

## REORGANIZATION MEETING

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The reorganization meeting of the Lansford Borough Council for Nominations and Elections of officers was held at the above date and place at 6:30pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor James Romankow and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were 4 residents and 1 reporter.

There was no roll call.

### OATHS OF OFFICE

Mayor James Romankow stated that all of the Oaths of office have taken place and is ready to begin the nominations and elections of officers.

### NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

Mayor James Romankow asked if there were any nominations for council president. The Nominations are as follows: Mary Soberick nominated Tommy Vadyak, however he declined. Rosemary Cannon made the nomination for Mary Soberick, and Colin Jones made the nomination for Martin Ditsky. Mayor James Romankow closed the nominations. Mary Soberick asked if maybe we should fill the (2) vacant seats first before reorganizing, but Tommy Vadyak made the point that they can reorganize anytime if they choose.

Mayor James Romankow started the vote of the nominations as follows: Mary Soberick received 1 vote from Rose Mary Cannon. Martin Ditsky received the majority of council's vote so he was elected as President of council and this closed the vote for Council President.

Mayor James Romankow then asked if there were any nominations for Council Vice- President. The nominations are as follows: Colin Jones Received 1 nomination but declined. Mary Soberick received 1 nomination and accepted it due to the circumstance of the nominations. Votes are closed and Mary Soberick will remain the Council's Vice President.

Mayor James Romankow asked if there were any nominations for President Pro- Tempore. The nominations are as follows: Rose Mary Cannon Nominated Colin Jones. Tommy Vadyak received 1 vote from Colin Jones, but was declined. Colin Jones won the vote and was elected to be President- Pro Tempore. Nominations are closed.

### REAPPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS

President Martin Ditsky opened the floor for the reappointment of Secretary/ Treasurer, however Rosemary Cannon stated that position does not belong on the reorganization. Moving forward President Martin Ditsky asked for the nomination of Solicitor Michael Greek. Rose Mary Cannon made the motion to re- appoint Solicitor Michael Greek. Mary Soberick and Tommy Vadyak were opposed however the motion was carried.

President Martin Ditsky asked for the reappointment of the engineer. **Rosemary Cannon made the motion to reappoint Keystone. Second: Mary Soberick Vote. All in favor. Motion carries.**

President Martin Ditsky asked for the appointment of Sewage enforcement Officer. Rose Mary Cannon stated the Borough does not have one so this was skipped. President Martin Ditsky asked for the reappointment of Building Inspector. **Rose Mary Cannon made the motion to appoint Barry Isett.** Mary Soberick stated she would like to have these services in house as we are always looking to outsource; however there are no individuals or other firms to appoint. Colin Jones made the motion to table it.

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**RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN WILLIAMS**

President Martin Ditsky asked if this letter was accepted. Rose Mary Cannon stated it was read at the last meeting. **Rose Mary Cannon made the motion to advertise for the vacant seat. Second: Tommy Vadyak vote. All in Favor. Motion Carries. Mary Soberick asked if we will have a special meeting before the 30 days is up to appoint someone. President Martin Ditsky said yes.**

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ON WAGES FOR NON UNION BOROUGH EMPLOYEES**

President Martin Ditsky entertained a motion. Colin Jones asked if it was comparable to last year. Mary Soberick stated there seems to be no changes. **Rose Mary Cannon made the motion to approve the 2014 Resolution of wages. Second: Martin Ditsky vote. Tommy Vadyak opposes it due to the Pool Staff wages, Colin Jones opposed and Mary Soberick then opposed it stating the Secretary Treasurer wage was incorrect, but then she changed her vote to approve it. Mary Soberick stated that it's a resolution and can be changed any time. Motion Carries.**

**APPROVAL OF 2014 MEETING SCHEDULE**

President Martin Ditsky addressed the approval of the 2014 meeting schedule as it was already advertised. There were no motions made.

**COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

Martin Ditsky tabled this for Wednesday's meeting. **Tommy Vadyak makes the motion to approve it. Second: Rose Mary Cannon Vote. All in favor, motion carries.** Mary Soberick suggested that the committee members should make up the schedule. Tommy rescinded his vote and asked to table it.

**PUBLIC COURTESY**

Donnie Gildea, 107 West Kline Ave asked if the council will set a deadline for John William's seat. Tommy Vadyak said it will be 30 days from the 1<sup>st</sup>. President Martin Ditsky stated we will have a special meeting before the 31<sup>st</sup>. Rose Mary Cannon said 2 weeks from January 6<sup>th</sup>. January 20<sup>th</sup> will be the next special meeting per Mr. Ditsky.

Joseph Butrie, 443 East Ridge St. stood up and stated he submitted a letter of interest for Andy Snyder's seat and has not received any response. Tommy Vadyak stated it's on its way to the court and the court will decide.

Rose Mary Cannon answered questions and rebutted figures presented by Bob Silver at the last council meeting. Bob Silver was unaware that some of the transfers were Journal entries which represented Danny Wynn's salary and the borough workers salary. Jill also accidentally transposed two figures but that did not change the end balance and it was corrected. He referenced a Bank account as an expense and it cannot be an expense as it's a Bank account. She stated the budget was posted on the borough door and he could have come in any time to ask questions and waiting for the day of adoption was not in the best interest of the budget. Bob silver also stated we should pay off the pennvest loan and Rosemary Cannon stated it's not a good idea as its only 1% interest. She also mentioned that Bob Silver brought up a liability figure on the balance sheet regarding Sewer Transmission in the amount of \$61,707.48, which is an accurate figure however, it's a journal entry that was carried over from 2010, and the amount for 2013 was \$2,400 which represents Danny Wynn's salary. Again, he states the sewer transmission fund should be audited, but sewer transmission fund is audited every year. The 3 million dollar loan is what is killing this account. Other than the two figures that were transposed, none of Bob Silvers figures were correct.

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She also asked Mr. Vadyak why he was questioning the 12,320.00 in the pool account. Mr. Vadyak explained that when he asked Ms. Cannon what was in that account she stated there was no money in the pool account. He went home and found the paper that listed the balance and Jill had signed off on it, there was a confirmation of \$12,320.00 in the pool account. He stated Mary Fittos was not involved, Jill signed it and that Ms. Cannon denied it. Ms. Cannon stated that the \$12,320 was the ending balance from when Marie Ondrus and Irma Leibensberger signed off the account. It was on the checkbook and the auditors saw it. Marie Ondrus shouted out that she saw the paper today with the balance of \$12,320 and that Ms. Cannon was in the clear. Ms. Cannon stated that was all she wanted to address. She also mentioned that she meant no harm in Mentioning Chris Ondrus's name at the last meeting as when she saw Marie Ondrus in the audience Chris came to mind. She would apologize if he felt that she said something offensive.

Ms. Cannon stated we ended our General Fund Balance for 12/31/13 with \$85,000. She stated we already received our \$100,000 Tax Anticipation Note. Mr. Vadyak stated that it needs to carry us through the first quarter as there will be no revenue during that time.

President Ditsky asked there were any additional comments and entertained a motion to adjourn.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Rosemary Cannon made the motion to adjourn at 7:04pm. Second: Tommy Vadyak vote. All in favor. Motion Carries.**

Respectfully submitted,

***Mary Fittos***

May Fittos  
Secretary/Treasurer