



ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD
JANUARY 5, 2026

The Organizational Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Fairfield, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, shall be held in the Municipal Chambers at 6:00 P.M. on January 5, 2026

Mayor Galese calls the Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and wishes everyone a Happy New Year. The meeting is being broadcast on Channel 34 and Channel 43 and on the Township YouTube Channel "Township of Fairfield Essex County"

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

The Municipal Clerk states that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings' Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975, notice of the Organizational meeting has been given by posting a notice of the scheduled dates of all meetings of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Fairfield on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and in the office of the Municipal Clerk and giving notice thereof to the Progress and Herald Newspaper on December 23, 2025

INVOCATION

The invocation is delivered by the Father Marek

1. ANNOUNCEMENT OF COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

The Municipal Clerk reports receipt of the Certification of the Essex County Board of Canvassers attesting to the election of Michael B. McGlynn and Joseph Cifelli as Councilman for a three (3) year term through December 31, 2028.

The Municipal Clerk presents the Certifications to Mayor Galese

2. OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Galese requests Councilman-Elect McGlynn and his family to approach the lower dais.

Mayor Galese administers the Oath of Office to Councilman-Elect McGlynn

Councilman McGlynn returns to the dais and assumes the seat of Councilman.

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Mayor Galese requests Councilman-Elect Cifelli and his family to approach the lower dais.

Mayor Galese administers the Oath of Office to Councilman-Elect Cifelli

Councilman Cifelli returns to the dais and assumes the seat of Councilman.

ROLL CALL: - Clerk Cafone calls the roll and declares the presence of a quorum.

4. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mayor Galese announces that all the meetings of the Mayor and Council shall follow the rules and procedures of Robert's Rules of Order and the by-laws as established by the Mayor and Council.

5. INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES

The Mayor welcomes and introduces the dignitaries and former and current elected officials in attendance.

6. MAYORAL ADDRESS

7. COUNCIL PRESIDENT (pursuant to N.J.S.A.40:69A-120)

Councilman _____ nominates Councilman Michael McGlynn as President of the Council for the year 2026. Councilman _____ seconded the motion.

Mayor Galese thanks the outgoing Council President and congratulates Councilman McGlynn and is invited to assume the Council President seat on the dais.

8. SWEARING-IN OF FIRE DEPARTMENT LINE OFFICERS

Mayor Galese invites the following line officers to come forward and he administered the Oath of Office:

Joseph Przybylinski	Fire Chief
Matthew Napoitano	Assistant Chief
James High	1 st Captain
Patrick Kaplan	2 nd Captain
Anthony Cifelli	1 st Lieutenant
Mark Ruffer	2 nd Lieutenant

Mayor Galese administers the Oath of Offices to the line officers

9. LIAISON APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Galese thanks the council members for serving in these important assignments and reviews the duties of the liaison positions.

The Mayor advises that these appointments are not intended and shall not be construed as a delegation to any committee, or the Chairperson of it, any part of his executive responsibility under R.S.40:60A-121.

Mayor Galese announces the liaison appointments for 2026 as follows:

Mayor Galese	Police Department, Library Board
Councilman McGlynn	Fire Department, Department of Public Works
Councilman Cifelli	Finance Department, Office of Emergency Mgmt.
Councilman Campisi	Municipal Alliance Committee, Environmental Comm.
Councilman LaForgia	Planning Board, Recreation Department

10. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS

- a). APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AND INGLESINO & TAYLOR AS TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2026 AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT
- b). APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AND GIBBONS, P.C. AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE YEAR 2026 AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT
- c). APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AND SAMUEL KLEIN & COMPANY AS TOWNSHIP AUDITORS FOR THE YEAR 2026 AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT
- d). APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AND THE FIRM OF CLEARLY, GIACOBBE, ALFIERI, JACOBS, LLC AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE YEAR 2026 AND AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR THE TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT
- e). APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AND JEFFREY R. SURENIAN AND ASSOCIATES, LLC AS SPECIAL COAH COUNSEL FOR THE YEAR 2026 AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT

- f). APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AND BURGIS ASSOCIATES, INC. AS TOWNSHIP PLANNER FOR THE YEAR 2026 AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT
- g). APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AND CIVIL SOLUTIONS FOR DIGITAL TAX MAPS MAINTENANCE AND GIS SUPPORT FOR THE YEAR 2026 AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT
- h). APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AND HENDRICKS APPRAISAL COMPANY, LLC FOR 2026 TAX APPEAL APPRAISAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2026
- i). APPROVING TO EXTEND A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AND RONALD P. MONDELLO, P.C. FOR THE YEAR 2026
- j). APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD AND SOLUTIONS ARCHITECTURE FOR THE YEAR 2026
- k). APPOINTMENT OF KYLE SILVERSTRI AS SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LIBRARY BOARD FOR 1 YEAR TERM (1/1/2026-12/31/2026)
- l). RE-APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH CATENARO JR., ESQ. TOWNSHIP PROSECUTOR FOR THE YEAR 2026
- m). RE-APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT A. WARMINGTON, ESQ. AS PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE YEAR 2026

THE HONORABLE VINCENT FAILLA ADMINISTERS THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE PROSECUTOR AND PUBLIC DEFENDER

Mayor Galese makes a motion to nominate the above stated appointments; Councilman _____ seconded the nomination.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

- a). DESIGNATION OF TOWNSHIP NEWSPAPERS – THE PROGRESS, STAR LEDGER AND THE HERALD NEWS

b). RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN AND NAMING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026

PNC Bank	Fairfield
Valley National Bank	Fairfield
TD Bank	Fairfield
Lakeland Bank	West Caldwell
Bank of America	West Caldwell
Flagstar Bank	Fairfield
Columbia Bank	Fairfield
Capital One Bank	Woodland Park
Wells Fargo Bank	West Caldwell
Santander Bank	West Caldwell
Kearny Federal Bank	Caldwell
Provident Bank	Roseland
BCB – Fairfield	Fairfield
Citizens Bank	West Caldwell
Spencer Savings Bank	West Caldwell
First Commerce Bank	Fairfield
Peapack-Gladstone Bank	Boonton
First Bank of New Jersey	Fairfield
Chase Bank	Fairfield
Blue Foundry Bank	Lincoln Park

c). ADOPTION OF 2026 TEMPORARY BUDGET

d). AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE UNDER STATE CONTRACT

e). RESOLUTION INTEREST CHARGED AGAINST DELINQUENT TAXES AND OTHER DELINQUENT MUNICIPAL CHARGES 6% END OF YEAR PENALTY

f). RESOLUTION INTEREST CHARGED AGAINST DELINQUENT TAXES – GRACE PERIOD OF TEN DAYS FOR PAYMENT OF TAXES

g). APPOINTMENT OF DENISE CAFONE AS ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER FOR THE YEAR 2026

h). APPOINTMENT OF STEVEN BURY (MEMBER) AND JAMES GASPARINI (ALTERNATE MEMBER), AS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEAR 2026.

i). APPOINTMENT OF JAMES GASPARINI AS JOINT INSURANCE FUND REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD FOR THE YEAR 2026

j). DESIGNATING JAMES GASPARINI AS PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD FOR THE YEAR 2026

k). APPOINTMENT OF JAMES GASPARINI AS REPRESENTATIVE AND DENISE D. CAFONE AS ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GATEWAY BERGEN MUNICIPAL EXCESS HIF FOR THE YEAR 2026

- l). APPOINTMENT OF JAMES GASPARINI AS MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON FOR THE YEAR 2026
- m). APPOINTMENT OF STEVEN BURY AS CERTIFIED RECYCLING COORDINATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FAIRFIELD FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026
- n). RE-APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH PRZYBYLINSKI AS FIRE OFFICIAL FOR THE YEAR 2026
- o). APPOINTMENT OF TONY POLIFONTE AS RECREATION BOARD APPEALS MEMBER FOR THE YEAR 2026
- p). AUTHORIZATION TO RE-HIRE GORDON STELTER TO WORK IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 2026
- q). AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE UNDER THE MIDDLESEX REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL CO-OP
- r). AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE UNDER THE BERGEN COUNTY CO-OP
- s). AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE FROM HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (HGAC)
- t). AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE UNDER THE SOURCEWELL CO-OP
- u). AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE UNDER THE HUNTERDON CO-OP
- v). AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE UNDER THE CRANFORD CO-OP
- w). AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE UNDER THE MORRIS COUNTY CO-OP
- x). AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE UNDER THE EDUCATION DATA CO-OP
- y). APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT PAYNE AS MEMBER AND STEVEN BURY AS ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR A 2-YEAR TERM

Councilman _____ makes a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman _____ seconded the motion.

12. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Galese makes the following appointments:

a). PLANNING BOARD (Pursuant to NJSA 40:55D-23)

Tony Polifonte Re-appointment of Class IV Member for a 4-year term ending 12/31/2029

David Dutcher Re-appointment of Class IV Member for a 4-year term ending 12/31/2029

William Galese Class I Mayoral Representative 1-year term ending 12/31/2026

James Gasparini Class II Township Official member 1-year term ending 12/31/2026

Councilman _____ nominates Councilman LaForgia as Class III Governing Body Official for 1-year Term 1/1/26 to 12/31/26

John LaForgia Class III Governing Body member 1-year term ending 12/31/2026

b). ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Mayor Galese made the following appointments:

Michael Hammer Re-Appointment as a Member for a 3-year term (1/1/26 – 12/31/28)

c). BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

Mayor Galese made the following appointments:

Kaitlyn Struss Appointment for a 3-year term (1/1/2026 - 12/31/2028)

Peter Franzi Re-appointment for a 3-year term (1/1/2026 - 12/31/2028)

d). LIBRARY BOARD

Mayor Galese made the following appointments:

Christine Lattimer Re-appointment for a 5-year term (1/1/2026 – 12/31/2030)

e). **HISTORIC COMMITTEE**

Geremia Helou	member for a 2-year term (1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025)
Fran Bikoff	member for a 2-year term (1/1/2026 – 12/31/2028)
Michael Middleton	member for a 2-year term (1/1/2026 - 12/31/2028)
Joan Donces-Smallheer	member for a 2-year term (1/1/2026 - 12/31/2028)
Gail Bottone	member for a 2-year term (1/1/2026 – 12/31/2028)

13. **GOVERNING BODY APPOINTMENTS**

a). **APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Richard Metallo	Re-appointment as a Member for a 4-year term (1/1/2026 – 12/31/2029)
Lenny Iannia	Re-appointment as Alternate Member for a 2-year term (1/1/2026 – 12/31/2027)

b). **APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL MOTYKA AND ANTHONY POMPEI AS REPRESENTATIVES TO CAMP WYANOKEE FOR THE YEAR 2026**

c). **APPOINTMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2027**

John Anfibio	AnneMarie Bastante	Jenna Bozios
Kim Gillies-Bush	Nick D’Anna	Lisa Salvatoriello
Jason Street		

d). **APPOINTMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE FOR A ONE YEAR TERM 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2026**

Manny Guantez
Vincent Salvatoriello
Sabrina Antoniou
Bill Neagle
Ryan Gutpa (Superintendent/Principal Fairfield School District)
Anthony DePascale (BOE Rep)
Christopher Niemec (Police Representative)

e). **Re-Appointment of Anthony Campisi as a member to the Two Bridges Sewerage Authority for a 5-year term (2/1/2026-1/31/2031)**

f). **Re-Appointment of Jodi Barroso as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for a 3-year term (1/1/2026- 12/31/2028)**

14. **PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION**
Mayor Galese opens the meeting to the Public.

15. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**