

January 6, 2020
7:00 p.m.

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 Ben Bell, Larry Browne, Joe Flood, Joe Frederick, Jack O'Brien, and Noni West, Council Members Re-elect Tim Brennan and Wendy Margolis, Council Member Elect Jennifer Jarret, and Mayor Ron Strouse. Also present were Borough Manager John Davis, Joanna Waldron of Curtin & Heefner, LLP, Karyn L. Hyland, Director of Building and Zoning, and Planning/Public Works Director/Deputy Borough Manager Phil Ehlinger. Councilperson Larry Browne was absent.

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

Mayor Strouse then stated that the meeting, which is otherwise a joyous occasion, was being held in memory and in honor of Congressman Michael Fitzpatrick, who passed away earlier in the day.

Oath or Affirmation. Mayor Strouse gave the oath of office to Council Members Re-elect Tim Brennan and Wendy Margolis, and then to Council Member Elect Jennifer Jarret. 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. Margolis nominated Jack O'Brien. Mayor Strouse asked if there were any other nominations for President and when none were heard, he called 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. Mr. Frederick nominated Noni West. Mayor Strouse asked if there were any other nominations for Vice President and hearing none, he called the vote. All were in favor and Mayor Strouse said that the motion carried. 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 made a motion to appoint himself and Mayor Strouse, with Noni West as an alternate. Motion was seconded by Mr. Frederick. The vote was called and the motion carried.

Appointment of the Borough Solicitor. Mr. Frederick moved for the reappointment of Curtin & Heefner LLP 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 Mr. Flood. 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 Ms. West. Mr. O'Brien called the vote, which was unanimously in favor of the nomination. The motion carried.

Appointment to the Vacancy Board. Ms. Margolis moved to reappoint Curtis Cowgill, seconded by Ms. West. Mr. O'Brien called the vote for the appointment of Curtis Cowgill to the Vacancy Board. The vote was unanimously in favor of the nomination and the motion carried.

Mr. O'Brien next announced there would be an Executive Session. Mr. Davis said it would be very brief to discuss litigation in the matter of *Doylestown Borough v. Doylestown Borough Zoning Hearing Board v. Tina Mazaheri*.

Upon return from Executive Session, Council authorized entering into a stipulation in the land use appeal case, *Doylestown Borough v. Doylestown Zoning Hearing Board*, Docket No. 2019-02635, which involves the property located at 401 South Main Street. The stipulation effectively places the appeal on hold and maintains the Borough's ability to pursue the appeal if the property owner does not pursue a newly-identified development option.

Adjournment. At 7:25 p.m., Mr. O'Brien called for a motion to adjourn the January 6, 2020 Reorganization Meeting of Doylestown Borough Council. Mr. Flood requested the adjournment be in memory of former Bucks County Commissioner and Pennsylvania Congressman, Michael G. Fitzpatrick, who passed away today. (Flood-Margolis) The vote was called, which was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Davis
Borough Manager

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