

January 3, 2006

POTTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Reorganization Meeting of the Pottstown Borough Council was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Meeting Room, Pottstown Borough Hall, 100 East High Street, Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

MAYOR SWEARING IN

Magisterial District Judge Thomas Palladino administered the oath to Mayor Sharon V. Thomas.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

NEW BUSINESS

a. OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY

Mayor Thomas administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilors Mark S. Gibson, 1st Ward, Michael D. Wenzel, 3rd Ward, Greg M. Berry, 5th Ward, James W. Vlahos, Jr., 7th Ward and Tax Collector Barbara A. Toroney.

Mayor Thomas thanked the members of the audience, the Council and Borough officials, adding that she looks forward to working with all.

b. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mayor Thomas called for the election of officers.

1) President – Motion by Councilor Toroney to elect Jack F. Wolf as President of Council.

There were no other nominations. Councilor Green, seconded by Councilor Berry moved to close the nominations. The motion carried: 7 ayes.

Motion for Councilor Wolf as President carried: 7 ayes.

2) Vice-President – Motion by Councilor Berry to appoint James Vlahos as Vice President of Council. No second to the motion was needed.

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Councilor Berry commented that as tradition, a member of the opposite party would ensure the best service to the community in a non-partisan fashion.

Councilor Gibson moved to close the nominations for Vice-President. The motion was seconded by Councilor Berry.

President Wolf requested a roll-call vote.

Gibson	yes	Vlahos	yes
Wenzel	yes	Berry	yes
Green	no	Toroney	no
Wolf	no		

Mr. Layne asked Councilor Wenzel to repeat his answer. Councilor Wenzel changed his answer to “no” realizing the motion was to close the nominations for Vice-President.

Motion was then defeated: 3 ayes, 4 nays.

Councilor Green nominated Stephen Toroney for Vice-President as a senior and experienced member of Council.

Councilor Green motioned to close the nominations, seconded by President Wolf.

President Wolf suggested that in past practice the first nominee would be voted upon and that if unsuccessful, the second nominee would then be voted upon.

Mayor Thomas requested a roll-call vote for election of James Vlahos as Vice – President.

Gibson	yes	Green	no
Wenzel	no	Wolf	no
Berry	yes	Toroney	no
Vlahos	yes		

Motion defeated: 3 ayes, 4 nays.

Mayor Thomas requested a roll-call vote for election of Stephen Toroney as Vice – President.

Gibson	no	Green	yes
Wenzel	yes	Wolf	yes
Berry	no	Toroney	yes
Vlahos	no		

Motion carried: 4 ayes, 3 nays.

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At this time Mayor Thomas turned the meeting over to Council President Jack Wolf.

3) Secretary – Motion by Councilor Vlahos, seconded by Councilor Green to reelect Jack P. Layne, Jr. as the Borough Secretary. Motion carried: 7 ayes.

4) Treasurer - Motion by Councilor Green, seconded by Councilor Berry to appoint Joseph Schulcz as Borough Treasurer. Motion carried: 7 ayes.

5) Borough Solicitor – Motion by Councilor Toroney, seconded by Councilor Green to appoint Charles D. Garner, Jr. as Borough Solicitor. Motion carried: 7 ayes.

6) Vacancy Board – Motion by Councilor Toroney, seconded by Councilor Green to appoint Barbara Eliades to the Vacancy Board for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2006. Motion carried: 7 ayes.

c. Rules of Order – Motion by Councilor Toroney, seconded by Councilor Vlahos to adopt the rules of Order for Borough Council Meetings. Motion carried: 7 ayes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Wolf advised that appointments to the various committees would be made at the regular meeting and requested the Councilors' input for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned on motion by Councilor Toroney at 7:20 p.m.

Attested,

Jack P. Layne, Jr.
Borough Manager