

Newly elected members of Council Eisenhower, Molitoris and Royer were sworn in by Magisterial District Judge Halal prior to the start of the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Bundra. He proceeded with roll call and led pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Members of the 96th Council are: Louis L. Bodish, Stephen J. Burkner, Janet A. Eisenhower, Carl Luckenbach, Mark Molitoris, David S. Royer and Charles J. Sodl.

Mayor Bundra asked for nominations for president of the 96th Council. Bodish was nominated by Luckenbach. Nominations were closed. Roll call vote for Bodish resulted in 6 yeas by Burkner, Eisenhower, Luckenbach, Molitoris, Royer and Sodl, 1 abstention by Bodish. Bodish was elected President of the 96th Council.

Mayor Bundra asked for nominations for vice-president of the 96th Council. Luckenbach nominated Royer. Nominations were closed. Roll call vote for Royer resulted in 6 yeas by Bodish, Burkner, Eisenhower, Luckenbach, Molitoris and Sodl, 1 abstention by Royer. Royer was elected Vice-president of the 96th Council.

Mayor Bundra turned the meeting over to Council President Bodish, submitted a letter to President Bodish and excused himself from the meeting.

Pres. Bodish asked for nominations for Pro-tem of the 96th Council. Burkner nominated Sodl, who did not accept nomination. Royer nominated Luckenbach. Nominations were closed. Roll call vote for Luckenbach resulted in 6 yeas by Bodish, Burkner, Eisenhower, Molitoris, Royer and Sodl, 1 abstention by Luckenbach. Luckenbach was elected Pro-tem of the 96th Council.

Hearing of persons present: None.

Appointments for 96th Council:

Motion by Sodl, second by Molitoris to reappoint Sandra A. Gynecsek as Borough Secretary – carried.

Motion by Sodl, second by Royer to reappoint Sandra A. Gynecsek as Borough Treasurer – carried.

Motion by Luckenbach, second by Eisenhower to reappoint James F. Preston as Borough Solicitor – carried.

Motion by Burkner, second by Molitoris to reappoint Vincent Genovese as Police Chief – carried.

Motion by Sodl, second by Burkner to reappoint Matthew Buskaritz as Fire Chief and Darren Schleicher as Assistant Fire Chief – carried.

Motion by Eisenhower, second by Royer to reappoint Ronald Helman as Code Enforcement Officer – carried.

Motion by Sodl, second by Luckenbach to reappoint Sandra A. Gynecsek as Right to Know Officer – carried.

Resolutions and Ordinances (roll call vote):

RESOLUTION NO. 1410

A Resolution setting time and day of week to hold workshop meeting at 7:00 p.m. on 1st Tuesday of month and regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on 2nd Tuesday of month.

Motion by Luckenbach, second by Royer to adopt Resolution No. 1410. Roll call vote resulted in 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1411

A Resolution designating Northampton Branch of First Northern Bank & Trust as depository for all Borough funds.

Motion by Eisenhower, second by Luckenbach to adopt Resolution No. 1411. Roll call vote resulted in 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1412

A Resolution authorizing President or Vice-president, Secretary or Assistant Secretary and Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer to sign checks issued against various funds of the borough.

Motion by Burkner, second by Luckenbach to adopt Resolution No. 1412. Roll call vote resulted in 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1413

A Resolution appointing Jeffry P. Deutsch as Delinquent Tax Collector for Per Capita and Portnoff Law Associates as Delinquent Tax Collector for Real Estate for the Borough of Coplay.

Motion by Burkner, second by Molitoris to adopt Resolution No. 1413. Roll call vote resulted in 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1414

A Resolution establishing garbage rates for 2016 to remain at \$270 per year for regular households and \$230 for senior citizen households with a discount of 10% allowed if paid by March 31, 2016. Rates for business establishments will range from \$330 to \$3,630 per year with same 10% discount.

Motion by Luckenbach, second by Royer to adopt Resolution No. 1414. Roll call vote resulted in 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

At this time, Requests for Proposals received for the position of Borough Engineer were opened by Secretary Gynecsek. Proposals were received from the following engineering firms: Boucher & James, Inc. Consulting Engineers, Acela Engineering Co., Hanover Engineering Associates Inc., Van Cleef Engineering Associates, Keystone Consulting Engineers, and Barry Isett & Associates. Proposals will be reviewed and there will be a motion of appointment on the regular meeting agenda next Tuesday.

Pres. Bodish stated, in additional business, received cost estimate of approximately \$3,000 to complete preliminary plans for new public works facility which could be utilized for grant submission. Sodl added, for the benefit of new council members, do not want to become stagnant with this project, must continue to move forward with preparations to build new public works facility with input from public works director. Sodl received request from fire department to utilize "office" building for training purposes prior to teardown, no flames, smoke machine only. Luckenbach stated concerned re: stairs to second floor. Royer stated at previous employer same occurred, building should be razed immediately after training. Molitoris questioned if decision must be made immediately. Sodl responded no, council should consider, will reiterate when time approaches.

Engineer Frank Clark, in audience, reported regarding roof repair specifications for all borough buildings damaged during June 30th hail storm is almost complete. Reviewing need for prevailing wage requirements as this is insurance funds, same will be prepared shortly.

Sodl added, completed lunch room/locker room for public works employees in 2015. At this time, requesting same type of private locker room area for police department. No comments by members. Sodl will discuss with PWD Boyle to proceed with improvements.

Pres. Bodish read letter received from Mayor Bundra stating he is resigning as Mayor effective February 2, 2016. Secretary will prepare motion to accept resignation at regular meeting and notify Solicitor to prepare report for council on necessary procedures to appoint a Mayor at regular meeting.

As there was no additional business to conduct, a motion to adjourn meeting was made by Sodl, second by Royer. Meeting adjourned by President Bodish until first regular meeting of 96th Council Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Attest

Borough Secretary