

Reorganization Meeting of
January 4, 2016

The Reorganization Meeting of Lehighton Borough Council was held on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thomas Mase. Members of Council were: Helen Torok, Darryl Arner, Joe Flickinger, Scott Rehrig, Grant Hunsicker, Lisa Perry, Jared McEvoy and Jr. Councilor Addison Howland.

Officials in attendance were: Borough Manager Nicole Beckett, Borough Secretary Brenda Koons Solicitor James Nanovic, and Police Chief Brian Biechy.

Welcome by Mayor

Mayor Tom Mase welcomed everyone to the start of a new year.

Swearing in of new Officers

Darryl Arner and Jared McEvoy were sworn in.

Election of Officers

Election of President

Scott Rehrig nominated Grant Hunsicker to be president; Joseph Flickinger nominated Darryl Arner to be President. A roll call vote was taken for Grant Hunsicker for president with Helen Torok, Jared McEvoy, Lisa Perry, Darryl Arner and Scott Rehrig voting in favor of Grant being named president and Joe Flickinger voting against Grant being president. Grant Hunsicker was named Council President.

Election of Vice President

Grant Hunsicker nominated Scott Rehrig to be vice-president; Helen Torok nominated Joe Flickinger to be Vice-President. A roll call vote was taken for Scott Rehrig for vice-president with Jared McEvoy, Darryl Arner, Scott Rehrig and Grant Hunsicker voting in favor of Scott being vice-president and Helen Torok, Lisa Perry and Joe Flickinger voting against Scott being vice-president. Scott Rehrig was named Council Vice President.

Appointment of Chairman Pro-Tem to Preside in the Absence of President and Vice President

Grant Hunsicker nominated Darryl Arner to be the Chairman Pro-Tem. All were in favor. Darryl Arner was named President Pro-Tem.

The meeting was then turned over to Grant Hunsicker.

Appointment of Borough Officials and Officers

Motion to Appoint/Reappoint the Following Borough Officials –

Each person was appointed separately. The councilors who made the motions to reappoint them are listed after each name and all were in favor of each appointment.

Nicole Beckett, Borough Manager – Councilors Flickinger/Arner

Brenda Koons, Borough Secretary – Councilors Rehrig/Flickinger

Cathy Smith, Treasurer/Assistant Secretary – Councilors Rehrig/Flickinger

Kim Rubin, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – Councilors Flickinger/Torok

Lonny Armbruster, L&P Supervisor – Councilors Torok/Flickinger

Barry Fisher, Assistant L&P Supervisor – Councilors Flickinger/Arner

Kris Kunkle, Public Works Supervisor – Councilors Flickinger/Arner

Tom Evans, Recreation Director – Councilors Rehrig/Torok

Bruce Steigerwalt, Borough Engineer – Councilors Flickinger asked if Bruce could keep up with all the projects going on in the borough. Nicole said we have other engineers that can handle projects if necessary. Councilors Flickinger/Torok

James Nanovic, Borough Solicitor – Councilors Rehrig/Arner

Barry Isett & Associates, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer – Councilors Rehrig/McEvoy.

A roll call vote was taken. Councilors Arner/Torok have not been happy with this firm since they came on board. Councilor Torok will go along with using them until things can be changed. Councilors Flickinger, McEvoy, Perry, Rehrig, and Hunsicker voted in favor of reappointing BIA with Councilor Arner voting against the reappointment. Motion carried.

Felicia Pilla, Health Officer – Councilors Arner/Flickinger. A roll call vote was taken with Councilors Torok, Flickinger, McEvoy, Perry, Arner and Hunsicker voting in favor of reappointing Felicia and Councilor Rehrig voting against the reappointment.

Patrick Mriss, Fire Chief – Councilors Arner/Rehrig

Michael Mriss, Assistant Fire Chief – Councilors Arner/Perry

Brian Biechy, Police Chief – Councilors Rehrig/Arner

Times News, Official Public Notification – Councilors Rehrig/Arner

System Design Engineers, Sewage Enforcement Officers – Councilors Rehrig/Flickinger

Appointments to Authorities/Commissions/Boards

Appointment to Lehigh Canal Recreation Commission

Councilors Rehrig/Arner made the motions to reappoint Dennis Bauchspies and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Appointments to the Library Board (1)

Former Councilor Bauchspies said she would remain on the board and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Appointment of Council Representative for Police Pension Committee

Councilor Rehrig said he would remain on the committee and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Appointment of Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the Carbon County Tax Collection Committee

Councilors Rehrig/Torok made the motions to appoint Nicole as the delegate and Jared as the alternate and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Designate voting delegate and alternate for the Carbon County Council of Governments

Councilors Rehrig/Arner made the motions to appoint Joe as the delegate and Grant as the alternate and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

The Borough Secretary then asked council to adopt Resolution R003-2016 Designating the voting delegate and alternate. This needed to be adopted due to the fact the delegates⁰ changed.

Councilors Rehrig/Arner made the motions to adopt the resolution and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Authorization to Update Bank Depositories and Signatories for all Borough Financial Transactions

Resolution R001-2016

Councilors Rehrig/Flickinger made the motion to adopt and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Designate Voting Delegate and Alternate for PSAB Annual Conference (To be held June 5-8 at Hershey)

Councilors Arner/Flickinger made the motions to appoint Scott the voting delegate and Grant the alternate and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Motion to appoint James Danner as Part-Time Patrol Officer

Councilors Flickinger/Torok made the motions to appoint Danner as a part-time patrol officer and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Adjournment

Councilors Flickinger/Arner made the motions to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. All were in favor.

Brenda L. Koons
Borough Secretary