

# MAPLE SHADE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL 51ST REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 5, 2026 – 6:30 PM

Date: January 5, 2026

Location: Maple Shade Township, New Jersey

Start Time: 6:30 PM

## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. The public and officials were welcomed to Maple Shade Township's 51st Reorganization Meeting.

## 2. Salute to the Flag & Invocation

- Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Invocation delivered by Pastor Vince McDonald of Immanuel Baptist Church.

## 3. Open Public Meetings Act Statement

Public notice of the meeting was provided by the Township Council on December 23, 2025, via:

- Township Clerk notification
- Courier Post
- Central Record & Burlington County Times
- Official Municipal Bulletin Board posting

## 4. Roll Call

Council Member	Present
Mr. Kauffman	Yes
Ms. Nunes	Yes
Mr. Simonsick	Yes
Ms. Talarico	Yes
Mr. Zahradnick	Yes

## 5. Election of Mayor (2026)

Nomination: Heather Talarico by: Kauffman Second: Zahradnick Comments: none

Roll Call: yes Mr. Simonsick: no Motion carries.

Result: Elected Mayor

Oath administered by Assemblyman Greenwald.

## 6. Election of Deputy Mayor (2026)

Nomination: John Zahradnick by: Nunes Second: Kauffman Comments: none

Roll Call: yes Mr. Simonsick: no Motion Carries

Result: Elected Deputy Mayor

Oath administered by Assemblyman Greenwald

## 7. Council Greetings

Brief remarks were given by all Council members regarding the new year and appreciation of staff and residents.

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**8. Special Recognition**

Mayor Talarico presented Councilman Charles “Chuck” Kauffman with the honorary title “Honorable Councilman Emeritus Distinction – Final Year of Service to Maple Shade Township.” A formal proclamation was read and entered into the record.

**9. Resolutions – Professional Appointments**

Resolutions 2026-R-01 through 2026-R-04 were approved, appointing various attorneys, professional staff, engineers, and the municipal judge.

Consent Agenda Resolutions 2026-R-05 through 2026-R-32 were approved in bulk. Councilman Simonsick opposed Resolutions 10, 11, and 31. Motion Carries.

**10. Managerial Appointments (FY 2026)**

Managerial appointments for 2026 were announced, including voter registration deputies, Township engineer, police chaplains, and Local Emergency Planning Committee members.

**11. Public Comment**

No public comments were offered. Public portion was closed.

**12. Benediction**

Delivered by Pastor Vince McDonald.

**13. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 PM.