

**Hunterdon Freeholder Director Suzanne Lagay:  
“Welcome To A Strong Fiscally Conservative Board”  
John Lanza Named Deputy Director**

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 for 2019, at the annual re-organization meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup> at the Historic Courthouse in Flemington.

Freeholder John E. Lanza was elected Deputy Director.

Lagay stated during her remarks, “Welcome to your 2019 Board of Chosen Freeholders, a strong, fiscally conservative governing body that has proven that with careful analysis, investing in the future is profoundly conservative.”

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

The new Freeholder Board Director said the County transportation system, information technology advances, and continued efficiencies in all Departments are on the agenda for 2019.

Lagay, a Holland Township resident who has served for five years as a Freeholder, is one of only three women in the history of Hunterdon County to serve as Director of the Board. She also served as Director in 2016.

In addition to leading the Board as Director, Lagay will serve as a member of the Board of School Estimate for both the County Vocational School and Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC) and the County Planning Board, and as liaison to the Library Commission, Economic Development, Administration, and Finance.

Freeholder John E. Lanza of Raritan Township, was elected Deputy Director of the Board. Lagay and Lanza join Freeholders Matt Holt of Stockton, Shaun Van Doren of Tewksbury, and Susan Soloway of Franklin Township, on the five-member Board.

In thanking his colleagues for their support in choosing him to serve as the Board’s Deputy Director in 2019, Lanza stated, “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. I look forward to another great year of working for the people of Hunterdon County.”

Lanza will serve as Veterans’ liaison for the Board, and as liaison for Public Safety, the Prosecutor’s Office, and to the New Jersey Association of Counties.

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 RVCC and the Hunterdon County Vocational School (Polytech) Boards of School Estimate.

The Freeholder Board's first regular meeting of 2019 will be on Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.