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POTTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Reorganization Meeting of the Pottstown Borough Council was held on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Meeting Room, Pottstown Borough Hall, 100 East High Street, Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

CALL TO ORDER

MAYOR SWEARING IN

Magisterial District Judge Edward Kropp, Sr., administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Bonnie Heath.

INVOCATION

Mayor Heath provided the invocation.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

NEW BUSINESS

a. OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY

Mayor Heath administered the Oath of Office to reelected Councilor Mark Gibson, 1st Ward and newly elected Councilors John Chomnuk, 3rd Ward, Daniel Weand, 5th Ward and Joseph Kirlkand, 7th Ward along with reelected Tax Collector Barbara Toroney, in the presence of spouses, friends and families.

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

b. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

(1) President – Motion by Councilor Allen to nominate Stephen Toroney as President of Council.

There were no other nominations. Councilor Weand called for the nominations to be closed.

The motion to appoint Councilor Toroney as President carried: 7 ayes.

(2) Vice-President – Motion by Councilor Rhoads to nominate Mark Gibson as Vice President of Council.

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There were no other nominations. Councilor Weand called for the nominations to be closed.

The motion to appoint Councilor Gibson as Vice President carried: 7 ayes.

At this time Mayor Thomas turned the meeting over to Council President Stephen Toroney.

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

(4) Treasurer - Motion by Councilor Allen, seconded by Councilor Weand to appoint Janice Lee as Borough Treasurer. Motion carried: 7 ayes.

(5) Borough Solicitor – Motion by Councilor Gibson, seconded by Councilor Allen to appoint Charles Garner, Jr., as Borough Solicitor.

Councilor Weand questioned the term of the Solicitor.

President Toroney advised that it is an at-will appointment.

Motion carried: 7 ayes.

(6) Borough Engineer – Motion by Councilor Weand, seconded by Councilor Chomnuk to appoint Rettew Engineers as the Borough Engineer. Motion carried: 7 ayes.

(7) Planning Commission Engineer – Motion by Councilor Gibson, seconded by Councilor Kirkland to appoint Bursich Engineers as the Planning Commission Engineer. Motion carried: 7 ayes.

c. Vacancy Board – Motion by Councilor Rhoads, seconded by Councilor Kirkland to appoint Jeff Leflar to the Vacancy Board for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2010.

President Toroney requested a roll-call vote.

Allen	yes	Rhoads	yes
Chomnuk	no	Weand	yes
Gibson	no	Toroney	no
Kirkland	yes		

Motion carried: 4 ayes, 3 nay.

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

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e. Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning – President Toroney explained that one member must be from the Governing Body and the other member from the Planning Commission. He added that there should also be an alternate or proxy member appointed.

Motion by Councilor Weand, seconded by Councilor Gibson to appoint Joseph Kirkland for a two-year term as the Council Representative for the Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Commission. Motion carried: 7 ayes.

Motion by Councilor Gibson, seconded by Councilor Weand to appoint President Toroney for a one-year term as the Planning Commission Representative for the Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Commission. Motion carried: 7 ayes.

Motion by Councilor Gibson, seconded by Councilor Rhoads to appoint Manager Jason Bobst as the Proxy member to the Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Commission. Motion carried: 7 ayes.

f. Rules of Order – Motion by Councilor Allen, seconded by Councilor Kirkland to adopt the Rules of Order for Borough Council Meetings. Motion carried: 7 ayes

COMMITTEE RESTRUCTURING UPDATE

Mr. Bobst explained the Committee and Subcommittee restructuring that he is proposing to Borough Council in order to consolidate the number of committees and also to reduce the number of meetings. He requested that the Councilors provide him or President Toroney information regarding the committees on which they wish to serve.

President Toroney also requested a Councilor to serve on the PDIDA Board, the Library Board and the Police Pension Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Heath thanked the audience members for attending.

Councilor Gibson requested that the Mayor's seat and the Solicitor's be switched in order for the Solicitor to be readily available for the Council President for any questions that may arise.

There was a brief discussion among Council regarding the seating arrangement and possible restructuring. This matter will be revisited at the regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned on motion by Councilor Weand at 7:42 p.m.

Attested,

Jason Bobst, Borough Manager