

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2016**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in Council Chambers on the above date for their reorganization meeting. Mayor Maxwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending. Also attending were members of Borough staff. Mayor Maxwell administered the oath of office to re-elected Council members Alex Rakoff, Phil Dague and newly elected Council member Jeff Thomas.

Mayor Maxwell called for nominations for Council President. Councilor Rakoff nominated Councilor Gazzo. Councilor Feldman nominated herself. Mayor Maxwell asked for a vote on the nomination of Councilor Gazzo for Council President. Councilor Gazzo was appointed President by a majority vote.

President Gazzo called for nominations for Council Vice President. Councilor Thomas nominated Councilor Rakoff. There were no other nominations. President Gazzo asked for a vote on the nomination of Councilor Rakoff for Council Vice President. Councilor Rakoff was appointed Vice President by a majority vote.

President Gazzo called for nominations for President Pro-Tem. Vice President Rakoff nominated Councilor McGlone. There were no other nominations. President Gazzo asked for a vote on the nomination of Councilor McGlone for President Pro-Tem. Councilor McGlone was appointed President Pro-Tem by a majority vote.

Appointments

President Gazzo requested a motion for the appointment of Borough Manager. Vice President Rakoff made a motion to reappoint Stephen Sullins as Borough Manager, Councilor McGlone seconded; motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed).

President Gazzo requested a motion for the appointment of Director of Finance. Councilor Thomas made a motion to appoint Kerry Eltman as Director of Finance, pending favorable results from a physical and background check, Councilor McGlone seconded; motion carried unanimously.

President Gazzo requested a motion for the appointment of Borough Solicitor. Councilor McGlone made a motion to reappoint Lamb McErlane, PC as Borough Solicitor, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed).

Executive Session

President Gazzo stated Borough Council held an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and asked if there were any motions.

Vice President Rakoff made a motion to approve and execute the agreement discussed involving the retirement of a Borough employee, Councilor McGlone seconded; motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Feldman abstained).

Vice President Rakoff made a motion to extend a conditional offer of employment to Francesco Grimaldi contingent on him passing the required psychological and physical exams. Councilor McGlone seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Borough Council Minutes (December 16, 2015) – Councilor McGlone made a motion to approve the minutes of December 16, 2015, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried 4-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed, Councilor Thomas abstained).

New Business

Resolution 2016-01 Borough Signatories – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to appoint Jeff Thomas and Phil Dague as Borough signatories, Councilor McGlone seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2016-01 Amending Chapter 274 Vehicles and Traffic – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to advertise with the intent to adopt Ordinance 2016-01, Councilor Thomas seconded. After discussion, motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed).

Mayor & Council Updates

Councilor Thomas reported the Parks & Recreation Commission will host an Invasive Plant Removal Day at Kerr Park on January 16, additional details and information is available on the Borough web site www.downingtown.org.

Mayor Maxwell thanked the Downingtown Good Neighbor Christmas Parade Committee and everyone who helped for an outstanding parade.

Mayor Maxwell reported the new officers of Minquas Fire Company will be sworn in during a ceremony on Monday, January 11.

President Gazzo announced the next Borough Council meeting will be held on January 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Councilor McGlone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m., Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Millie Byerly
Assistant Secretary