

### **REORGANIZATION MEETING**

The Reorganization Meeting of Doylestown Borough Council was held on the above date and time in Council Chambers, in the new Borough Hall at 10 Doyle Street. The following persons were present: Council Members Tim Brennan, Jennifer Jarret, and Wendy Margolis, Council Members Re-elect Ben Bell, Jack O'Brien, Joe Frederick, Larry Browne, and Dennis Livrone, Councilperson Elect Amy Popkin, and Mayor Elect Noni West. Also present were Joanna Waldron of Curtin & Heefner, LLP, Borough Manager John Davis, Deputy Borough Manager Phil Ehlinger, and Finance Director Caroline Brinker, and James P. Dougherty, P.E. of Gilmore & Associates, Inc.

**Oath or Affirmation of Mayor Elect Noni West.** Mayor Elect Noni West was sworn in by Bucks County Court of Common Pleas Judge Jordan Yeager. Mayor West credits Judge Yeager with encouraging her entry into government service. She said that, "Jordan convinced me to first run for Borough Council in 2008. I am so honored that he is now in a position to formalize my new role as mayor, and I am honored to continue to serve our wonderful community." Mayor West then gave the following statement:

Before we progress to electing Council President and Vice President, I would like to take a moment to note that this is a milestone reorganization meeting.

Four years ago, when I decided to run for Borough Council again, one of my reasons was to finish the work we had been doing on the adaptive reuse of the Broad Street Penn DOT building conversion into Doylestown Borough Hall and the Regional Police Department. Since this day and meeting is the official opening of Doylestown Borough Hall, 10 Doyle Street, I can say "Mission Accomplished. John Davis and Phil Ehlinger may disagree the mission is accomplished as they run around the building creating "punch lists" for all outstanding issues, but today Borough staff calls 10 Doyle Street their office.

We have entered the 21st century. Staff works in a vastly improved and healthier environment. Offices are more welcoming and functional for residents. And we have technology we don't know how to use yet.

Our police have moved out of the basement into better and safer quarters with access to improved technology. The move into Regional Police Headquarters cements the accreditation of our police which will happen in March of this year.

The conversion of the Penn Dot building has been a combined and community effort. For the last two years It has been the focus of the John and Phil's staffs, which has been exceedingly complicated by the COVID epidemic. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Doylestown's own Gus Perrea. And the Regional Police construction has been a joint effort between the Council and Commission members of Chalfont, New Britain and Doylestown Boroughs.

Our park is progressing. Phil's Public Works is responsible for the transformation. We no longer look into a salt cave and onto a landscape of polluted soil. The land has been environmentally redeemed; the landscape is being planted and will evolve with the changing seasons.

Thank you everyone who has worked on what is most likely one of the most intricate projects the Borough will take on. It's contribution to the community will last long after all of us on the dais tonight are gone.

**Oath or Affirmation.** Mayor West presided over the swearing in of Council Members Ben Bell, Joe Frederick, Dennis Livrone, Larry Browne, Jack O'Brien, and Amy Popkin, all elected or re-elected in November 2021. She also swore in Michelle Crunkleton as Borough Tax Collector.

Mayor West **called the meeting to order.** Councilperson Wendy Margolis led everyone in the **Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Nomination and Election of Council President and Vice President.** Mayor West called for nominations for Council President. Mr. Brennan nominated Jack O'Brien. Mayor West asked if there were any other nominations for President and when none were heard, the vote was called. All were in favor and Mayor West said that the motion carried.

Mayor West next called for nominations for Council Vice President. Mr. Brennan nominated Wendy Margolis. Mayor West asked if there were any other nominations for Vice President and hearing none, the vote was called. All were in favor and Mayor West said that the motion carried.

Mayor West then 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. Brennan motioned to appoint Jack O'Brien and Mayor West, with Joe Frederick as an alternate. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jarret. Mr. O'Brien called the vote and the motion carried.

**Appointment of the Borough Solicitor.** Ms. Margolis motioned for the reappointment of Curtin & Heefner LLP as Borough Solicitor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Frederick. Mr. O'Brien called the vote. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Appointment of the Borough Engineers.**

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

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

**Appointment to the Vacancy Board.** Mr. O'Brien moved to reappoint Curtis Cowgill. The motion was seconded by Ms. Margolis. 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.

**Resolution No. 2022-1, Appointment of Deputy Real Estate Tax Collector.** Mr. O'Brien read the resolution, which approves the appointment of Nicole Percetti as Deputy Real Estate Tax Collector for the Borough of Doylestown Taxing District, subject to the terms of the agreement executed between the Real Estate Tax Collector Michelle Crunkleton and Ms. Percetti, and also authorizes the proper officers to execute the Appointment of a Deputy Tax Collector Form as required by the Department of Community and Economic Development. (Browne-Brennan) The vote was unanimously in favor of the nomination and the motion carried.

**Adjournment.** At 7:45 p.m., Mr. O'Brien called for a motion to adjourn the January 3, 2022 Reorganization Meeting of Doylestown Borough Council. (Margolis-Brennan) The vote was called, which was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Davis  
Borough Manager

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