# Pennington Borough Council Special Council Meeting – February 12, 2024

Mayor Davy called the Special Council Meeting of the Borough Council to order at 6:00 pm. The meeting was held via Zoom. Borough Clerk Betty Sterling called the roll with Council Members Angarone, Chandler, Marciante, Stern and Valenza in attendance. Ms. Gnatt arrived in time for the vote on the Resolution.

Also present were Borough Clerk Betty Sterling, Borough Attorney Walter Bliss, and Borough Administrator Donato Nieman.

Mayor Davy announced that notice of this meeting has been given to the Hopewell Valley News, Trenton Times and was posted on the door at Borough Hall and on the Borough web-site according to the regulations of the Open Public Meetings Act.

## **Open to the Public**

Mayor Davy read the following statement.

The meeting is now open to the public for comments. In an effort to provide everyone interested an opportunity to address his or her comments to the Governing Body, a public comment time limit has been instituted for each speaker. Please raise your hand and when the Borough Administrator acknowledges you state your name and address for the record. Please limit comments to the Governing Body to a maximum of 2 minutes.

There were no comments from the public.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Davy stated after a very long process undertaken by the Personnel Committee, we are ready to recommend Gian-Paulo Caminiti as full-time Borough Administrator for the Borough. Mr. Caminiti was in attendance and spoke a few words to Council, thanking everyone for the work involved in the process and stating that he is looking forward to rolling up his sleeves and getting busy.

#### BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON RESOLUTION 2024-2.21

# RESOLUTION APPOINTING GIAN-PAOLO (GP) CAMINITI AS FULL-TIME BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR AND APPROVING EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR 2024

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pennington is in need of an Administrator;

**WHEREAS**, the position was advertised on the New Jersey League of Municipalities website and twenty three people applied, of which four were initially selected for interview before one then withdrew;

**WHEREAS**, following the interviews it was determined that Gian-Paolo Caminiti best met the Borough's requirements for an Administrator able to guide the operations of the Borough on a full-time basis:

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Caminiti has experience as a Borough Administrator and Acting Clerk, has served in local government as Council Member and Land Use Chair and has substantial managerial experience in the private sector;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Caminiti obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree from Seton Hall University, a Master of Science Degree from Universitat Bielefeld, Phillipps-Universitat, Germany, and is certified as a Registered Municipal Clerk and Certified Public Manager by Rutgers University;

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor with the advice of Borough Council negotiated a proposed Agreement with Mr. Caminiti and that Agreement is attached to this Resolution;

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement provides for a one-year term ending December 31, 2024, subject to annual renewal, and an annual salary of \$125,000.00 with benefits, prorated for the balance of 2024;

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Caminiti will begin work on February 20, 2024, will report to the Mayor and serve at the pleasure of Borough Council;

**WHEREAS**, this appointment has been reviewed by the Personnel Committee and discussed with Borough Council;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, that Gian-Paolo (GP) Caminiti is hereby appointed full-time Borough Administrator, effective February 20, 2024; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, with the attestation of the Borough Clerk, is hereby authorized to enter into a one-year renewable agreement with Mr. Caminiti substantially in the form of the attached Agreement.

**Record of Council Vote on Passage** 

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone	M				Marciante	S			
Chandler	X				Stern	X			
Gnatt	X				Valenza	X			

Council Member Angarone made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-2.21, second by Council Member Marciante with all members present voting in favor.

Mayor Davy thanked Donato Nieman for stepping in and filling the position for the past year.

## **Public Comment**

Mayor Davy asked that anyone wishing to speak, please raise your hand so the Borough Clerk can acknowledge you, please state your name and address for the record and limit comments to the Governing Body to a maximum of 3 minutes.

There were no comments from the public.

At: 6:10 PM, Council Member Stern made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Council Member Chandler with all members present voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Sterling Borough Clerk