

The Reorganizational Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sinking Spring for 2008 was held on Monday, January 7, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., at the Sinking Spring Borough Hall. Mayor Clarence J. Noecker 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 Clarence J. Noecker administered the Oath of Office to the following newly-elected Council Members: Stewart Wenrich, George Butkus, and Elizabeth Sloan

Others present were Lawrence Schmidt, James Zerr, Bruce Light, and Barbara Kutz Council People, Charles Fitzpatrick, Barley/Snyder, Peter Eisenbrown, Ludgate Engineering, David Schlott, Jr. ARRO Consulting, James Oxenreider, Police Chief, Michael Hart, Public Works Director, Regina Shade, Borough Secretary/Treasurer, who recorded the minutes of the proceedings.

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

Mayor Noecker called for nominations for President. Mr. Zerr nominated Stewart Wenrich. Mrs. Kutz nominated George Butkus. Mr. Schmidt made a motion to close the nominations. 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. Mr. Wenrich was the first one voted on. The person with the majority of votes will become the President. With four (4) votes, Stewart Wenrich was named President.

Mayor Noecker called for nominations for Vice President. Ms. Sloan nominated Bruce Light. Mr. Wenrich nominated James Zerr. No other nominations. Mr. Zerr made the motion to close the nominations. Mayor Noecker called for a roll call vote on Bruce Light. With four (4) votes, Bruce Light was named Vice President.

PRESIDENT TAKES CHAIR:

Mr. Wenrich assumed the position of President.

PRESIDENT ASSIGNS COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSONS:

Mr. Wenrich thanked Council for electing him President. He will do the best for Council and the entire Borough. Mr. Wenrich has deferred the committee chairpersons till a later meeting.

REAPPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

They will be done individually. Mr. Fitzpatrick stated Mr. Wenrich should read off the position and the name currently associated with that position. Then ask if there are any other

nominations for that position. If there are none, then we can pass on and vote for them all at the end. If there is another nomination, then we must vote on that position at that time.

- A. Borough Secretary/Treasurer – Regina M. Shade - Mr. Light made a motion to retain Mrs. Shade as Secretary/Treasurer; seconded by Mr. Zerr. Mr. Butkus had a question since we now have four (4) people in the office maybe we could split this position. Mr. Light feels we should table this and take it up at workshop. Ms. Sloan feels we should include Mrs. Shade in on the discussion. She might be extremely busy and be willing to give up a portion of the job as she might have enough with one portion of the job. She again stated we should get Mrs. Shade’s input in this matter. There were no other nominations.
- B. Solicitor – Charles Fitzpatrick/BarleySnyder – Mr. Light made a motion to retain Mr. Fitzpatrick; seconded by Mr. Schmidt. No other nominations.
- C. Engineer – Ludgate Engineering – Mr. Light made a motion to retain Ludgate Engineering; seconded by Mr. Schmidt. No other nominations.
- D. Sewer Engineer – ARRO Consulting – Mr. Butkus made a motion to retain ARRO Consulting as sewer engineer; seconded by Mr. Light. No other nominations.
- E. Zoning Officer – Michael Hart – Mrs. Kutz made a motion to retain Mr. Hart; seconded by Mr. Butkus. No other nominations. Mr. Butkus made a motion to retain Ludgate Engineering as a back up to Mr. Hart; seconded by Ms. Sloan. No other nominations.
- F. Commercial Building Inspector – Ludgate Engineering – Mr. Schmidt made a motion to retain Ludgate; seconded by Mrs. Kutz. No other nominations.
- G. Residential Building Inspector/Code Enforcement – Michael Hart – Mr. Butkus made a motion to retain Mr. Hart; seconded by Mr. Light. No other nominations.
- H. Plumbing Inspectors – Kraft Code Services – Mr. Butkus made a motion to retain Kraft Code Services; seconded by Mrs. Kutz. No other nominations.
- I. Fire Marshal – Paul Roth – Mr. Light made the motion to retain Mr. Roth; seconded by Mr. Schmidt. No other nominations.
- J. Auditor – Reinhart & Company – Mr. Butkus made the motion to retain Reinhart and Company; seconded by Mrs. Kutz. No other nominations.
- K. Sewer Enforcement Officer – ARRO Consulting – Mr. Butkus made a motion to retain ARRO Consulting; seconded by Mr. Schmidt. No other nominations.
- L. Vacancy Board – Michael Hart – we currently do not have a chairman. This position may be filled by an employee. Mr. Schmidt made a motion to appoint Mr. Hart,

Chairman of the Vacancy Board; seconded by Mr. Light. Mrs. Kutz questioned what this position is. Mr. Fitzpatrick explained how the position works and who is on the Board. (The Board consists of Council along with the Chairman). No other nominations.

Mr. Butkus made a motion to reappoint all these seats that had no other nominations; seconded by Mr. Butkus. Mr. Wenrich called for a roll call vote. AYES – 6, NAYS – 1 (Mr. Zerr); motion carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS:

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Currently we have two (2) five (5) year terms up on the Municipal Authority. Mr. Butkus spoke with a resident, Mr. Jeffrey Mohn, who is willing to serve on that Board. He has not submitted a letter; however he is definitely interested. Mrs. Shade had a letter from Mrs. Kandi Moser and in addition she was told verbally that Ms. Brenda Messina would also like to serve on the Authority. Mr. Butkus inquired if a non resident can serve on the Authority. Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that Mrs. Shade called him today inquiring the same thing. According to the Municipal Authorities Act if you are a taxpayer, a business owner, or a resident or citizen of the municipality that appoints you, you are able to serve. This law was changed about five (5) or (6) years ago to include these issues. Mr. Butkus made a motion to appoint Ms. Messina and Mr. Mohn to the Authority; seconded by Ms. Sloan. Mr. Zerr made a motion to appoint Mrs. Moser to the Authority; seconded by Mr. Schmidt. Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that a roll call vote for each candidate should be done in the order in which they were presented. The first was Jeffrey Mohn. AYES – 4, NAYS – 3; motion carried. The second candidate was Ms. Messina. AYES – 6, NAYS – 0, ABSTAIN – 1 (Mr. Wenrich). There was no need for another roll call. The appointees are Mr. Jeffrey Mohn and Ms. Brenda Messina.

RECREATION BOARD

Mr. Light made a motion to appoint Ms. Stephanie Johnson to the Recreation Board; seconded by Mrs. Kutz. No other nominations.

PLANNING COMMISSION

There is one (1) five (5) year seat open. Mrs. Shade has advertised for that seat; however there have been no applications put in as of yet. The seat will remain open.

LIBRARY BOARD

There are two (2) three (3) year seat open. Mr. Butkus made a motion to appoint Mr. William Falter and Mrs. Deborah Franck; seconded by Mrs. Kutz. No other nominations.

Mr. Butkus made a motion to reappoint the above mention people to the vacant seats on each Board; seconded by Mr. Light. (This does not include the Authority as they were voted on individually) AYES – 7, NAYS – 0; Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Wenrich adjourned the Reorganization Meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina M. Shade
Borough Secretary/Treasurer