

## **REORGANIZATION MEETING**

The Reorganization Meeting of Doylestown Borough Council was held on the above date and time in Council Chambers. The following persons were present: Council Members Tim Brennan, Wendy Margolis, and Don Berk, Junior Councilperson Josie Hall, Council Members Re-elect Joe Flood, Joe Frederick, Sue Gordon, Jack O'Brien, and Noni West, and Council Member Elect Ben Bell. Also present were Borough Manager John Davis, and Mayor Ron Strouse.

Mayor Strouse called the meeting to order and then led everyone in the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Mayor Strouse then stated that this is a celebration, ceremony, and dedication. He said he has grown to know all of the people tonight either by campaigning with them or by serving with them over the last few years, and he said he could say without exception that we have a group of dedicated, talented, and determined individuals who appreciate the history of the Borough and appreciate that times change and are determined to preserve that history and make sure that the changes that take place in Doylestown are changes that work for all of our residents. He said he knows without exception that they are also determined to give of their time unselfishly to work for the great community that we have to make it even better going forward. The Mayor stated that with that in mind, he chose a little bit of history by borrowing from the Doylestown Historical Society the Melinda Cox Bible from 1818.

**Oath or Affirmation.** Notary Public Shirley Ament gave the oath of office to Ron Strouse.

Mayor Strouse then gave the oath/affirmation of office to Tax Collector Elect Michelle Crunkleton, Council Member Elect Ben Bell, and to Council Members Re-elect Joe Flood, Joe Frederick, Sue Gordon, Jack O'Brien, and Noni West. The Council members took their seats at the dais.

**Nomination and Election of Council President and Vice President.** Mayor Strouse called for nominations for Council President. Ms. West nominated Jack O'Brien, seconded by Ms. Margolis. Mayor Strouse asked if there were any other nominations for President and when none were heard, he called for the vote. All were in favor and Mayor Strouse said that the motion carried. He congratulated Mr. O'Brien.

Mayor Strouse then called for nominations for Council Vice President. Ms. Margolis nominated Noni West, seconded by Ms. Gordon. Mayor Strouse then asked if there were any other nominations for Vice President, at which time Mr. Brennan nominated Don Berk, seconded by Mr. Bell. Upon hearing no other nominations, Mayor Strouse closed the nominations and called for a roll call vote. He said when the person's name was called, they should name the person of the two nominations that they would like to see elected. Mr. Davis performed the roll call vote: Mr. Bell: Don Berk, Mr. Berk: Don Berk, Mr. Brennan: Don Berk, Mr. Flood: Noni West, Mr. Frederick: Noni West, Ms. Gordon: Noni West, Ms. Margolis: Noni West, Ms. West: Noni West, and President O'Brien: Noni West. Mr. Davis stated that Ms. West is Council Vice President by a vote of 6 to 3. Mayor Strouse congratulated Ms. West.

Mayor Strouse turned the meeting over to Council President Jack O'Brien.

President O'Brien stated there were several items of business to complete the reorganization.

**Appointment of Members to the Central Bucks Regional Police Commission.**

Mr. O'Brien asked for a nomination. Ms. Gordon nominated Ron Strouse, Jack O'Brien, and as an alternate, Noni West. Motion was seconded by Ms. Margolis. Vote was called and the motion carried.

**Appointment of the Borough Solicitor.** Mr. Berk moved for the reappointment of Jordan B. Yeager of Curtin & Heefner LLP, who was present, as Borough Solicitor, seconded by Mr. Brennan. Mr. O'Brien called the vote. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Appointment of the Borough Engineers.**

Zoning, Planning, and Streets. Mr. Brennan moved that Gilmore & Associates be reappointed, seconded by Ms. Gordon. Mr. O'Brien called the vote, which was unanimously in favor of the nomination. The motion carried.

Borough Engineer for Water. Mr. Flood moved that CKS Engineers, Inc. be reappointed, seconded by Mr. Frederick. Mr. O'Brien called the vote, which was unanimously in favor of the nomination. The motion carried.

**Appointment to the Vacancy Board.** Mr. Frederick nominated Curtis Cowgill, seconded by Mr. Brennan. Mr. O'Brien called the vote for the appointment of Curtis Cowgill to the Vacancy Board, which was unanimously in favor of the nomination. The motion carried.

**Adjournment.** The January 2, 2018 Reorganization Meeting of the Doylestown Borough Council adjourned at 7:15 p.m. by motion of Mr. Flood, seconded by Mr. Berk. Vote was called, which was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Davis  
Borough Manager

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