

## **MERCER BOROUGH REORGANIZATION MEETING**

**January 2, 2018**

Attendance: Beth Hillmar, Jerry Johnson, Cliff Hughes, Mayor Vernon, Caroline DaCosta, Jac Carter, Joe Kurtanich, Debbie Sarvis

Mayor Vernon led the reorganization meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Vernon encouraged all the Committee Members to read the Boroughs Association News where Executive Meetings are reviewed. He also encouraged every committee chairman to contact their committee members and meet as a group adding that this is not being done. The Mayor announced that Newly Elected Official Bootcamp is in the Mercer Area this year and encouraged everyone to attend.

### **NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

Jac Carter nominated Beth Hillmar as Council President. Aaron Sines seconded the motion. Jac Carter, Aaron Sines, Cliff Hughes, Jerry Johnson and Beth Hillmar approved the motion and Caroline DaCosta casting a no vote. Mayor Vernon asked if there were any more nominations. Cliff Hughes nominated Jac Carter for council president. The Mayor stated that he had already voted for Beth Hillmar as President and could not nominate anyone else. Cliff Hughes nominated Jac Carter as Vice President. The motion was unanimously approved after a roll call vote. Jac Carter moved to re-appoint Joe Kurtanich as the Borough Engineer with Aaron Sines seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Jac Carter moved to re-appoint Brad Shrawder as Police Chief with Cliff Hughes seconding. Vote carried with Aaron Sines voting no. Aaron Sines moved to re-appoint Ray Bogaty as Solicitor with Jac Carter seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Jac Carter moved to re-appoint Debbie Sarvis as Administrator with Aaron Sines seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Jac Carter moved to appoint Colt Garring as EMC with Aaron Sines seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Cliff Hughes moved to appoint Steve Van Woert to the Civil Service Commission and re-appoint Mark Brown and Cindy Hewitt with Jac Carter seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

Jac Carter moved to set the 2018-2019 regular meeting dates for the first and second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 P.M. with Aaron Sines seconding. Motion carried unanimously.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Joe Kurtanich updated council on the Streetscape Project and asked if the property owners received their cost estimate. Beth Hillmar asked Joe Kurtanich and the Administrator to hand the information out personally door to door to the businesses. Mr. Kurtanich informed council that PennDOT funding would not pay for the saving and replanting of the trees and if council would like to keep them it would cost about \$ 650.00 per tree. The Administrator agreed to call the Conservation District to see if they could be donated.

Beth Hillmar asked for an Executive Session if no one had anything else to add to the meeting.

Jerry Johnson advised council that the Lindsey Fund has contributed over \$ 1,000,000.00 to area organizations and students. Mr. Johnson stated that when he was unable to oversee the funds, it would be turned over to the Shenango Foundation.

The meeting was adjourned to an Executive Session to discuss a Police Personnel Issue. The meeting was called back to order. Beth Hillmar stated that the issue discussed at the Executive Session would be ongoing for further investigation.

The meeting was properly adjourned.

Submitted by,

Debbie Sarvis  
Administrator