

Call to Order:

District Justice Galen Decort convened with administering the oath of office to Mayor James Kissell, Mr. Jerome Yetsko, Mr. John Morgan, Mr. Martin Slanoc, and Mrs. Rebecca Chobany.

The re-organization meeting of January 6th, 2014 was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Kissell due to inclement weather and the travel distance of the Borough Solicitor and Borough Engineer.

Mayor Kissell conducted the nominations for Council President.

Mrs. Chobany motioned, seconded by Mr. Yetsko to nominate Ms. McCarthy for Council President. Mr. Yetsko motioned to close nominations. Mayor Kissell polled and motion carried 5-0-1 for Ms. McCarthy as Council President with Ms. McCarthy abstaining.

Ms. McCarthy presided for the remainder of officers and appointments. Ms. McCarthy called for nominations for Vice President.

Mr. Kissell motioned, seconded by Mr. Yetsko to nominate Mrs. Chobany as Council Vice President. Mr. Yetsko motioned to close nominations. Mrs. McCarthy polled and motion carried 5-0-1 for Mrs. Chobany as Council Vice President with Mrs. Chobany abstaining.

Mr. Yetsko was successful in being elected to two positions within Ward 2 of the Borough-the 2 and the 4 year term. Mr. Yetsko submitted a letter advising he will be accepting the four year term in Ward 2 which creates a vacancy in Ward 2. Mr. Vandzura did not get re-elected in the November election and in compliance with the Home Rule Charter: If an incumbent loses reelection in the last general election, he/she will not be eligible for reappointment to a vacant council position for two (2) years, thus creating vacant council seat in Ward 2.

Mr. Slanoc motioned, seconded by Mayor Kissell, to advertise in the Dispatch for letters of interest from candidates within Ward 2 for a two year term from 2014-2015, with January 24th, 2014 as the deadline for submission of letters; and appoint at the February 3rd regular meeting of Council. Ms. McCarthy polled and motion carried 6-0.

Appointment of Borough Solicitor:

Mayor Kissell motioned, seconded by Mrs. Chobany to appoint Mr. Michael Emerick as the Borough Solicitor for a two year term from 2014-2015. Ms. McCarthy polled and motion carried 6-0.

Appointment of Borough Engineer

Mrs. Chobany motioned, seconded by Mr. Slanoc to appoint Mr. Gary Wisor from Stiffler, McGraw & Associates to serve as the Borough Engineer for a two year term from 2014-2015. Ms. McCarthy polled and motion carried 6-0.

Appointment of Two Members of Council and 1 elector at large for the vacancy board:

Mrs. Chobany motioned, seconded by Mayor Kissell to appoint Mr. Slanoc as the 1st member of Council to serve on the vacancy board. Ms. McCarthy polled and motion carried 5-0-1 with Mr. Slanoc abstaining.

Mayor Kissell motioned, seconded by Mrs. Chobany to appoint Mr. Morgan as the 2nd member of Council to serve on the vacancy board. Ms. McCarthy polled and motion carried 5-0-1 with Mr. Morgan abstaining.

A discussion took place on the member to serve as the elector at large. Mr. Matt Decort was recently elected as a school board member and would have to research if he would or could be appointed to the vacancy board. In compliance with the Charter; no member of council shall be elected to more than one office.

Mrs. Chobany motioned, seconded by Mayor Kissell to appoint Mr. Donald Jeffers as the elector at large on the vacancy board. Ms. McCarthy polled and motion carried 6-0.

Appointment of President Pro Tempore

Mrs. Chobany motioned, seconded by Mayor Kissell to appoint Mr. Slanoc as President Pro tempore. Ms. McCarty polled and motion carried 5-0-1 with Mr. Slanoc abstaining.

Mr. Koban named Chief Miller as the Police Chief; Mr. Squillario as the Public Works Director, and Michelle Claar as Borough Secretary.

Appointment of delegate to the Cambria County Council of Governments

Mr. Slanoc motioned, seconded by Mayor Kissell to appoint Mrs. Chobany as the delegate to represent the Borough at the Cambria County Council of Governments. Ms. McCarthy polled and motion carried 5-0-1 with Mr. Kissell abstaining.

Designation of bank depository for the General and State Liquid fuels Funds Accounts

Mr. Slanoc motioned, seconded by Mrs. Chobany to designate 1st Summit Bank as the depository for the General Fund and State Liquid Fuels funds. Ms. McCarthy polled and motion carried 6-0.

Designation of newspaper of general circulation for legal notices and advertisements

Mrs. Chobany motioned, seconded by Mayor Kissell to designate the Dispatch as the 1st and the Tribune Democrat second for the general circulation of official legal notices. Mr. Slanoc remarked on the Tribune Democrat on-line only permitting 5

articles to be read on-line or a subscription would be necessary. Mr. Slanoc also commented that the Altoona Mirror has been attending more Council meetings than the Tribune. Ms. McCarthy polled and motion carried 6-0.

Appointment of member to the Portage Municipal Water Authority Board for a 5 yr term
Mrs. Chobany motioned, seconded by Mayor Kissell to appoint Mr. Raymond Bowman to the Portage Municipal Water Authority Board for a five year term from 2014-2018. Ms. McCarthy polled and motion carried 6-0.

Appointment of member to the Portage Area Planning Commission for a 5 yr term
Mrs. Chobany motioned, seconded by Mr. Slanoc to appoint Mr. Robert Fox to the Portage Area Planning Commission for a five year term from 2014-2018. Ms. McCarthy polled and motion carried 6-0.

Appointment of member to the Portage Area Joint Recreation Commission for a 3 yr term
Mrs. Chobany motioned, seconded by Mr. Yetsko to appoint Mrs. Sharon Squillario to the Portage Area Joint Recreation Commission for a three year term from 2014-2016. Ms. McCarthy polled and motion carried 6-0.

A discussion was held on signatories for the checking accounts, certificates of deposits and other financial documentation for the General and State Liquid Fuels Funds.

Mrs. Chobany motioned, seconded by Mr. Slanoc to approve Resolution 1-2014 by designating Ms. Sharon McCarthy, Ms. Michelle Claar, and Mr. Jerome Yetsko as signatories on all checking, certificate of deposits, notes, loans, any other financial documentation with First Summit Bank for the General and State Liquid Fuels Funds. Ms. McCarthy polled and motion carried 6-0.

Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency submitted a request to adopt the 2014 fee schedule related to the Uniform Construction Codes. The 2013 and 2014 fee schedules were provided to Council for a comparison.

Mayor Kissell motioned, seconded by Mrs. Chobany, to approve Resolution 2-2014 by adopting the Laurel Municipal Inspection Agency 2014 fee schedule related to the Uniform Construction Codes. Ms. McCarthy polled and motion carried 6-0.

Good of the Borough:

Mr. Slanoc advised that the Portage Area boys and girls basketball game will be held on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m at the high school gymnasium.

Mr. Kissell motioned, seconded by Mrs. Chobany to adjourn, motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.