



Board of Chosen Freeholders

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**New Hunterdon Freeholder Director Lagay:
Investing in The Future Is ‘Profoundly Conservative’**

Pledging to continue the Hunterdon County Freeholder Board’s “conservative culture of financial controls,” Suzanne Lagay was unanimously elected Director of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders, at the annual re-organization meeting on January 7th at the Historic Courthouse in Flemington, where longtime Surrogate Susan Hoffman, veteran Freeholder Matt Holt, and new Freeholder Susan Soloway were all sworn into office.

Lagay, entering her sixth year on the Freeholder Board, pointed to open space and farmland preservation, economic development, and achieving a clean independent audit for County finances, “which has resulted from our conservative culture of financial controls,” as major successes by the Board over the past few years.

“This Board has proven that with careful analysis, investing in the future is profoundly conservative,” the Holland Township resident stated. Lagay is one of only three women in the history of Hunterdon County to serve as Board Director. She also served as Director in 2016.

Surrogate Susan Hoffman, re-elected by Hunterdon County’s voters in November for an eighth term as Judge of the Surrogate Court, had the oath of office administered by Superior Court Judge Michael O’Neill. Hoffman is presently the longest tenured Surrogate in New Jersey.

Only the fourth woman to be elected Freeholder in Hunterdon County history, Susan Soloway, during remarks following her swearing in by State Senator Michael Doherty, pledged to carry over to County government the taxpayers’ first philosophy she applied during her service on the Franklin Township Committee.

Soloway stated, “I intend to work cooperatively with my Freeholder colleagues to continue the Board’s efforts to hold in check the cost of government. I believe tax dollars are precious and must be used effectively, efficiently and sparingly.”



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Freeholder Holt, sworn into office for a fifth term, thanked his colleagues for their support during his term as Freeholder Director in 2018 and thanked the voters of Hunterdon County for their vote of confidence. “We are doing a great many things right to preserve the unique character and way of life in Hunterdon County and the voters recognize it,” Holt said.

Freeholder John E. Lanza elected Deputy Director of the Board and named liaison for Public Safety remarked, “Freeholder Director Lagay and I ran initially for Freeholder with the pledge to help keep Hunterdon County a great place to live and raise a family. I believe that over the past five years we have lived up to that promise.”

Freeholder Shaun Van Doren, entering his second year on the Board, will continue as liaison to the Department of Engineering and Public Works, and will serve on the Raritan Valley Community College and the Hunterdon County Vocational School (Polytech) Boards of School Estimate.

Girl Scout Troop #81292 from Franklin Township led the Pledge of Allegiance and Reverend Nathan Tuckey, of the South Ridge Community Church in Clinton Township, provided the Invocation and Benediction for the proceedings.

The Freeholder Board’s first regular meeting of 2019 will be on Tuesday, January 15th, at 5:30 pm, at the Freeholders’ Meeting Room, in the County Administration Building, 71 Main Street, Flemington. The Freeholders’ regular meeting schedule is the first and third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm.