1 – (2 years)

Wendy Utberg

Alternate No. 2 – (2 years)

Bill Menzel

Unexp. Term of Wendy Utberg

(exp: 12/31/25)

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Randolph Library)

2 appt – (5 years)
Unexp. Term of Denise Thornton
(exp: 12/31/28)

Judy Josephsen
Casey Dolan

Mayor's Alternate – (1 year)

Denise Thornton

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Community Center)

3 appts – (3 years)

Brian Robinson
Paul O'Malley
Mike Dziomba

PLANNING BOARD

(1st & 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall)

1 appt – (4 years)

Richard Bowers

Mayor's Delegate – Class I (1 year)
Official Member – Class II (1 year)
Official Council Member – Class III

Brandon Minde
John Herold
Joanne Veech

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Community Center)

3 appts – (3 years each)

Joe Nazzaro
Steve Fogel
Vic Viscomi

4 appts – (1 year each)

Robert Kral
Howard Hessel
Michael Jordan
Michael Bryant

Alternate No. 1 – (1 year)

Jonathan Soto

Alternate No. 2 – (1 year)

Travis Ruffo

TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall)

2 appts – (2 years each)

Howard Hessel
Tom Burk
Chad Weiss

Alternate – (2 years)

TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Community Center)
2 appts – (3 years each)

Myra Sesko
Peeter Tootsov

Alternate No. 1 – (2 years)

Peggy Wagner

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(4th Wednesday of alternate months – Jan, March, May, July,
Sept & Nov at 7:00 p.m. in Community Center)

No expiring terms

COUNCIL LIAISONS

Economic Development Committee
Education (BOE, CCM) (2)

Advisory Environmental & Landmark Committee
Health Advisory Board
Library Board of Trustees
Parks Advisory Committee
Public Safety (Fire, Rescue, Safety Comm.)
Recreation Advisory Committee
Traffic Advisory Committee
Trails Advisory Committee
Wildlife Management Committee

Mayor Hathaway
Mayor Hathaway
Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler
Councilman Nisivoccia
Councilwoman Elbaum
Councilwoman Thornton
Councilwoman Veech
Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler
Councilwoman Carey
Councilwoman Thornton
Councilman Nisivoccia
Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Council Appointments for 2025- and 2-Year Appointment of Township Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief
2. R 02-25 Rate of Interest on Delinquent Taxes and Delinquent Water and Sewer
3. R 03-25 Bank Depositories
4. R 04-25 Fees for Agendas
5. R 05-25 Designating Initiation and Authorization Roles for EFT Transactions and Specifying Signatories on Checks
6. R 06-25 Official Newspapers
7. R 07-25 Certifying Officer to Police and Firemen's Retirement System and Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)
8. R 08-25 Assessment Search Officer
9. R 09-25 Cash Management Plan

10. R 10-25 Award of 2025 Professional Services Agreement to Edward J. Buzak, Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan, for Township Attorney Services

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Dated: January 2, 2025

As required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3-5.5, and any other applicable requirement, I, Deborah Bonanno, Director of Finance for the Township of Randolph, have ascertained that funds will be available, subject to annual appropriation and adoption in the 2025 municipal budget, to award a professional service contract to Surenian, Edwards, Buzak & Nolan for providing Township Attorney Services as detailed in the proposal provided to the township.

Deborah Bonanno
Chief Financial Officer

Budget Account: 01-201-20-155-060 2025 (Retainer not to exceed \$349,500)
05-201-20-100-060
01-201-20-155-301 2025 (Miscellaneous expenses NTE \$4,200)

11. R 11-25 Award of 2025 Professional Services Agreement to The Chilla Business Counsel, LLC for General Labor Counsel Services

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Dated: January 2, 2025

As required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3-5.5, and any other applicable requirement, I, Deborah Bonanno, Director of Finance for the Township of Randolph, have ascertained that funds will be available, subject to annual appropriation and adoption in the 2025 municipal budget, to award a professional service contract to The Chilla Business Counsel, LLC for providing General Labor Counsel Services as detailed in the proposal provided to the township.

Deborah Bonanno
Chief Financial Officer

Budget Account: 01-201-20-155-302 2025 (not to exceed \$25,000)

12. R 12-25 Award of 2025 Professional Services Agreement to Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro and Murphy for Police General, Legal, Hearings and Police Contract Negotiation Services

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Dated: January 2, 2025

As required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3-5.5, and any other applicable requirement, I, Deborah Bonanno, Director of Finance for the Township of Randolph, have

ascertained that funds will be available, subject to annual appropriation and adoption in the 2025 municipal budget, to award a professional service contract to Apruzzese, McDermott Mastro & Murphy, P.C. for providing various legal services for the Police Department as for as detailed in the proposal provided to the township.

Deborah Bonanno
Chief Financial Officer

Budget Account: 01-201-25-240-305 2025 (not to exceed \$16,000)

13. R 13-25 Award of 2025 Professional Services Agreement to Dorsey & Semrau for Special Counsel for Tax Appeal Services

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Dated: January 2, 2025

As required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3-5.5, and any other applicable requirement, I, Deborah Bonanno, Director of Finance for the Township of Randolph, have ascertained that funds will be available, subject to annual appropriation and adoption in the 2025 municipal budget, to award a professional service contract to Dorsey & Semrau for providing Special Counsel Services for Tax Appeals as detailed in the proposal provided to the township.

Deborah Bonanno
Chief Financial Officer

Budget Account: 01-201-20-155-304 2025 (not to exceed \$40,000)

14. R 14-25 Award of 2025 Professional Services Agreement to Murphy, McKeon PC for Special Counsel for Negotiations and Preparation of Development Agreements

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Dated: January 2, 2025

As required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3-5.5, and any other applicable requirement, I, Deborah Bonanno, Director of Finance for the Township of Randolph, have ascertained that funds will be available, subject to annual appropriation and adoption in the 2025 municipal budget, to award a professional service contract to Murphy, McKeon, P.C. for providing services as Special Counsel for Negotiations and Preparation of Development Agreements as detailed in the proposal provided to the township.

Deborah Bonanno
Chief Financial Officer

Budget Account: Various Developer Escrow Accounts 2025 (not to exceed \$15,000)

15. R 15-25 Award of 2025 Professional Services Agreement to Horan & Aronowitz for Municipal Prosecutor Services

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Dated: January 2, 2025

As required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3-5.5, and any other applicable requirement, I, Deborah Bonanno, Director of Finance for the Township of Randolph, have ascertained that funds will be available, subject to annual appropriation and adoption in the 2025 municipal budget, to award a professional service contract to Horan & Aronowitz, LLP for providing services as Municipal Prosecutor as detailed in the proposal provided to the township.

Deborah Bonanno
Chief Financial Officer

Budget Account: 01-201-25-275-300 2025 (not to exceed \$27,000)

16. R 16-25 Award of 2025 Professional Services Agreement to Nisivoccia LLP for Township Auditor Services

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Dated: January 2, 2025

As required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3-5.5, and any other applicable requirement, I, Deborah Bonanno, Director of Finance for the Township of Randolph, have ascertained that funds will be available, subject to annual appropriation and adoption in the 2025 municipal budget, to award a professional service contract to Nisivoccia, LLP for providing services as Auditor as detailed in the proposal provided to the township.

Deborah Bonanno
Chief Financial Officer

Budget Account: 01-201-20-135-300 2025 (not to exceed \$73,000)
05-201-20-135-300

17. R 17-25 Award of 2025 Professional Services Agreement to Otteau Group, Inc. for Tax Appeals Appraiser Services

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Dated: January 2, 2025

As required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3-5.5, and any other applicable requirement, I, Deborah Bonanno, Director of Finance for the Township of Randolph, have ascertained that funds will be available, subject to annual appropriation and adoption in the 2025 municipal budget, to award a professional service contract to Otteau Group, Inc. for providing services as Tax Appeal Appraiser as detailed in the proposal provided to the township.

Deborah Bonanno
Chief Financial Officer

Budget Account: 01-201-20-150-301 2025 (not to exceed \$30,000)

18. R 18-25 Award of 2025 Professional Services Agreement to Denis F. Driscoll for Public Defender Services

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Dated: January 2, 2025

As required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3-5.5, and any other applicable requirement, I, Deborah Bonanno, Director of Finance for the Township of Randolph, have ascertained that funds will be available, subject to annual appropriation and adoption in the 2025 municipal budget, to award a professional service contract to Denis F. Driscoll for providing Public Defender services as detailed in the proposal provided to the township.

Deborah Bonanno
Chief Financial Officer

Budget Account: 10-130-05-000-000 2025 (not to exceed \$15,000)

19. R 19-25 Award of 2025 Professional Services Agreement to Garden State Laboratories, Inc. for Testing of Samples Collected for the Health Department

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Dated: January 2, 2025

As required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3-5.5, and any other applicable requirement, I, Deborah Bonanno, Director of Finance for the Township of Randolph, have ascertained that funds will be available, subject to annual appropriation and adoption in the 2025 municipal budget, to award a professional service contract to Garden State Laboratories, Inc. for providing testing of samples collected by the Health Department as detailed in the proposal provided to the township.

Deborah Bonanno
Chief Financial Officer

Budget Account: 01-201-27-330-300 2025 (not to exceed \$10,000)

20. R 20-25 Award of 2025 Professional Services Agreement to Hawkins, Delafield & Wood, LLP for Bond Counsel Services

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Dated: January 2, 2025

As required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3-5.5, and any other applicable requirement, I, Deborah Bonanno, Director of Finance for the Township of Randolph, have

ascertained that funds will be available, subject to annual appropriation and adoption in the 2025 municipal budget, to award a professional service contract to Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP for providing Bond Counsel services as detailed in the proposal provided to the township.

Deborah Bonanno
Chief Financial Officer

Budget Account: Various Capital/Escrow Accounts 2025 (not to exceed \$12,000)

21. R 21-25 Award of 2025 Professional Services Agreement to Vanguard Medical Group, PA for Corporate Health Services (Pre-Employment, Pre-Volunteer Exams and Drug Testing)

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Dated: January 2, 2025

As required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3-5.5, and any other applicable requirement, I, Deborah Bonanno, Director of Finance for the Township of Randolph, have ascertained that funds will be available, subject to annual appropriation and adoption in the 2025 municipal budget, to award a professional service contract to Vanguard Medical Group, PA for providing pre-employment, pre-volunteer exams and drug testing as detailed in the proposal provided to the township.

Deborah Bonanno
Chief Financial Officer

Budget Account: 01-201-20-130-301 2025 (not to exceed \$14,000)

22. R 22-25 Award of 2025 Professional Services Agreement to Sarmad Planning Group for Planning Services for the Affordable Housing Program (COAH)

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Dated: January 2, 2025

As required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3-5.5, and any other applicable requirement, I, Deborah Bonanno, Director of Finance for the Township of Randolph, have ascertained that funds will be available, subject to annual appropriation and adoption in the 2025 municipal budget, to award a professional service contract to Sarmad Planning Group, LLC for providing Planning Services as detailed in the proposal provided to the township.

Deborah Bonanno
Chief Financial Officer

Budget Account: 01-201-20-155-302 2025 (not to exceed \$50,000)
13-225-00-000-000

23. R 23-24 Award of 2025 Professional Services Agreement to Professional Insurance Associates for Professional Risk Management Consultant Services

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Dated: January 2, 2025

As required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.3-5.5, and any other applicable requirement, I, Deborah Bonanno, Director of Finance for the Township of Randolph, have ascertained that funds will be available, subject to annual appropriation and adoption in the 2025 municipal budget, to award a professional service contract to Professional Insurance Associates for providing Risk Manager Consultant Services as detailed in the proposal provided to the township.

Deborah Bonanno
Chief Financial Officer

Budget Account: 01-201-23-210-081 2025 (not to exceed \$46,000)

24. R 24-25 Municipal Flag Protocol

25. R 25-25 Designating a Public Agency Compliance Officer for 2025

26. R 26-25 Authorizing the Establishment of Petty Cash Funds and Change Funds for Calendar Year 2025

27. R 27-25 Approval of 2025 Temporary Budget

28. R 28-25 Appointment to Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority (RVRSA)

Councilman Nisivoccia made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Council Appointments, and Resolutions. Councilwoman Elbaum seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Councilwoman Carey
Councilwoman Elbaum
Councilman Nisivoccia – Abstained to Item #16, R 16-25
Councilwoman Thornton
Councilwoman Veech
Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler
Mayor Hathaway

NAYS: None

K. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Seeing and hearing none, the public session was closed.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Veech made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Councilwoman Thornton seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Councilwoman Carey
Councilwoman Elbaum
Councilman Nisivoccia
Councilwoman Thornton
Councilwoman Veech
Deputy Mayor Forstenhausler
Mayor Hathaway
NAYS: None