

**Mount Pocono Borough Council  
Reorganization Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 3, 2022  
7:00 P.M.**

At 7:00 P.M., prior to the Re-Organization Meeting, Solicitor J. Fareri gave his recommendation regarding the December 28, 2021 meeting as follows: neither the notice nor the agenda reflected any resignations; he recapped the order of the meeting; there was no quorum when two Councilmembers left the meeting at which time business should have ceased; additionally, there was a violation against the Sunshine Act and the replacement of a councilmember is not de minimis. Solicitor Fareri stated he was not in attendance at this meeting but he did listen to the audio.

Mayor R. Altemose called for a roll call vote to accept Solicitor J. Fareri's recommendation, that no business should have been conducted without a quorum: Councilwoman C. Williams, "Yes"; Councilwoman A. Montanez, "Yes"; Councilwoman L. Noonan, "Yes"; Councilwoman A. Harris, "Yes"; Councilwoman E. Santiago, "abstained" as she was not in attendance; and, Councilman D. Struckle, "Yes". Motion carried 5 – 0 with one abstention.

At this time Mayor R. Altemose addressed Mr. Michael Penn stating this Council has agreed with the Solicitor's recommendation that it was an unlawful vote at the December 28 meeting and that he is not on Council. He asked Mr. M. Penn to vacate his seat from the Council table a couple of times. Mr. M. Penn refused to vacate the seat. Mayor R. Altemose stated that Mr. M. Penn will not be recognized on any Council voting business and should not attempt to vote.

At 7:13 P.M. Mrs. Lori Noonan was sworn in by Judge P. Riley. It was noted that all other Councilmembers were sworn in at the courthouse in Stroudsburg.

Mayor R. Altemose opened the Re-Organization Meeting at 7:15 P.M. with the following Councilmembers present: Ann Marie Harris; Aida Montanez; Lori Noonan; Ella Santiago; Don Struckle; and, Claudette Williams. Fran O'Boyle was absent. Also present were: James Fareri; Joshua Walker; Danielle Hewitt; and, Alexis Wilkinson.

Mayor R. Altemose asked for a roll call: Councilman F. O'Boyle, absent; Councilwoman C. Williams, "present"; Councilwoman A. Montanez, "present"; Councilwoman L. Noonan, "present"; Councilwoman A. Harris, "present"; Councilwoman E. Santiago, "present"; and, Councilman D. Struckle, "present".

#### **NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT**

Mayor R. Altemose opened the floor for nominations for Borough Council President.

Councilwoman L. Noonan nominated Councilman Don Struckle for President.

Mayor R. Altemose asked three (3) more times if there were any other nominations President. There being no further nominations for President the nominations were closed and went to a roll call vote: Councilman F. O'Boyle, "absent"; Councilwoman C. Williams, "Aye"; Councilwoman A. Montanez, "Aye"; Councilwoman L. Noonan, "Aye"; Councilwoman A. Harris, "Aye"; Councilwoman E. Santiago, "Aye"; and, Councilman D. Struckle, "Aye". Motion carried 6 - 0.

#### **NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT**

Mayor R. Altemose opened the floor for nominations for Vice President.

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President D. Struckle nominated Councilwoman Lori Noonan for Vice President.

Mayor R. Altomose asked three (3) more times if there were any other nominations for Vice President. There being no further nominations for Vice President the nominations were closed and went to a roll call vote: Councilman F. O'Boyle, "absent"; Councilwoman C. Williams, "Aye"; Councilwoman A. Montanez, "Aye"; Councilwoman L. Noonan, "Aye"; Councilwoman A. Harris, "Aye"; Councilwoman E. Santiago, "Aye"; and, Councilman D. Struckle, "Aye". Motion carried 6 - 0.

Mayor R. Altomose opened the floor for nominations for President Pro Tem.

Vice President Lori Noonan nominated Councilwoman Aida Montanez for President Pro Tem.

Mayor R. Altomose asked three (3) more times if there were any other nominations for President Pro Tem. There being no further nominations for President Pro Tem the nominations were closed and went to a roll call vote: Councilman F. O'Boyle, "absent"; Councilwoman C. Williams, "Aye"; Councilwoman A. Montanez, "Aye"; Councilwoman L. Noonan, "Aye"; Councilwoman A. Harris, "Aye"; Councilwoman E. Santiago, "Aye"; and, Councilman D. Struckle, "Aye". Motion carried 6 - 0.  
Motion carried 6 – 0.

At this time Mayor R. Altomose turned the gavel over to Borough Council President D. Struckle.

**APPOINTMENTS OF BOROUGH OFFICERS/ SOLICITOR/ ENGINEERS**

Borough Council reviewed the list of the positions and the people currently holding those positions.

Vice President L. Noonan moved to make the appointments and reappointments as outlined:

- Borough Manager – Joshua Walker
- Borough Solicitor – James V. Fareri
- Borough Engineer – Barry Isett & Associates, Inc.
- Borough Treasurer – Danielle Hewitt
- Zoning Officer – Alexis Wilkinson
- Codes Enforcement Officer – Vacant
- Borough Traffic Engineer – Pennoni & Associates
- Borough Alternate Solicitor – Anthony Waldron
- Vacancy Board Chair – Matt Hensel
- Planning Commission Solicitor – H. Clark Connor
- Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor – Michael Gazza
- Sewage Enforcement Officer – Michael Waldron, PE
- Building Code Enforcement – Bureau Veritas, Bill Burton
- IT Professional – ARGS, Inc., Rodney Smith
- Any other Professional Consultants

Councilwoman A. Montanez seconded. Councilwoman C. Williams questioned whether "any other professional consultants" included the Borough's webmaster. Borough Manager J. Walker responded no.

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Vice President L. Noonan amended her motion to omit “any other professional consultants” and to accept all other appointments and reappointments. Councilwoman A. Montanez seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.

**STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

President D. Struckle stated that he would like to receive feedback on which committees the councilmembers were interested in. He asked Borough Council to submit their interest of five (5) committees to the Borough Manager via email by January 10<sup>th</sup>. He noted that the following two (2) committees must be active immediately. He appointed the following individuals to the Budget and Finance committee: Councilwoman L. Noonan; Councilwoman A. Montanez and himself. He appointed the following individuals to the Regional Police Commission: Mayor R. Altemose and himself.

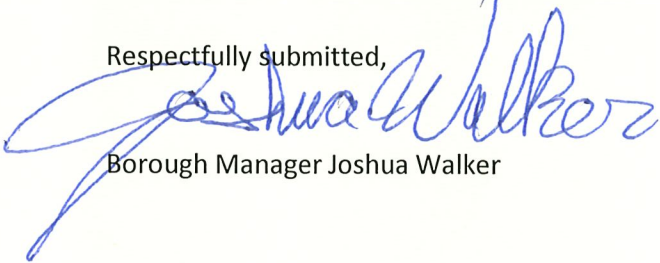
**SELECT PUBLIC MEETING DATES**

Vice President L. Noonan moved to advertise the regular meeting dates as the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Tuesday of every month at 6:30 P.M. and the work sessions for the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Tuesday of every month at 6:30 P.M. Councilwoman C. Williams seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Vice President L. Noonan moved to advertise the following standing meeting dates and times: Planning Commission, the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M.; Safety Commission, the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) and fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M.; Zoning Hearing Board, the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Tuesday of the month as needed at 7:00 P.M.; Parks and Recreation, the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Thursday of the month at 7:00 P.M. Councilwoman A. Harris seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.

There being no further business to be made during the Re-Organization meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Borough Manager Joshua Walker

