

BOROUGH OF AKRON RE-ORGANIZATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING- JANUARY 4, 2016

Council Members present- Thomas Murray, Perry Lorah, Justin Gehman, Earl Shirk, Dan McCormac (Council Member Elect), John Williamson (Council Member Elect), Philip Benigno (Council Member Elect).

Others present- Mayor John McBeth, Dan Guers, Susan Davidson, Jeff Shirk, Brian Boyer, Kay McEllhenney, Sam Baughman, Dick Wanner, Ephrata Review; Doris Wack, Maria Spinelli, Carol Benigno, Phil Benigno, Charles Schmidt, Dorothy Binkley, Natale Benigno, Tony Spinelli.

Mayor McBeth called to order the January 4, 2016 Borough of Akron Re-Organizational Council Meeting.

Mayor McBeth administered the Oath of Office to the three newly elected Council members; John Williamson, Philip Benigno and Dan McCormac.

Nominations

Mayor McBeth opened the nominations for President of Akron Borough Council.

Philip Benigno nominated John Williamson for President of Akron Borough Council.

Perry Lorah nominated Thomas Murray for President of Akron Borough Council.

Those in favor of John Williamson for Council President- Philip Benigno, Dan McCormac, Justin Gehman, Thomas Murray and John Williamson

Those in favor of Thomas Murray- Earl Shirk and Perry Lorah

John Williamson is Akron Borough Council President

Philip Benigno nominated Earl Shirk for Vice-President of Akron Borough Council.

Perry Lorah nominated Justin Gehman for Vice-President of Akron Borough Council.

Those in favor of Earl Shirk for Vice-President- Philip Benigno, Dan McCormac, John Williamson

Those in favor of Justin Gehman for Vice-President- Perry Lorah, Justin Gehman, Earl Shirk and Thomas Murray

Justin Gehman is Akron Borough Council Vice-President

The meeting was turned over to the President of Council at this time.

Appointments

Tom Murray made a motion to appoint Susan Davidson as Akron Borough Secretary. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Perry Lorah made a motion to appoint Robert Ober as Treasurer for the Borough of Akron. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Solicitors, Engineers and all other professional services will be reviewed by Council before making a decision.

Justin Gehman made a motion to nominate Earl Shirk as Council Chair Protem. Tom Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Perry Lorah made a motion to appoint the Fulton Bank and PLGIT (PA Local Government Investment Trust) as the Akron Borough Depositories. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Earl Shirk made a motion to appoint Dan Guers as the Akron Borough Zoning Officer, Permits and Enforcement Officer. Perry Lorah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Earl Shirk made a motion to appoint Susan Davidson as the Akron Borough Assistant Zoning Officer, Permits and Enforcement Officer. Perry Lorah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Earl Shirk made a motion to appoint Dan Guers as the Akron Borough Manager. Perry Lorah seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Earl Shirk made a motion to appoint Thomas Zell as the Akron Borough Police Chief. Tom Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Justin Gehman made a motion to appoint Dan Guers as the Akron Borough Building Permit Officer. Philip Benigno seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray made a motion to appoint Susan Davidson as the Akron Borough Assistant Permit Officer. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Perry Lorah made a motion to appoint Susan Davidson as the Yard Sale Permit Officer. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray made a motion to appoint Faye Martin as the Assistant Yard Sale Permit Officer. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dan Guers will write up the RFPs for Borough Auditor and Building Code Officials and distribute to Council for their review.

Tom Murray made a motion to appoint Susan Davidson as Deputy Tax Collector for Akron Borough as recommended by the Akron Borough Tax Collector, Ann Nolt. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Perry Lorah made a motion to accept and advertise the 2016 Akron Borough Meeting dates for Council Meetings, Finance Committee, Council Committee, Planning Commission, Akron Authority and Zoning Hearings. Philip Benigno seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Murray made a motion to approve the 2016 Non-Uniform Holidays. Justin Gehman seconded the motion. President's Day- Monday, February 15, 2016; Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 2016; Independence Day, Monday, July 4, 2016; Labor Day, Monday, September 5, 2016; Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 24, 2016, Christmas, Monday December 26, 2016; New Years, Monday, January 2, 2017; 2 floating holidays. Motion carried.

Council Committees will be appointed next week at the January 11, 2016 Council Meeting.

Tom Murray made a motion to set the Akron Borough's Treasurer's Bond at \$1,000,000.00. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Williamson asked Council members what committees they would like to serve on.

The proposed Rail Trail Advisory Committee will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Dan McCormac mentioned Council needs to be proactive with the water and sewer issues.

Sue Davidson will register Phil Benigno, John Williamson, Justin Gehman and Earl Shirk for the PSAB Council Training at the Eden Resort, February 5 & 6, 2016.

Mayor McBeth mentioned Council should update the Akron Borough Comprehensive Plan. This is a good tool to get citizens involved in long-term plans.

Tom Murray made a motion to have trees planted in the Roland Park for anyone who served the Borough with twenty five years of service. Earl Shirk seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sue Davidson will get a list of those who still are owed a tree.

Earl Shirk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Davidson
Borough Secretary

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