

Myerstown, PA
Monday, January 4, 2016

Mayor Gloria R. Ebling called the reorganizational meeting of the Myerstown Borough Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2016. The meeting was held in Council Chambers in the Myerstown Municipal Center, 101 E. Washington Ave., Myerstown, PA, 17067.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, a roll call was taken. Present were: Michael D. Behm, Park W. Haverstick, II, Eric L. Powell, Jeffrey L. Thomas, Dana Reich, Bryan L. Rittle, Mayor Gloria R. Ebling, Deputy Secretary Lisa A. Brubaker, Assistant Manager Barry L. Ludwig and Manager Christopher J. Moonis.

The newly and/or re-elected councilmembers presented their Certificates of Election and Affidavit of Residency. The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to elected members Michael D. Behm, Dana Reich and Eric L. Powell prior to the meeting. The Mayor congratulated the officials on their election to Council.

The Mayor proceeded to the nomination of officers:

The Mayor asked for nominations for the office of President. A motion was made by Park W. Haverstick, II, seconded by Michael D. Behm, to nominate Bryan L. Rittle for Council President. There were no other nominations. All those in favor: Motion unanimously carried. The Mayor declared Bryan L. Rittle the Council President and congratulated him on his appointment as an officer.

The Mayor asked for nominations for Vice President. A motion was made by Park W. Haverstick, II, seconded by Dana Reich, to nominate Michael D. Behm for Vice President. There were no other nominations. All those in favor: Motion unanimously carried. The Mayor declared Michael D. Behm the Council Vice President and congratulated him on his appointment as an officer.

The Mayor asked for nominations for President Pro Tem. A motion was made by Bryan L. Rittle, seconded by Michael D. Behm, to nominate Park W. Haverstick, II, for President Pro Tem. There were no other nominations. All those in favor: Motion unanimously carried. The Mayor declared Park W. Haverstick, II as President Pro Tem and congratulated him on his appointment as an officer.

The Mayor turned the meeting over to Council President Bryan L. Rittle. Council President Bryan L. Rittle thanked the Councilmembers for entrusting him with the great honor of serving as president.

The Council President proceeded to the agendas order of the business:

Resolution 2016-01 – Appointment to Council – has been prepared. After the election, the Borough still has a vacancy on the Council. Vince Podolski was present and is interested in being appointed to the Council again and his Affidavit of Residency was provided. The appointment will be for two (2) of the four (4) year term and the position will be placed on the ballot for the next municipal election. A motion was made by Michael D. Behm, seconded by Dana Reich, to approve Resolution 2016-01 appointing Vince Podolski to the Borough Council. All those in favor: Motion unanimously carried. Councilmember Vince Podolski joined the Council for the meeting. The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Vince Podolski. The Council welcomed him to the table.

Resolution 2016-02 – Approved Signatures – has been prepared. The Resolution authorizes the officials listed to execute contracts and documents of behalf of the Borough. A motion was made by Michael D. Behm, seconded by Jeffrey L. Thomas, to approve Resolution 2016-02– Approved Signatures. All those in favor: Motion unanimously carried.

Resolution 2016-03 – Check Signatures – has been prepared. The Resolution authorizes the officials who may sign checks on behalf of the Borough. A motion was made by Dana Reich, seconded by Vince Podolski, to approve Resolution 2016-03– Check Signatures. All those in favor: Motion unanimously carried.

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After discussion and further review, a motion was made by Michael D. Behm, seconded by Dana Reich, to amend the motion and approve Resolution 2016-03 with the addition of President Pro Tem Park W. Haverstick, II be placed as an authorized signer for the Borough. All those in favor: Motion unanimously carried. The approved signers on the financial accounts will be Bryan L. Rittle, Michael D. Behm, Park W. Haverstick, II and Lee C. Smith.

Resolution 2016-04 – Appointment to various Boards/Commissions - has been prepared. Keith Fox has submitted a written request of interest to fill the vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board. A motion was made by Park W. Haverstick, II, seconded by Michael D. Behm, to approve Resolution 2016-04 – appointment of Keith Fox to the Zoning Hearing Board. All those in favor: Motion unanimously carried.

The 2016 Preventative Maintenance Agreement from C.M. High, Inc. was received. The agreement authorizes C.M. High, Inc. to provide traffic light service within the Borough. A motion was made by Vince Podolski, seconded by Park W. Haverstick, II, to approve the 2016 Preventative Maintenance Agreement with C.M. High, Inc. All those in favor: Motion unanimously carried.

Assistant Manager Barry A. Ludwig provided a copy of a resume for the Council to review for the proposed candidate - Todd Stricker - to hire for the Wastewater Treatment Facility. After two (2) rounds of interviews, he is the candidate he is recommending for hire. The resume was reviewed. A motion was made by Park W. Haverstick, II, seconded by Vince Podolski, to hire Todd Stricker as a non-certified wastewater operator at a starting rate of \$18.00. All those in favor: Motion unanimously carried.

At the December meeting, the Council held the request received from Doug Lamb Construction asking for the retainage payment. The total being held is \$14,660.72. The Engineer had informed the Manager there were some punch items that need to be completed. The Manager informed Council all items have been satisfied and the request could be approved. A motion was made by Park W. Haverstick, II, seconded by Michael D. Behm, to approve the payment request from Doug Lamb Construction for final retainage. All those in favor: Motion unanimously carried.

Councilmember Park W. Haverstick, II stated the fire companies would like to meet with Council to discuss the proposed 422 Corridor Improvements. The Council will meet on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. for their planning session to discuss the matter. The Borough staff was invited and attended a meeting at Lebanon County Planning regarding the improvements in Jackson Township at Ramona Road and questions were asked regarding the proposed corridor improvements in the Borough area. The Manager stated the Ambulance Chief Dean Wagner was here and the Manager suggested he draft a letter with their comments, questions and concerns. Therefore, a meeting would be helpful of all interested agencies (e.g. E.M.S. Services).

The Borough Council recessed the regular meeting and entered into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss acquisition of real estate and personnel matters.

Borough Council returned from Executive Session at 7:09 p.m. reconvening the regular session and resumed consideration of and action on the regular meeting agenda.

The Manager informed Council that former member Keith Fox returned his equipment and has donated his final council pay to the pool fund.

The Council President asked if there were any additional comments for the good of the borough. Seeing none, a motion was made by Vince Podolski, seconded by Dana Reich, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. All those in favor: Motion unanimously carried.