

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING – January 4, 2010

The Town council of the Borough of Conway met on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 6:30 P.M., at the Conway Volunteer Fire Department Banquet Hall, 900 South Gross Street, for the purpose of Re-Organizing and any other general business.

The Secretary verified all newly elected officials have turned in their Certificate of Election and Loyalty Oath.

Mayor Rose swore in the newly elected Council Members: Patty Then, Albert Sobolosky and Renee Senock.

Mayor Rose welcomed new Council member Patty Then and congratulated Mr. Sobolosky and Ms. Senock on their re-election to Council. She also offered her letter of resignation from Council, though understood, since she is now the Mayor. She thanked outgoing Mayor Trombetta for all of his dedicated years of service.

Mayor Rose opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Present – Scott Levenson, Robert Pribulsky, Greg Ritorto,
Renee Senock, Albert Sobolosky, P. Then, Mayor Rose

A quorum was declared by the Secretary.

Mayor Rose opened nominations for President of Council.

Ms. Senock nominated Albert Sobolosky.
Mr. Pribulsky nominated Scott Levenson.

No other nominations were received and Mayor Rose closed nominations.

Mr. Sobolosky thanked Ms. Senock for the nomination but declined it. Mr. Levenson accepted the nomination. A roll call was taken on Mr. Levenson as President

ROLL CALL: Yes – R. Pribulsky, G. Ritorto, A. Sobolosky, P. Then
No- R. Senock

The Mayor declared Scott Levenson President of Council due to obtaining a majority vote 4-1.

Mayor Rose opened nominations for Vice-President.

Mr. Levenson nominated Albert Sobolosky.
Mr. Ritorto nominated Renee Senock.

No other nominations were received and Mayor Rose closed nominations.

A roll call was taken on Mr. Sobolosky for Vice-President.

ROLL CALL: *Yes* – S. Levenson, R. Pribulsky, P. Then
 No – G. Ritorto, R. Senock

The Mayor declared Albert Sobolosky Vice-President of Council due to obtaining a majority vote 3-2.

At this time, Mayor Rose turned the meeting over to the new President, Scott Levenson.

President Levenson opened nominations for President Pro-Temp.

Ms. Senock nominated Greg Ritorto.
Mr. Sobolosky nominated Robert Pribulsky.

No other nominations were received and President Levenson closed nominations.

President Levenson took a roll call vote on the nomination of Greg Ritorto for President Pro-Temp.

ROLL CALL: *Yes* – R. Senock
 No – S. Levenson, R. Pribulsky, A. Sobolosky, P. Then

Nomination failed 4-1.

President Levenson took a roll call vote on the nomination of Robert Pribulsky for President Pro-Temp.

ROLL CALL: *Yes* – S. Levenson, A. Sobolosky, P. Then
 No – G. Ritorto, R. Senock

President Levenson declared Mr. Pribulsky President Pro-Temp of Council due to obtaining a majority vote 3-2.

Ms. Senock nominated Karen Roman to the Vacant Council Seat.
Mr. Pribulsky nominated Bradley Gilmore to the Vacant Council Seat.

No other nominations were received.

President Levenson took a roll call vote on the nomination of Karen Roman to the vacant Council seat.

ROLL CALL:

Yes – G. Ritorto, R. Senock

No – S. Levenson, R. Pribulsky, A. Sobolosky, P. Then

Nomination failed 4-2

President Levenson took a roll call vote on the nomination of Bradley Gilmore to the vacant Council seat.

ROLL CALL:

Yes – S. Levenson, R. Pribulsky, A. Sobolosky, P. Then

No – G. Ritorto, R. Senock

President Levenson declared Bradley Gilmore the newly appointed Council member due to obtaining a majority vote 4-2. Mayor Rose swore in Mr. Gilmore and he took his seat at the Council table. President Levenson welcomed Mr. Gilmore.

A discussion was held on the Vacant Property Review Board. This board is comprised of : One representative from Council, One representative from the Planning & Zoning Board, One representative appointed by Council, One representative appointed by the Mayor and One from the Beaver County Redevelopment Authority. This board is necessary when dealing with blighted property, those needing demolished. President Levenson did not think that it was necessary to have this board. Mr. Ritorto agreed. Mayor Rose felt that it could not hurt keeping. It may be necessary to have in the future. She also stated that she had a resident who was interested in appointment to the board. She recommended appointing Mr. Robert Skocich as the Mayor appointment. Other members currently on the board included, Mr. Sobolosky the Council representative and Mr. Helbig the Planning and Zoning representative. Council agreed to Mr. Skocich's appointment and agreed to keep the Board in place. No member appointed by Council or who represented the Beaver County Redevelopment Authority were named.

DEPOSITORY AND TREASURER: A motion was made by Sobolosky seconded by Pribulsky and carried to appoint First National Bank, Northern Lights office, as Borough Depository and Treasurer.

President Levenson passed out copies of Council Committees for 2010 and a Resolution setting new Council Committees, Responsibilities and Chairperson Authority to all of Council and the Mayor.

A motion was made by Gilmore seconded by Sobolosky to adopt Resolution #010410-1, setting new Council Committees, Responsibilities and Chairperson Authority.

Discussion: Ms. Senock and Mr. Ritorto stated that they had not had a chance to look this over and would like to table until the next meeting. He asked when this was printed since it already had Mr. Levenson's name on as president. He stated that they must have held some sort of meeting. President Levenson said that there was no violation of the Sunshine Law. Three Council members and a resident getting together is not a violation. Mr. Pribulsky told Mr. Ritorto that he does not have a say since he is no longer a resident.

Mr. Ritorto asked him to prove this. Mr. Pribulsky asked the Chief Blum to check into this.

Assistant Borough Secretary, Rachel Micija, who was present in the audience, asked Council if they were aware that the meeting was being filmed. President Levenson asked the resident to state his name and the reason he is filming the meeting. Mr. George Foltz, 1000 Chaplin Street, came to film the swearing in of new Council members. Ms. Senock objected to being filmed.

Mayor Rose commented that this established that Council has the authority to create policies and procedures for the police department. She stated that these items go through the Mayor. President Levenson said that this Resolution is not one of legislative nature it is just one to establish the committees. Council has the right to create the policies. Mayor Rose wanted to see the create part taken out and only read oversight and approval of policies. Mr. Gilmore did not see a problem with rewording this section. She also asked that the Mayor be included in section #7. President Levenson stated that this section creates Council Committee's so it should not include the Mayor.

A motion was on the floor and a Roll Call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL: Yes - Gilmore, Levenson, Pribulsky, Sobolosky, Then
No - Ritorto, Senock

Motion to adopt Resolution 010410-1 carries 5-2 on a Roll Call vote.

The 2010 Borough Council Committees are as follows:

Public Works: A. Sobolosky-Chair, G. Ritorto, B. Gilmore

Parks & Recreation: P. Then-Chair, R. Pribulsky, R. Senock

Finance & Administration: B. Gilmore-Chair, A. Sobolosky, P. Then

Public Safety: R. Pribulsky-Chair, B. Gilmore, A. Sobolosky

Planning, Zoning & Ordinances: A. Sobolosky-Chair, R. Senock, P. Then

Appointments of Borough Officials whose terms were up at the end of 2009 was discussed. President Levenson asked the Secretary to name those whose terms are up. Gia McGurgan, Recreation Committee; Tracy Trombetto, Recreation Committee; and Patrick Blinn, Vacancy Board. She said that all of them had responded yes to her letters asking if they would like to be re-appointed.

A motion was made by Sobolosky seconded by Then and carried to reappoint Gia McGurgan and Tracy Trombetto to five year terms on the Recreation Committee and Patrick Blinn to a one year term on the Vacancy Board.

A discussion took place on raises for the Secretaries, Crossing Guard, Cleaning Lady and part-time police officers. President Levenson asked that this item be placed on the Workshop Meetings Agenda since the exact amount of these raises were not known.

A discussion took place on the Refuse fees for 2010. An exact amount to charge the residents per month was not known. President Levenson asked the Secretary to place this item on the Workshop Meetings Agenda so that an exact amount can be stated.

President Levenson stated that Mr. Gudzan had expressed to him an interest in stepping down as Zoning Officer for the Borough. Mr. Gudzan responded that he would continue at this position, as long as the rest of the Planning & Zoning Committee continues to do their part.

The Secretary asked the council members if they were going to accept their pay for the year 2010. She needed this for payroll.

Yes - Mr. Pribulsky, Mr. Ritorto, Ms. Senock

No - Mr. Gilmore, Mr. Levenson, Mr. Sobolosky, Ms. Then

President Levenson stated that there was fifteen minutes before the first Engineering Firm interview. He asked Council if they would like to stand in recess until the first firm's scheduled time.

A motion was made by Ritorto seconded by Sobolosky and carried to stand in recess until 7:30pm.

President Levenson called the meeting back to order at 7:32 pm.

President Levenson explained to the audience that Council will be conducting interviews for the Borough Engineer and Solicitor positions.

A brief interview took place with Mr. Craig Baker representing the Engineering firm of Daniel C. Baker Associates, Inc.

At approximately 7:50 pm Mr. James Culler, Project Manager, the representative from Michael Baker Jr., Inc., arrived. A brief interview with him took place.

Mr. Gavin Robb represented the Law firm of Tucker Arensberg, P.C. Council interviewed him briefly for the Solicitor position for the Borough.

Ms. Megan Ott and Mr. Patrick Clair represented the Law firm of Goehring, Rutter & Boehm. Council also interviewed them for the Borough Solicitor position.

President Levenson asked Council if they would like to discuss these interviews now or table to the Workshop Meeting on Wednesday. Mr. Sobolosky said that he believed that it should be on the Workshop Agenda for and he asked that all the Council members keep in mind the Engineering and Law firms which the Borough currently has when making their decision. The rest of Council agreed. President Levenson asked the Secretary to place this item on the Workshop Meetings Agenda.

A motion was made by Ritorto seconded by Pribulsky and carried to adjourn at 8:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane McKay
Borough Secretary

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PRESIDENT _____