

Economy Borough Council
Reorganization Meeting Minutes
January 04, 2016

At 7:00 p.m. Magisterial District Judge Edward C. Howe administered the Oaths of Office for R.J. Burns, Thomas C. Fetkovich and Audrey Mutschler as re-elected and newly elected members of Council.

MEETING was called to order at 7:02 p.m. with Mayor Poling presiding and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mr. R.J. Burns, Mr. Gary Bucuren, Mr. Tom Fetkovich, Mr. Larry Googins, Mr. Frank Morrone, Mrs. Audrey Mutschler, Mrs. Pat Skonieczny, Borough Manager Randy Kunkle, Borough Secretary Margie Nelko, and Borough Solicitor Mr. Joseph Askar.

OPENING PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL: Mayor Poling announced that nominations were in order for the office of President of Council. Mrs. Skonieczny nominated Audrey Mutschler. Mayor Poling called for any other nominations for this office. Mr. Googins nominated R.J. Burns. Mayor Poling requested a roll call vote in the order that the nominations were made. A roll call vote was then taken for each of the nominations.

The nomination of Audrey Mutschler failed having received the following roll call votes:
Mr. Bucuren, Mrs. Mutschler and Mrs. Skonieczny all voted yes.
Mr. Burns, Mr. Fetkovich, Mr. Googins and Mr. Morrone all voted no.

The nomination of R.J. Burns carried having received the following roll call votes:
Mr. Burns, Mr. Fetkovich, Mr. Googins and Mr. Morrone all voted yes.
Mr. Bucuren, Mrs. Mutschler and Mrs. Skonieczny all voted no.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL: Mayor Poling announced that nominations were in order for the office of Vice-President of Council. Mr. Burns nominated Larry Googins. Mayor Poling called for any other nominations for this office. Mrs. Skonieczny nominated Audrey Mutschler. Mayor Poling requested a roll call vote in the order that the nominations were made. A roll call vote was then taken for each of the nominations.

The nomination of Larry Googins carried having received the following roll call votes:
Mr. Burns, Mr. Fetkovich, Mr. Googins and Mr. Morrone all voted yes.
Mr. Bucuren, Mrs. Mutschler and Mrs. Skonieczny all voted no.

Mayor Poling vacated the chair and turned the gavel over to R.J. Burns, President of Council.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM OF COUNCIL: Mr. Burns announced that nominations were in order for the office of President Pro Tem of Council. Mr. Burns nominated Tom Fetkovich. Mr. Burns called for any other nominations for this office and hearing none closed nominations. A roll call vote was then taken and Mr. Fetkovich was elected to the office of President Pro Tem having received seven (7) affirmative votes of all members of Council present.

ELECTION OF VACANCY BOARD CHAIRMAN: The nominations for Vacancy Board Chairman was postponed until the next regular scheduled meeting of Council.

2016 APPOINTMENTS: After some review and discussion, the motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Morrone to make the following appointments for the years 2016 and 2017 with an amendment to remove Coverall as the Custodian for the Municipal and Police Building and Joshua Kail as a Solicitor was unanimously carried.

Actuary – Hallett & Associates
Auditor – Maher Duessel
Building Inspector – MDIA and BIU
Local Codes/Zoning Officer – Raymond Tomaszewski
Depository – First National Bank
Emergency Management Coordinator – John Thomas
Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator – Don Lang
Engineer – Shoup Engineering, Inc.
Fire Marshall – John Thomas
Manager – Randy Kunkle
Office Assistant – Elizabeth Petalino
Pension Trustees – President and Vice President
Photographer – Sg. George Hartsell
Police Chief – Michael O’Brien
Road Foreman – Richard Dunn
Secretary – Margie Nelko
Sewage Enforcement Officer – Daniel Baker Associates
Solicitor – Joe Askar

APPOINTMENT TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: There was some discussion regarding whether or not letters of interest for re-appointment has been received by the individuals and the language of the vacancy advertisement. Mrs. Mutschler requested the cost of the advertisement and the number of responses received for the vacancy boards. There was some discussion regarding whether to re-appoint individuals who gave a verbal interest instead of a written letter of interest. There was also discussion in regard to requesting a written letter of interest from individuals who have been serving on the boards/commissions and the possibility that it could be considered an insult.

Economy Borough Municipal Authority (5 year term) – Glen Sylvester
Planning Commission (4 year term) – David Carlson and Chad Pcsolyar
Recreation Board (5 year term) – Earl Fitzgerald
Zoning Hearing Board (3 year term) – David Lodovico

After some review and discussion, the motion of Mrs. Mutschler, seconded by Mr. Googins to re-appoint both Mr. Glen Sylvester to the Economy Borough Municipal Authority for a five year (5 yr.) term and Mr. David Carlson to the Planning Commission for a four year (4 yr.) term was unanimously carried. The Borough Manager was asked to contact the remaining individuals and express the need for a written letter of interest.

There being no further business, the motion of Mr. Morrone, seconded by Mr. Googins to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. was unanimously carried.

Margie L. Nelko
Borough Secretary

Randy Kunkle
Borough Manager

Motion(s) made and/or Council consensus decision(s):

1. Appointment of Board & Commissions (Mr. Glen Sylvester to EBMA & David Carlson to Planning Commission)