

Borough of Windber

Borough Council Reorganization Meeting January 2, 2018

The Reorganizational Meeting of Windber Borough Council was called to order by Windber Borough Manager, James Furmanchik at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The following Council Members were present: Michael Bryan, John Holden, Pete LaMonaca, Doug Ledney, Ron Mash, Joe Pallo, and James Spinos. Mayor, Scott Penrod and James Furmanchik, Borough Manager were also present. Attorney, Joseph Green was absent.

- Swearing in of Mayor** Robin Gates, Notary Public swore Scott Penrod in as newly elected Mayor. Mayor Penrod then took his seat at the head of council table.
- Swearing in of Elected Councilmen** Mayor Scott Penrod swore in the newly elected councilmen; James Anthony Spinos and Joseph John Pallo. Mr. Spinos and Mr. Pallo took their seats. Mr. Ledney and Mr. Bryan were sworn into office previously at the Somerset County Courthouse.
- Nomination of Council President** Mayor Penrod opened the floor for nominations for Council President. Mr. Spinos nominated Mr. Bryan for Council President. Motion to close nominations by Mr. Ledney, seconded by Mr. Pallo. There were no further nominations so nominations were closed by Mayor Penrod. Roll call vote: Mr. Spinos, yes; Mr. Ledney, yes; Mr. Pallo, yes; Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. Holden, yes; Mr. LaMonaca, yes; and Mr. Mash, yes. Motion carried. Mr. Bryan took his place as Council President.
- Nomination of Council Vice Pres.** Council President, Mike Bryan opened the floor for nominations for Council, Vice President. Mr. Mash nominated James Spinos for Council, Vice President. Motion to close nominations by Mr. Holden and seconded by Mr. Pallo. There were no further nominations so nominations were closed by Mr. Bryan. Roll call vote: Mr. Mash, yes; Mr. Holden, yes; Mr. Pallo, yes; Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. LaMonaca, yes; Mr. Ledney, yes; and Mr. Spinos, yes. Motion carried. Mr. Spinos took his seat as Council, Vice President.
- Nomination of Pres. Pro-Temp** Council President, Mike Bryan opened the floor for nominations for President, Pro-Temp. Mr. Spinos nominated John Holden for Council, President Pro-Temp. Motion to close nominations by Mr. Pallo and seconded by Mr. Mash. There were no further nominations so nominations were closed by Mr. Bryan. Roll call vote: Mr. Spinos, yes; Mr. Pallo, yes; Mr. Mash, yes; Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. Holden, yes; Mr. LaMonaca; and Mr. Ledney, yes. Motion carried. Mr. Holden is President Pro-Temp.
- Appointment of Borough Treasurer** A motion was made by Mr. Spinos and seconded by Mr. Holden to appoint James Furmanchik as the Borough Treasurer. Roll call vote: Mr. Spinos, yes; Mr. Holden, yes; Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. LaMonaca, yes; Mr. Ledney, yes; Mr. Mash, yes; and Mr. Pallo, yes. Motion carried.
- Appointment of Borough Treasurer** A motion was made by Mr. Spinos and seconded by Mr. Mash to appoint James Furmanchik as the Borough Secretary. Roll call vote: Mr. Spinos, yes; Mr. Mash, yes; Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. Holden, yes; Mr. LaMonaca, yes; Mr. Ledney, yes; and Mr. Pallo, yes. Motion carried.

Appointment of Borough Solicitor A motion was made by Mr. Spinos and seconded by Mr. Holden to retain Attorney, Joseph Green as Solicitor for Windber Borough. Roll call vote: Mr. Spinos, yes; Mr. Holden, yes; Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. LaMonaca, yes; Mr. Ledney, yes; Mr. Mash, yes; and Mr. Pallo, yes. Motion carried.

Appointment Auditor A motion was made by Mr. Spinos and seconded by Mr. LaMonaca to appoint Kotzan CPA & Associates as the auditor for Windber Borough. Roll call vote: Mr. Spinos, yes; Mr. LaMonaca, yes; Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. Holden, yes; Mr. Ledney, yes; Mr. Mash yes; and Mr. Pallo, yes. Motion carried.

Approval of Banking Institutions A motion was made by Mr. LaMonaca and seconded by Mr. Holden to approve First Commonwealth Bank, First National Bank, AmeriServ Bank and Slovenian Savings & Loan Bank as the banking institutions for the borough. Question: Mr. Ledney asked if the borough has accounts with all these banks. Mr. Furmanchik said we have accounts with two of the banks. Mrs. Gates said at times we may need to get quotes from several banks and we always try to give our business to Windber businesses so that is why we choose those four. Roll call vote: Mr. LaMonaca, yes Mr. Holden, yes; Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. Ledney, yes; Mr. Mash, yes; Mr. Pallo yes; and Mr. Spinos, yes. Motion carried.

Appointment of Zoning/ Planning Solicitor A motion was made by Mr. Holden and seconded by Mr. Spinos to retain Attorney, Tiffany Stanley as the Attorney for the Windber Borough Zoning and Hearing Board, the Windber Borough Planning Commission and the International Property Maintenance Codes Appeals Roll call vote: Mr. Holden, yes; Mr. Spinos, yes; Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. LaMonaca, yes; Mr. Ledney, yes; Mr. Mash, yes; and Mr. Pallo, yes. Motion carried.

Approval Meeting Dates A motion was made by Mr. Spinos and seconded by Mr. Holden to approve the meeting dates for Council Meetings to meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Remarks; Mrs. Gates said we only use the second meeting if it is deemed necessary. Mr. Furmanchik said it is cheaper to advertise for both meeting dates at the same time and if we need a second meeting than we do not have to advertise it. Roll call vote: Mr. Spinos, yes; Mr. Holden, yes; Mr. Bryan, yes; Mr. LaMonaca, yes; Mr. Ledney, yes; Mr. Mash, yes; and Mr. Pallo yes. Motion carried.

Approval Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Spinos and seconded by Mr. Mash to approve the Minutes from the December 12, 2017 meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Recognition of visitors There were no visitors at this time.

Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on January 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting was adjourned by Council President, Mike Bryan at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Robin S. Gates