



Township Council  
1 Municipal Plaza  
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Louise M. Palagano  
Municipal Clerk

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Meeting: 12/04/24 07:15 PM

**2024 RESOLUTION APPOINTMENT**

**2024 RESOLUTION APPOINTING WIDNEY POLYNICE TO SERVE AS  
COUNCILMAN AT LARGE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD TEMPORARILY  
UNTIL THE VACANCY IS FILLED BY THE ELECTION AND QUALIFICATION OF  
A SUCCESSOR**

**WHEREAS**, Councilman at Large Rich Rockwell vacated his position on November 19, 2024, thereby creating a vacancy in the Office of Council Member at Large; and

**WHEREAS**, Section C6 of the Charter of the Township of Bloomfield (the “**Charter**”) states,

“Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of Mayor or Councilman, the remaining members of the Council shall fill the vacancy by appointment of a qualified elector of the same political party to serve temporarily until the vacancy is filled by the election and qualification of a successor. The vacancy shall be filled by election of a qualified person at the next general election held not less than forty (40) days following the occurrence of the vacancy, to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term, provided that no election to fill a vacancy for the remainder of an unexpired term shall be held at any general election in which the same office is to be filled by election for a full term.”; and

**WHEREAS**, former Councilman Rockwell’s unexpired term of office as Council Member at Large expires December 31, 2025, and the next general election will be held in November of 2025. Since the vacancy in the Office of Council Member occurred on November 19, 2024, the Charter requires the remaining members of the Council “to fill the vacancy by appointment of a qualified elector of the same political party to serve temporarily until the vacancy is filled by the election and qualification of a successor.”; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey’s Municipal Vacancy Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:16-1 to -23 (the “**Vacancy Law**”), establishes the procedure for filling the vacancy by appointment of a qualified elector to serve temporarily until the vacancy is filled by the election and qualification of a successor; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Vacancy Law at N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11, because former Councilman Rockwell was elected to office as the nominee of the Democratic Party, the Bloomfield Democratic County Committee (the “**Municipal Committee**”) was required to present to the

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governing body, no later than 15 days after the occurrence of the vacancy, the names of three (3) nominees for the selection of a successor to fill the vacancy; and

**WHEREAS**, within the time allowable by the Vacancy Law, the Municipal Committee presented to the governing body the names of three (3) qualified electors as nominees for the selection of a successor to fill the vacancy; and

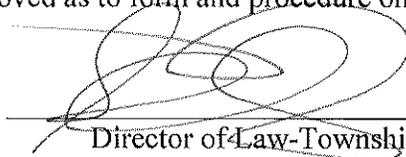
**WHEREAS**, the Vacancy Law further requires that the governing body shall, within 30 days after the occurrence of the vacancy, appoint one of the three (3) nominees as the successor to fill the vacancy; and

**WHEREAS**, at the governing body’s Regular Meeting held on December 4, 2024, the Township Council of the Township of Bloomfield selected one of three (3) nominees presented by the Municipal Committee, Widney Polynice, by majority vote of the entire membership of the governing body within the 30 days allowable by the Vacancy Law, to serve temporarily as Councilman at Large until the vacancy is filled by the election and qualification of a successor.

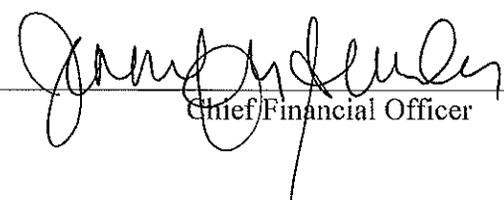
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Widney Polynice has been duly selected by the governing body, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:16-11 and the Charter of the Township of Bloomfield, to serve temporarily as Councilman at Large of the Township of Bloomfield until the vacancy is filled by the election and qualification of a successor.

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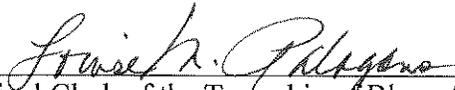
Approved as to form and procedure on basis of facts set forth.

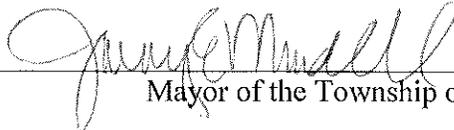
  
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Director of Law-Township Attorney

I do hereby certify that the funding will be legally appropriated per the above information for the purpose specified in the attached contract. Furthermore, it has been represented to me that the contracts have been processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of New Jersey Local Public Contract Law and the Code of the Township of Bloomfield.

  
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Chief Financial Officer

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on December 04, 2024.

  
 Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield

  
 Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

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