

REORGANIZATION

The reorganization of Lansford Borough Council was held 6:00 p.m., January 6, 2020, at borough hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michele Bartek and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Oath of Office and Affidavit of Residency is on file for newly elected council persons: Martin Ditsky, Bruce Markovich, John Turcmanovich, William Chuma and Mayor Michele Bartek.

Roll Call: Present were Martin Ditsky, Bruce Markovich, John Turcmanovich, William Chuma, Bob Silver, Marie Ondrus, and Mayor Michele Bartek. Absent: Irma Leibensperger.

Election of Bruce Markovich as Council President

Mayor Michele Bartek opened the floor for nominations for President of Council:

Councilman William Chuma nominated Bruce Markovich.

There were no other nominations and Mayor Bartek ruled the nominations closed.

On roll call vote for Bruce Markovich for President: Bruce Markovich, Yes; Martin Ditsky, No; John Turcmanovich, Yes; William Chuma, Yes; Bob Silver, Yes; Marie Ondrus, No; **4-Yes, 2-No.**

Election of Bob Silver as Council Vice President

Mayor Michele Bartek opened the floor for nominations for Vice President of Council:

Councilman Bruce Markovich nominated Bob Silver for Vice-President.

There were no other nominations and Mayor Bartek ruled nominations closed.

On roll call vote for Bob Silver as Vice President: Bruce Markovich, Yes; Martin Ditsky, No; John Turcmanovich, Yes; Bob Silver, Yes; William Chuma, Yes; Marie Ondrus, No; **4- Yes, 2 –No.**

Mayor Bartek took her seat at the council table and Bruce Markovich took the president's chair to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

Election of John Turcmanovich as Council President Pro Tempore

President Bruce Markovich conducted nominations for President Pro Tempore:

Council William Chuma nominated John Turcmanovich as President Pro Tempore.

There were no other nominations and President Markovich ruled nominations closed.

On roll call vote for John Turcmanovich as President Pro Tempore: Bruce Markovich, Yes; Martin Ditsky, No; John Turcmanovich, Yes; Bob Silver, Yes; William Chuma, Yes; Marie Ondrus, No; **4- Yes, 2 –No.**

Borough Council Meeting Dates for 2020 established:

A Motion was made by William Chuma to hold the monthly meetings and advertise the yearly schedule at the same times as last year; on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at borough hall, 1 W. Ridge Street. If the meeting requires an executive session it will be held at the beginning of the meeting at 6:00 p.m. If executive session matters are not resolved by 6:30 p.m., the group will come out of executive session for the remainder of the meeting and go back into executive session at the end of the meeting. The Motion was second by Bob Silver. On roll call vote all were in favor, Motion passed.

Borough Council Committee Meeting Dates for 2020 established:

A Motion was made by Bob Silver to hold committee meetings between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month; skipping a meeting if there was nothing to consider that month (for the

five committees without specifying a beginning and ending time for each committee) . The Motion was second by John Turcmanovich. On roll call vote, all were in favor, Motion passed.

Mary Soberick raised a problem with the committee meeting schedule. How is a resident to know when to attend a specific committee meeting without a designated time? There was discussion about the legality of advertised committee meetings and the Sunshine Law.

Bob Silver asked to rescind the previous Motion about committee meeting dates, second by Martin Ditsky. All were in favor, Motion to rescind passed.

Bob Silver made a Motion, second by Martin Ditsky, to advertise and hold committee meetings with the same schedule as last year; on the first Wednesday of each month at the following times:

**5:30 p.m. Zoning and Ordinance
6:00 p.m. Public Works
6:30 p.m. Municipal Administration
7:00 p.m. Park & Recreation
7:30 p.m. Public Safety**

All were in favor, Motion passed.

Signatories on Checks: Resolution 2020-01

A Motion was made by William Chuma to pass Resolution 2020-01 to designate and approve signors for borough checks at banks holding borough accounts; Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank, M & T Bank and Mauch Chunk Trust. The resolution names the borough council president, vice president, secretary treasurer and assistant secretary treasurer as signors. All checks require two signatures and one signature must be an elected official. The Motion was second by John Turcmanovich. On roll call vote: Bruce Markovich, Yes; Martin Ditsky, No; John Turcmanovich, Yes, William Chuma, Yes; Bob Silver, Yes; Marie Ondrus, No; Motion passed, 4-Yes, 2-No.

Committee member assignments are decided by the president. President Markovich will announce the committee members at the regular council meeting on January 8, 2020.

Appointment/reappointment of the following was postponed to the January 8, 2020 meeting:

- 1) Borough outside contractors; Zoning Officer, Borough Engineer, Borough Solicitor
- 2) Borough Authority's, Boards & Commissions: LC Joint Water Authority, CLSH Sewer Authority, Park & Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, Vacancy Board.

Public Courtesy- No comments

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:25 p.m. by John Turcmanovich, second by William Chuma and everyone dispersed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Seigendall
Secretary Treasurer