

The Reorganizational Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring for 2010 was held on Monday, January 4, 2010, at 6:30 p.m., at the Sinking Spring Borough Hall. Mayor Francis Butkus presided over the meeting. After the Pledge to the Flag the Mayor administered the oath of office.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO NEWLY-ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Francis Butkus administered the Oath of Office to the following newly-elected Council Members: Dennis Leiby, Edward Oswald, James Pachuillo, and Denise Stine.

Others present were George Butkus, Elizabeth Sloan, and Stewart Wenrich Council People, Charles Fitzpatrick, Barley/Snyder, Robert Ludgate, Sr., Ludgate Engineering, David Schlott, Jr. ARRO Consulting, James Oxenreider, Police Chief, Michael Hart, Public Works Director, and Regina Shade, Borough Secretary/Treasurer, who recorded the minutes of the proceedings.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Mayor Butkus called for nominations for President. Ms. Sloan nominated Dennis Leiby. Mr. Pachuillo nominated Stewart Wenrich. The Mayor asked if there were any objections to closing the vote to which there were none. The Mayor asked for a roll call vote for each nominee. The person with the majority of votes will become the President. Mr. Leiby was the first roll call vote. AYES 3, NAYS – 4. The next vote was for Mr. Wenrich. AYES – 6, NAYS – 1. With six (6) votes, Stewart Wenrich was named President.

Mayor Butkus called for nominations for Vice President. Mrs. Stine nominated Edward Oswald. Mr. Butkus nominated James Pachuillo. No further nominations. Mr. Butkus closed the nominations. Mayor Butkus called for a roll call vote on Edward Oswald. AYES – 4, NAYS – 3. With four (4) votes, Edward Oswald was named Vice President.

PRESIDENT TAKES CHAIR:

Mr. Wenrich assumed the position of President.

PRESIDENT ASSIGNS COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE CHAIR PEOPLE:

Mr. Wenrich thanked Council for electing him President. He will do the best for Council and the entire Borough. Mr. Wenrich has spoken with the Solicitor. We will have chair people not committees. It is his feeling that all seven (7) of Council will be involved with what is happening in the Borough. There was an exception. He appointed Mr. Oswald as Chairperson of the sewer committee. In addition, he asked Mr. Butkus to also sit on that committee.

PRESIDENT ASSIGNS COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE CHAIR PEOPLE (cont'd):

Ms. Sloan was reappointed as Chair of the Library Committee. This person serves as President of the Library Board. Ms. Sloan agreed.

Mr. Leiby was appointed as the Borough representative to the West Side Emergency Management Agency.

Mr. Pachulo was appointed to the Western Berks Fire Department with Mr. Oswald as his backup. Ms. Sloan questioned how this will affect her as being a trustee. Mr. Fitzpatrick stated she would no longer be a trustee representing the Borough. They will need to take action at their next meeting.

REAPPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

Mr. Oswald made a motion to reappoint everyone as mentioned on the agenda with Barley/Snyder being the Solicitor as opposed to Mr. Fitzpatrick who will be retiring; seconded by Mrs. Stine. Mr. Wenrich asked for a roll call vote. AYES – 4, NAYS -3 (Mr. Butkus, Ms. Sloan, and Mr. Leiby); motion carried.

The appointments are as follows:

- A. Secretary/Treasurer – Regina M. Shade
- B. Solicitor - Charles Fitzpatrick, Esquire
- C. Engineer – Ludgate Engineering
- D. Sewer Engineer – ARRO Consulting
- E. Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer – Michael Hart
- F. Commercial Building Inspector – Kraft Code Services
- G. Residential Building Inspector – Michael Hart
- H. Commercial Plumbing Inspector – Kraft Code Services
- I. Residential Plumbing Inspector – Michael Hart
- J. Fire Marshal - Paul Roth
- K. Sewer Enforcement Officer – ARRO Consulting
- L. Vacancy Board Chairman – Michael Hart

REAPPOINTMENT OF VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS:

Zoning Hearing Board – (3 Year Term) – Steven Gass
Diane Yarger
Paul Roth
Michael Siminski

Mr. Butkus made a motion to appoint all four (4) members; seconded by Mr. Oswald. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0; motion carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS (cont'd):

Library Board – (3 Year Term) – Lawrence Schmidt

Mr. Pachuillo made the motion to appoint Mr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Stine. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0; motion carried.

Planning Commission – (5 Year Term) – J. Karl Hilgendorf
Randy Lerch

Mr. Pachuillo made the motion to reappoint Mr. Hilgendorf and Mr. Lerch to the Planning Commission; seconded by Mr. Butkus. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0; motion carried.

National Penn was named as the bank. Mr. Wenrich appointed Mr. Oswald, Mrs. Stine, and Mr. Wenrich as signers on the bank as well as Mrs. Shade. Mrs. Stine made the motion to name the above people as signers on the bank accounts; seconded by Mr. Pachuillo. AYES – 7, NAYS – 0; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Wenrich adjourned the Reorganization Meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina M. Shade
Borough Secretary/Treasurer