

January 7, 2008

POTTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Reorganization Meeting of the Pottstown Borough Council was held on Monday, January 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Meeting Room, Pottstown Borough Hall, 100 East High Street, Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Mayor Thomas led the invocation with a prayer.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

NEW BUSINESS

a. OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY

Mayor Thomas administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Councilors Maureen K. Allen, 2nd Ward, Jody L. Rhoads, 6th Ward, David G. Garner, 7th Ward and reelected Councilor Stephen M. Toroney, 4th Ward, accompanied by their respective spouses.

The Mayor requested that the Councilors take seats around the table to correspond with their ward numbers.

b. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mayor Thomas reviewed the rules governing the nominations and called for the election of officers.

(1) President – Motion by Councilor Berry to nominate David G. Garner as President of Council.

There were no other nominations. Mayor Thomas requested a roll call vote.

Gibson	yes	Berry	yes
Allen	yes	Rhoads	yes
Wenzel	yes	Garner	yes
Toroney	yes		

Motion for Councilor Garner as President carried: 7 ayes.

(2) Vice-President – Motion by Councilor Allen to nominate Greg Berry as Vice President of Council.

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A motion was made by Councilor Wenzel to nominate Stephen Toroney as Vice President of Council.

Mayor Thomas request for a roll-call vote for the nomination of Greg Berry as Vice President of Council.

Gibson	yes	Berry	yes
Allen	yes	Rhoads	no
Wenzel	no	Garner	yes
Toroney	no		

Motion for Councilor Berry as Vice President of Council carried: 4 ayes, 3 nays.

At this time Mayor Thomas turned the meeting over to Council President David Garner.

(3) Secretary – Motion by Councilor Gibson, seconded by Councilor Wenzel to appoint Virginia Takach as Borough Secretary. Motion carried: 7 ayes.

(4) Treasurer - Motion by Councilor Berry, seconded by Councilor Gibson to appoint Robert Armelin as Borough Treasurer. Motion carried: 7 ayes.

(5) Borough Solicitor – Councilor Wenzel motioned to table the appointment of Borough Solicitor in order to allow the newly appointed Council members to review the Request for Proposal received in the previous year. Councilor Berry seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

c. Vacancy Board – Motion by Councilor Gibson, seconded by Councilor Allen to appoint Don Read to the Vacancy Board for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2008.

President Garner noted that this appointee is required if there would ever be a vacancy on Council.

Councilor Rhoads questioned why the present member, Barbara Eliades, was not considered.

Manager Lopez confirmed that she was contacted and she indicated her willingness to serve on this Board.

President Garner requested a roll-call vote on the original motion.

Allen	yes	Rhoads	yes
Berry	yes	Toroney	yes
Garner	yes	Wenzel	yes
Gibson	yes		

Motion carried: 7 ayes.

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d. Council of Governments – Motion by Councilor Berry, seconded by Councilor Rhoads to appoint President Garner as the Council of Governments representative for the Borough of Pottstown. Motion carried: 7 ayes.

e. Rules of Order – Motion by Councilor Berry, seconded by Councilor Gibson to adopt the Rules of Order for Borough Council Meetings.

President Garner noted that these rules may be reviewed in the future if any changes are suggested or warranted.

Motion carried: 7 ayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

President Garner added that a revised Committee of the Whole agenda has been distributed.

Councilor Toroney requested that Solicitor Charles Garner be present at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned on motion by Councilor Wenzel at 7:25 p.m.

Attested,

Raymond W. Lopez
Borough Manager