
Minutes of the Borough Council Zelienople, PA

1/3/2012

7:30 PM Council-Reorganization

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The January 3, 2012 Council Reorganization meeting of the Zelienople Borough Council was called to order at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers by President Charles Underwood. In attendance were Mayor Tom Oliverio and Council members Russell Robertson, Andrew Mathew III, Marietta Reeb, Mary Hess and Allen Bayer. Outgoing Councilman James Zeigler was not present. Newly elected Councilman Ralph Geis was present. Assistant Borough Manager Jill Stedina was also present. Police Chief James Miller arrived at 7:45 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Tom Oliverio led the Pledge of Allegiance

VISITORS:

Bill Eppinger
Angie Eppinger

REORGANIZATION ACTIONS

OATH OF OFFICES

Mayor Oliverio administered the oath of office to sitting Council members Marietta Reeb and Mary Hess.

Mayor Oliverio administered the oath of office to the new councilperson Ralph Geis.

The meeting was then turned over to the Mayor for the election of the Council President, Council Vice-President, and Chairman Pro-Tem.

COUNCIL OFFICES:

President

Mayor Oliverio opened the floor for nominations for the position of Council President. Councilman Robertson nominated Charles Underwood for the position of Council President. Being no other nominations, the floor for nominations was closed and a vote was taken. The vote was unanimous. Charles Underwood is hereby elected President of the Zelienople Borough Council.

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Vice President

Mayor Oliverio opened the floor for nominations for the position of Council Vice-President. Councilman Underwood nominated Russell Robertson for the position of Council Vice-President. Being no other nominations, the floor for nominations was closed and a vote was taken. The vote was unanimous. Russell Robertson is hereby elected Vice-President of the Zelienople Borough Council.

Chairman Pro-Tem

Mayor Oliverio opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairman Pro-Tem. Councilman Underwood nominated Andrew Mathew III for the position of Chairman Pro-Tem.. Being no other nominations, the floor for nominations was closed and a vote was taken. The vote was unanimous. Andrew J. Mathew III is hereby elected Chairman Pro-Tem.

Mayor Oliverio then turned the meeting over to President Underwood.

APPOINT TREASURER & DEPOSITORY

A motion was made by Robertson, second by Reeb , to appoint NexTier Bank as the Borough Treasurer and the Borough Depository.

Motion carried 6-0

APPOINT BOROUGH SOLICITOR

A motion was made by Robertson, second by Mathew, to appoint and retain Brimmeier and Associates as the Borough Solicitor.

Motion carried 6-0.

APPOINT BOROUGH SECRETARY

A motion was made by Reeb, second by Hess, to appoint Donald C. Pepe as Borough Secretary.

Motion carried 6-0.

APPOINT BOROUGH AUDITOR

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A motion was made by Mathew, second by Reeb, to appoint Cottrill, Arbutina and Associates as the Borough Independent Auditors.

Motion carried 6-0.

APPOINT BOROUGH ENGINEER

A motion was made by Mathew, second by Reeb, to appoint Thomas L. Thompson, P.E. of Gannett Fleming, Inc. as the Borough Engineer.

Motion carried 6-0.

APPOINT VACANCY BOARD CHAIRMAN

A motion was made by Bayer, second by Mathew, to appoint Rich Sefscik as the Vacancy Board Chairman for the Borough.

Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION #219-12 CHECK SIGNING AUTHORIZATION & ACCESS TO SAFE DEPOSIT BOX

A motion was made by Hess, second by Mathew, to approve Resolution #219 -12, a resolution authorizing specific persons for check signing and for Safe Deposit Box access. A full and true copy of Resolution #219-12 can be found in the Resolution Book.

Asst. Secretary / Asst. Manager

Motion carried 6-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Mayor and Council members gave pleasing remarks and comments towards Jim Zeigler for his years of service on Council and to the Community.

Councilman Bayer provided Council with a tentative schedule of the HRC schedule for the upcoming year.

Councilman Bayer requested an executive session to discuss a contractual matter.

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Chief Miller provided Borough Council with the executed Police Services Agreement between Zelienople & Harmony Boroughs, which was ratified by the Harmony Borough Council earlier in the evening. Zelienople Council previously terminated the prior agreement and ratified the new one at their Dec. 29, 2011 meeting.

Councilman Geis reported that he will be attending the "Newly Elected Officials Training" in February.

Councilman Mathew requested that the Borough staff look into what other Municipalities are doing in order to control the amount of hard copies of paperwork which is distributed to Council. Perhaps there is a way that a cost savings could be obtained by providing information electronically. This is just a suggestion to be looked into in the upcoming year.

Council went into executive session at 7:55 PM. Council came out of executive session at 8:05 PM at which time the meeting was adjourned by President Underwood.

ATTEST:

Assistant Manager / Assistant Secretary

Council President

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2012.

Mayor