

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2025 – 002 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING PROTOCOLS FOR NOMINATIONS MADE BY THE GOVERNING BODY TO FILL VACANCIES

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of West Milford has agreed to establish protocols that provide for efficiency, fairness and proper consideration in nominations and appointments that are within their purview.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of West Milford hereby establishes the following protocols for nominations and appointments:

Nominations:

1. The Municipal Clerk conducted a drawing whereby a Council member was chosen to begin the nominating process. Thereafter each Council member is afforded an opportunity to participate in the nomination process from left to right.
2. Each Council member shall make one nomination only and then defer to the rotation for subsequent nominations to afford each Council member an opportunity to make a nomination except;
 - a. If the person making the initial nomination believes that the roster of persons seeking appointment to a particular board, committee or commission is non-controversial and there is not greater interest than vacancies on said board, committee or commission, the person making the initial nomination may seek consensus from his or her Council colleagues to nominate the entire roster for that particular board, committee or commission.
3. Nominations will not require a second from the Council.

Appointments:

1. After all nominations have been made to a board, committee or commission, a member of the Council shall make a motion to close nominations and another member of the Council shall second that motion.
2. The municipal clerk shall be instructed to take a roll call vote for each nominee in the order in which the nominations were made with the exception of "bulk" nominations made in accordance with "Nominations 2a" above.
3. Appointments shall be deemed confirmed when the entire roster of nominees has been subject to a vote and the persons receiving the most number of votes shall be deemed appointed to the related vacancy.
4. In the event of a tie vote for any nominee or where controversial issues cannot be resolved, a member of the Council shall make a motion to table the nominations to that particular board, committee or commission to the February 12, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Governing Body.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: January 7, 2025

Adopted this 7th day of January, 2025
and certified as a true copy of an original.

William Senande, Township Clerk