

BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The Re-Organization Meeting of Council was held on Monday 4 January 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Room, 125 S. Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080

\*Note – The following were sworn in and the Oath of Office administered by Magistrate Beck prior to the Re-Organization Meeting: Walter H. Niedermeyer – Mayor, Bryon C. Reed – Councilman, Paul F. Hoffman – Councilman, Daniel L. Stevens – Councilman, Stephen R. Salvesen – Borough Manager/Secretary/Treasurer.

Presiding: Mayor Niedermeyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Borough Secretary: Stephen R. Salvesen

Mayor Niedermeyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and requested the Roll be taken

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>
	Kris Burek	Daniel Stevens	None
	Bryon Reed	Galen Freed	Ted Stevenson
	Eldon Roberts	Russell Hallman	Ed Healy
	Paul Hoffman	Walter Niedermeyer	

**VISITORS** – None addressed Council/Mayor

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS**

**Election of President** - Mayor Niedermeyer asked for nominations three (3) times. The following were nominated for President: Paul Hoffman, Bryon Reed, and Galen Freed. Attorney Healy suggested that each Councilman, when polled, vote for their candidate, and that the candidate with the most votes, becomes Council President. The Secretary was directed to call the roll. One (1) vote was recorded for Paul Hoffman, two (2) votes for Bryon Reed and four (4) votes for Galen Freed. Mayor Niedermeyer declared Galen Freed as President of Council for 2010/2011.

**Election of Vice-President** - Mayor Niedermeyer called for nominations three (3) times for Vice-President of Council. Paul Hoffman and Bryon Reed were nominated. The same procedure was followed for the election of Vice-President. The Secretary recorded three (3) votes for Paul Hoffman and four (4) votes for Bryon Reed. Mayor Niedermeyer declared Bryon Reed as Vice-President of Council for 2010/2011.

The Borough Solicitor suggested to Council that they elect a President Pro-Tem to take over in the event that both the President and Vice-President were not able to attend the same meeting. In addition, he stated that this was not a legal requirement but rather a traditional part of the Borough’s Government. Mayor Niedermeyer called for nominations three (3) times for President Pro-Tem. Paul Hoffman was nominated. Mayor Niedermeyer called for his election

by acclamation. The Mayor declared Paul Hoffman President Pro-Tem of Council for 2010/2011.

Mayor Niedermeyer turned over the Chair to President Freed.

**APPOINTMENTS** - President Freed asked for a motion to appoint Stephen R. Salvesen as Borough Manager/Secretary and that his nomination for Treasurer would be deferred until the next regularly scheduled meeting so that his bonding could be secured.

The following motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Hallman.

I move that Council appoint Stephen R. Salvesen as Borough Manager/Secretary for 2010/2011.

President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Kris Burek	Bryon Reed	None
Galen Freed	Paul Hoffman	
Daniel Stevens	Russell Hallman	
Eldon Roberts		

President Freed called a recess and asked Councilman Reed and Councilman Roberts to join him in the Council Meeting Room to select committee members for 2010/2011.

Following recess, President Freed announced the following committee assignments:

Public Safety: Paul Hoffman-Chair, Russell Hallman & Daniel Stevens.

Finance/Planning/Zoning: Russell Hallman-Chair, Daniel Stevens & Paul Hoffman.

Human/Community Services: Daniel Stevens- Chair, Russell Hallman & Paul Hoffman.

Highway: Bryon Reed-Chair, Eldon Roberts & Kristina Burek.

Sewer: Kristina Burek-Chair, Bryon Reed & Eldon Roberts.

Water: Eldon Roberts-Chair, Bryon Reed & Kristina Burek.

President Freed asked for a motion to appoint the Borough Solicitor. The following motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Vice-President Reed.

I move that Council appoint the firm of Steckel & Stopp as Borough Solicitor for 2010/2011.

President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Kris Burek	Bryon Reed	Paul Hoffman
Galen Freed	Russell Hallman	
Daniel Stevens	Eldon Roberts	

President Freed asked for a motion to appoint the Borough Engineer. The following motion was made by Councilman Hoffman:

I move that Council appoint the Firm of Spotts, Stevens & McCoy as Borough Engineer for 2010/2011.

President Freed called for a second three (3) times. Motion failed for a lack of a second.

President Freed asked for a motion to appoint the Fire Chief. The following motion was made By Councilman Burek, seconded by Councilman Stevens.

I move that Council appoint Keith Weaver as Fire Chief for 2010/2011.

President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>		<u>NAY</u>
Kris Burek		Bryon Reed	None
Galen Freed		Paul Hoffman	
Daniel Stevens		Russell Hallman	
Eldon Roberts			

President Freed asked for a motion to appoint the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor. The following motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Roberts.

I move that Council appoint the Firm of Broughal & DeVito, L.L.C. as solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board.

President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>		<u>NAY</u>
Kris Burek		Bryon Reed	None
Galen Freed		Paul Hoffman	
Daniel Stevens		Russell Hallman	
Eldon Roberts			

President Freed asked for a motion to appoint the Chief of Police. The following motion was made by Councilman Burek, seconded by Councilman Hallman.

I move that Council appoint David Rachman as Chief of Police for 2010/2011.

President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>		<u>NAY</u>
Kris Burek		Bryon Reed	None
Galen Freed		Paul Hoffman	
Daniel Stevens		Russell Hallman	
Eldon Roberts			

President Freed asked for a motion to appoint the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. The following motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Burek.

I move that Council appoint Joan Cheesbrough as Assistant Secretary/ Treasurer for 2010/2011.

President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>		<u>NAY</u>
Kris Burek		Bryon Reed	None
Galen Freed		Paul Hoffman	
Daniel Stevens		Russell Hallman	
Eldon Roberts			

President Freed asked for a motion to appoint the Zoning Officer & Municipal Code Official. After some conversation, the motion was tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting and the Borough Manager was directed to obtain the salary history for this position.

President Freed announced that Mr. Trevor Freed was not interested in being reappointed to the position of Emergency Management Director. Councilman Hoffman suggested that he might have a candidate to fill the position but wanted to contact the person first. The motion was tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

President Freed asked for a motion to appoint the Borough's Sewer Enforcement Officer. On a motion by Councilman Hoffman, the following motion was made:

I move that Council appoint Sean Corey from the firm of Spotts, Stevens, & McCoy as the Borough's sewerage enforcement office for 2010/2011 and James Fisher as the alternate sewerage enforcement officer from the firm of Spotts, Stevens, & McCoy for 2010/2011.

President Freed called for a second three (3) times. Motion failed for lack of a second.

President Freed asked for a motion to appoint members to the Park and Recreation Committee. The following motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Reed.

I move that Council appoint Robert Stettner, John Rinker, and William Stein, to the Park & Recreation Committee, terms to expire 01/01/13.

President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>		<u>NAY</u>
Kris Burek		Bryon Reed	None
Galen Freed		Paul Hoffman	
Daniel Stevens		Russell Hallman	
Eldon Roberts			

President Freed asked for a motion to appoint the Borough's Depositories. The following motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Vice-President Reed.

I move that Council appoint the following as Borough Depositories for Borough Funds and request a copy of the pledge of assets against deposits as follows: Harleysville National Bank, J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust, Citigroup/Smith Barney, Wells Fargo, Trust Company of the Lehigh Valley, and Millennium Wealth Management, checks to be signed by the Treasurer, President, Vice-President, and/or the Chairman Pro Tem.

President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>		<u>NAY</u>
Kris Burek		Bryon Reed	None
Galen Freed		Paul Hoffman	
Daniel Stevens		Russell Hallman	
Eldon Roberts			

President Freed asked for a motion to appoint a member to the Slatington Borough Authority. The following motion was made by Councilman Roberts, seconded by Councilman Stevens.

I move that Council appoint Darrell Baus to the Slatington Borough Authority for a five (5) year term expiring 01/01/2015.

President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>		<u>NAY</u>
Kris Burek		Bryon Reed	None
Galen Freed		Paul Hoffman	
Daniel Stevens		Russell Hallman	
Eldon Roberts			

President Freed noted that there was no candidate to fill the Vacancy Board position. After some discussion, it was decided to use the Borough's newsletter to advertise the position. Solicitor Freed noted that the Vacancy Board comes into play only in the case of a vacancy on Borough Council, and only if the remaining members of Council can not select a candidate suitable to all. This position will also be advertised in the Borough's newsletter.

President Freed asked for a motion to appoint members to the Police Pension Board. The following motion was made by Councilman Burek, seconded by Councilman Hoffman.

I move that Council appoint Carol Gildner, George Burke, Salvatore Taibi, Russell Hallman and Stephen R. Salvesen to the Police Pension Committee for 2010/2011.

President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>		<u>NAY</u>
Kris Burek		Bryon Reed	None
Galen Freed		Paul Hoffman	
Daniel Stevens		Russell Hallman	
Eldon Roberts			

President Freed asked for a motion to appoint the Borough's Auditor. The following motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Burek.

I move that Council appoint the firm of Campbell, Rappold & Yurasits as Borough Auditor for 2010/2011.

President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>		<u>NAY</u>
Kris Burek		Bryon Reed	Paul Hoffman
Galen Freed		Russell Hallman	
Daniel Stevens			
Eldon Roberts			

President Freed asked for a motion to appoint the Ordinance Enforcement Officer. The following motion was made by Councilman Burek, seconded by Councilman Hoffman.

I move that Council appoint Linda Nails as Ordinance Enforcement Officer for 2010/2011.

President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Kris Burek	Bryon Reed	None
Galen Freed	Paul Hoffman	
Daniel Stevens	Russell Hallman	
Eldon Roberts		

President Freed asked for a motion to appoint a member to the Zoning Hearing Board. The following motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Burek.

I move that Council appoint Lee Andreas to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three (3) year term to expire 01/01/2013.

President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Kris Burek	Bryon Reed	None
Galen Freed	Paul Hoffman	
Daniel Stevens	Russell Hallman	
Eldon Roberts		

President Freed asked for a motion to appoint the Fire Police Captain. The following motion was made by Councilman Burek, seconded by Vice-President Reed.

I move that Council appoint Lori Vernon as Fire Police Captain for 2010/2011.

President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Kris Burek	Bryon Reed	None
Galen Freed	Paul Hoffman	
Daniel Stevens	Russell Hallman	
Eldon Roberts		

President Freed asked for a motion to appoint a member to the Borough Civil Service Commission. The following motion was made by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Vice-President Reed.

I move that Council appoint Edward Bechtel to the Borough Civil Service Commission for a six (6) year term to expire 01/01/2016.

President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Kris Burek	Bryon Reed	None
Galen Freed	Paul Hoffman	
Daniel Stevens	Russell Hallman	
Eldon Roberts		

On a motion by Councilman Burek, seconded by Councilman Hoffman, the following motion was made:

I move that Council authorize the Secretary to send letters to all newly appointed officials informing them of their appointment and thanking them for their service to the community.

President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Kris Burek	Bryon Reed	None
Galen Freed	Paul Hoffman	
Daniel Stevens	Russell Hallman	
Eldon Roberts		

President Freed asked for a motion to re-open the budget for purposes of fixing the Borough's tax rates for 2010. On a motion by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Burek the following motion was made.

I move that Council re-open the budget for purposes of fixing the Borough's tax rates and that Ordinance 646 fixing Borough tax rates for 2010 be re-advertised for adoption on February 8, 2010, and that the budget will be available for inspection at Borough Hall for comment.

President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Kris Burek	Bryon Reed	None
Galen Freed	Paul Hoffman	
Daniel Stevens	Russell Hallman	
Eldon Roberts		

President Freed called for a motion to advertise Council meetings for 2010. On a motion by Councilman Hoffman, seconded by Councilman Roberts the following motion was made.

I move that Council authorize the Secretary to advertise that Council Meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 125 South Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080.

President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Kris Burek	Bryon Reed	None
Galen Freed	Paul Hoffman	
Daniel Stevens	Russell Hallman	
Eldon Roberts		

Councilman Hoffman asked if a determination had been made on Workshop Meetings. The Borough Manager was asked for the results of the survey conducted on an informal basis. The survey indicated that most Council Members favored a committee format as opposed to a Workshop format with the exception of Councilman Hoffman and Councilman Burek who might have a scheduling issue due to work commitments. After some discussion, Councilman Burek offered the following motion for Council consideration, seconded by Councilman Hoffman.

I move that Council adopt a revised Workshop Agenda that would incorporate the best parts of individual committee meetings with the open exchange of a Council discussion on a four (4) month trial basis. The efficiency of this approach would be re-examined in April and a final determination on how to proceed would be made. The Manager was asked to draft a sample agenda for Council to review. These meetings would be held on the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Monday of each month starting at 6:30 P.M. Further, the Secretary was authorized to advertise these meetings.

President Freed declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Kris Burek		None
Galen Freed		Paul Hoffman
Daniel Stevens		Russell Hallman
Eldon Roberts		

There being no further business to bring before Council, on a motion by Councilman Hoffman, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.