

AGENDA
REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 6, 2020
5:00 P.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR

Call to Order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeri Alley, Scott Bower, Jay Jarrett, Nelson Learn, Bob Lewis, Peter Talanca, Teresa Troiani, Mayor Burke, Borough Manager Damien Scoblink, Chief of Police Ken Strish, DPW Foreman Jack Kytte. Absent was Councilman Talanca.

Swearing in by Mayor Burke of newly elected officials

OATH OF OFFICE:

Councilman Scott Bower
Councilman Jay Jarrett
Councilman Peter Talanca, already sworn in.

- 1.) The Mayor opened **NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT**. Council Learn nominated Robert Lewis for President. No other nominations. Councilman Jarrett made a motion to close nominations, this was seconded by Councilwoman Alley. Council voted all ayes for Council President. Councilman Lewis abstained. Councilman Lewis was elected President of Council and took his seat.
- 2.) President Lewis opened **NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT**. Councilman Jarrett nominated Councilwoman Troiani for Vice President. No other nominations. Councilman Learn made a motion to close nominations, this was seconded by Councilwoman Alley. Council voted all ayes for Councilwoman Troiani as Vice President with Councilwoman Troiani abstaining. Councilwoman Troiani was elected Vice President of council.
- 3.) **APPOINTMENT OF Frank Kepner of Kepner Kepner and Corba AS THE BOROUGH SOLICITOR**: Councilman Bower stated he was not happy with Solicitor Kepner as he took too long to complete research and documents. Councilman Jarrett said that we have to understand we are not his only clients. Councilman Jarrett made the motion to retain Attorney Kepner as Solicitor for the Borough, this was seconded by Councilwoman Alley. All ayes. Councilman Bower was aye with reservations.
- 4.) **APPOINTMENT OF J.H. Williams AS THE BOROUGH AUDITOR**. A motion was made by Councilman Bower to retain JH Williams as Borough Auditor, this was seconded by Councilwoman Troiani. All ayes. Motion passes.

- 5.) **DESIGNATE First Keystone Bank THE DEPOSITORY FOR BOROUGH FUNDS.**
Councilman Bower said the bank has good rates. A motion was made by Councilman Lear to retain First Keystone Community Bank as the depository for Borough funds, this was seconded by Councilman Bower. All ayes. Motion passes.
- 6.) **APPOINTMENT OF THE BOROUGH ENGINEER.** A motion was made by Councilman Jarrett to retain Quad 3 as the Engineering firm for the borough, this was seconded by Councilwoman Troiani. All ayes. Motion passes.
- 7.) **ESTABLISH THE DATES AND TIMES FOR BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETINGS, TO REMAIN THE SAME AS PRIOR YEAR.** Council President Lewis said all Committee Meeting will remain the same at this time with the exception that DPW will meet at the Borough Barn. Also, Councilman Bower will replace Outgoing Councilman Shektor on committees. A motion to this was made by Councilman Bower and seconded by Councilman Jarrett. All ayes. Motion passes.
- 8.) **APPOINT CASSANDRA MOWERY AS THE TREASURER UNTIL JANUARY 3, 2022.** A motion to appoint Cassandra Mowery as listed was made by Councilwoman Troiani and seconded by councilwoman Alley. All ayes. Motion passes.
- 9.) **APPOINTMENT TO THE BAJSA BOARD UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2024.** Applicants were Councilman Bower and Councilman Learn. A motion was made by Councilwoman Troiani to appoint Councilman Learn, this was seconded by Councilwoman Alley. All ayes. Motion passes. Councilmen Bower and Learn abstained from the vote.
- 10.) **APPOINT Damien Scoblink AS THE BOROUGH MANAGER UNTIL JANUARY 3, 2022, at a salary of \$55,000 for 2020, with all other conditions of employment to remain the same as prior year.** A motion was made by Councilman Jarrett to appoint the Borough Manager as listed, this was seconded by Councilman Learn. All ayes. Motion passes.
- 11.) Consider and take action to pay Peters Consulting \$93.75 for change order #1 on Demo Project from CDBG money. A motion was made by Councilman Jarrett to pay Peters Consulting for the invoice listed from CDBG funding, this was seconded by Councilman Learn. All ayes. Motion passes.

ADDED ITEMS:

1. A motion was made by Councilwoman Troiani to allow DEP to install monitor wells on Borough property, this was seconded by Councilman Jarrett. All ayes. Motion passes.
2. A motion was made to reappoint Jim Long to the Codes Appeal Committee by Councilwoman Troiani, this was seconded by Councilman Learn. All ayes. Motion passes.
3. Councilman Pete Talanca sent a letter of resignation from Swimming Pool Board.
4. **Council went into an executive session to discuss a lawsuit. When they returned:**

5. A motion was made by Councilman Jarrett to authorize the Borough Manager and the Solicitor to go to arbitration with a binding limit, this was seconded by Councilwoman Troiani. Floor was opened for public comment, of which there was none. All ayes. Motion passes.

Councilman Jarrett stated that it would be nice to recognize the Christmas Boulevard Committee for all the work they did on the 2019 Boulevard with a resolution. The Borough Manager will work on this.

Councilwoman Alley suggested that a map of the wards be placed on our web site.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Councilwoman Troiani Second: Councilwoman Alley