

Rochester Borough Council
Reorganization Meeting in Council Chambers
January 6, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Present: Benjamin Rader, Howard Howe, Ron Becker, Brandy Dietrich, Donna Short, Marjorie White, Martin Knafelc, Don Brothers, Mayor Keith Jackson, Police Chief Frank Mercier, Manager John Barrett

Absent: Solicitor Bernard Rabik

Mayor Jackson collected the certificate of election and affidavit of residency from the newly elected officials. Mayor Jackson swore in the newly elected officials; Mr. Rader, Mrs. Dietrich and Mr. Knafelc and signed their oath of office forms. Mr. Brothers did not receive his certificate of election. One will be obtained and he will be sworn in prior to the next meeting.

The meeting was called to order with the invocation, pledge of allegiance and roll call.

Mayor Jackson opened the floor for nominations for President of Council. Mr. Howe nominated Mr. Rader. There were no further nominations. Mr. Howe motioned to appoint Mr. Rader as President of Council. Mrs. Dietrich seconded and the motion carried 7-0, Roll Call, all voted yes.

Mayor Jackson opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President of Council. Mr. Rader nominated Mrs. White. There were no further nominations. Mr. Rader motioned to appoint Mrs. White as Vice-President of Council. Mr. Becker seconded and the motion carried 7-0, Roll Call, all voted yes.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Rader.

Persons in Attendance:

There were no public comments.

Action Items:

Mr. Knafelc motioned to appoint Bernie Rabik as Borough Solicitor and approve his engagement letter. Mr. Becker seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Becker motioned to appoint Widmer Engineering as the Borough Engineer. Mrs. Short seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Howe motioned to appoint John Barrett as the Manager/Secretary/Treasurer. Mrs. Short seconded and the motion carried.

Mrs. Dietrich motioned to appoint Mrs. White as the delegate and Mr. Becker as the alternate delegate to the Beaver County Regional Council of Governments. Mr. Howe seconded and the motion carried.

Mrs. White motioned to re-appoint Cheri Griff to the Rochester Borough Sewer & Maintenance Authority Board. Mr. Becker seconded and the motion carried. Mrs. Griff's term will be 1/1/20 through 12/31/24.

Mr. Howe motioned to re-appoint Dave Matzie to the Rochester Borough Planning Commission. Mr. Becker seconded and the motion carried. Mr. Matzie's term will be 1/1/20 through 12/31/23.

Mrs. White motioned to re-appoint Jessica Howe to the Rochester Borough Zoning & Hearing Board. Mrs. Dietrich seconded and the motion carried. Mrs. Howe's term will be 1/1/20 through 12/31/22.

Council discussed appointing a Vacancy Board Chairman but one was not appointed at this time.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Submitted by,

John M. Barrett
Borough Manager