

SHIPPENSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

January 2, 2018

6:10 p.m.

Present at the Council Meeting: Andrea Lage
Bruce Hockersmith
Sandra Mailey
John Alosi
Keith Swartz
Mitchell Burrows
Kathy Coy, Mayor

Mayor Coy administered the Oath of Office to the following Borough Council members prior to the start of the meeting: Keith Swartz, Bruce Hockersmith, John Alosi, and Mitchell Burrows.

INVOCATION Mayor Kathy Coy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE COUNCIL

REORGANIZATION

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Mayor Coy opened the nominations. Sandra Mailey nominated Andrea Lage as President of Borough Council. Bruce Hockersmith moved to close nominations. Motion carried 5-0.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

John Alosi nominated Bruce Hockersmith as Vice President of Council. Mitchell Burrows moved to close nominations. Motion carried 5-0.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

President Lage stated that they could vote on all of the appointments in one lump sum. President Lage reviewed the list of officers with Council members. Councilperson Hockersmith stated that he would like Council to review their current contract that we have with our current legal advisors and review the costs that we have invested with them over the last few years. Council President Lage asked if he is ok with the motion to appoint? Councilperson Hockersmith stated yes, but he would still like to have the right to review their contract. Councilperson Hockersmith moved to authorize the appointment of the list of officers of Council. Motion seconded by Keith Swartz. Motion carried 6-0.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

President Lage explained that one of the privileges of being President is to appoint Council members to committees but she would like everyone to let her know in the next week or so if they have strong preferences either for the ones they really to sit on or if they have strong preferences for the ones that they really don't want to sit on so that she can try to accommodate that when she assigns people to those. The President went on to state that the other part of the discussion is that in the past they have actually had Transportation as an ad-hoc committee and in speaking with Manager Epley before this he was open to maintaining that has an ad-hoc committee so that as issues come up those people who are most interested can be part of it since they really don't have many issues or a need to meet on a monthly basis. Councilmembers agreed with the ad-hoc committee for Transportation. President Lage stated that if members could send her an email with their interests she will put a draft together before the next council meeting so that they can see what she is considering before the meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

President Lage explained that these are groups that Council members are a part of and some that are blank she had removed because some were Mayor and Councilmember and she needed to talk with Council to see if any of them are mandatory for the Mayor or if it was just generally open positions. The President went on to report that the Library Board has a vacancy but it meets at the same time as Council and even though Council is meeting earlier she doesn't think that they would be done here in time to have a councilperson on that and in the past the argument has been that if we cannot appoint a councilperson to go it is kind of odd to have just another member of the community to go to represent Council because they are not part of the Council. President Lage stated that that is why it is currently vacant but this Council can decide what they wish to do. Mitchell Burrows asked if there is some sort of communication that can happen outside of the meeting night? President Lage stated that she would think so. Councilperson Burrows stated that he doesn't see any problem with leaving it vacant. Councilperson Mailey agreed. President Lage stated that they will leave that Board vacant and express to the Board that we appreciate the opportunity; however she did state that she believes the position has been filled with a community member so perhaps they should ask the Board if it is still an open position.

Mayor Hockersmith stated that on the University Community Advisory Board one of the positions is the Mayor. Mitchell Burrows stated that he would love to serve on that Board because he has a lot of strong relationships with a lot of administration and facility.

Councilperson Alosi stated that he is willing to continue on the Municipal Advisory Board and Councilperson Hockersmith stated that he is willing to remain as the alternate.

Keith Swartz stated that he will serve on the Employee Pension Board.

President Lage explained that in regards to the Enterprise Zone Loan Committee Council appointed her at the last meeting for the term but since this is a new Council it is their right to reconsider and if they have no changes to that then it will just stand as is. Council was fine with the current Board as is.

President Lage reported that in regards to the Fire Advisory Board and the Master Fire Plan Committee Bruce and Kathy were both on in the past and she is not sure if there is a mandatory Mayor position on this board. Councilperson Hockersmith stated that it is probably appropriate for the Mayor to be on this Board. Councilperson Hockersmith stated that he would be willing to continue to serve on both committees. President Lage stated that in regards to the Advanced Life Support Advisory Committee, Bruce also used to serve on this committee but she wasn't sure if it was a mayoral position or if it was an open position. Councilperson Hockersmith stated that it is a position for the Mayor and he has sent information to Kathy regarding it.

President Lage stated that there used to be a Long Range Planning committee that she used to be on but she doesn't think it stands anymore as part of DOIT and she wasn't sure what committee actually has a councilperson sitting on it. Councilperson Hockersmith stated that Council is represented on DOIT by Kathy Coy and himself because they are both on the DOIT Board.

President Lage stated that Manager Epley and Nicole Bard are listed as part of the Cumberland County Tax Collection Committee. Council was in agreement to have both of them remain on the board.

President Lage reported that in regards to the Police Post-Retirement Health Care Fund Committee it used to be Joe Hockersmith and the Mayor which will remain as a mayor position with Kathy and they will need a councilperson to fill the other position. Keith Swartz stated that he will serve on that Board.

Mitchell Burrows reported that the last time that they had a joint SADCO, Chamber, and DOIT meeting, the first piece of news that came out of SADCO was that it still exists. Councilperson Burrows stated that he would be glad to serve on the SADCO board and Councilperson Hockersmith stated that he will serve as the alternate.

President Lage stated that currently on the Western Cumberland Council of Governments Manager Epley and Kevin Plasterer serve. Council was in agreement to have both of them remain as the representatives.

President Lage read the list of Committees listed as the following:

University Community Advisory Board
Municipal Advisory Board (Cumberland County)
Employee Pension Board

Kathy Coy, Mitchell Burrows
John Alosi, Bruce Hockersmith
Keith Swartz, Nicole Bard

Enterprise Zone Loan Committee	Andrea Lage
Fire Advisory Board	Kathy Coy, Bruce Hockersmith
Master Fire Plan Committee	Kathy Coy, Bruce Hockersmith
Advanced Life Support Advisory Committee	Kathy Coy
DOIT	no appointment but members who are sitting on the board
Cumberland County Tax Collection Committee	John Epley, Nicole Bard
Police Post-Retirement Health Care Fund Committee	Kathy Coy, Keith Swartz
SADCO	Mitchell Burrows, Bruce Hockersmith, Alt.
Western Cumberland Council of Governments	Kevin Plasterer, John Epley

Keith Swartz moved to approve all appointees as discussed. Motion seconded by Bruce Hockersmith. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Luanne Kyle, Branch Manager at Members1st, reported that she is doing Leadership Franklin County and one of the homework assignments is to attend a government meeting to see how the government works. Ms. Kyle asked if there are no Franklin County Committee meetings similar to the Western COG and the other Cumberland County committees and wondered if they do not represent any committees in Franklin? Kevin Plasterer stated that they are permitted to attend the on in Chambersburg that is held by Franklin County but he doesn't attend that one on a regular basis mostly because the majority of the borough is in Cumberland County. President Lage also stated that it is also a realistic look at our resources to not do duplicates on those kinds of meetings.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 19, 2017

Councilperson Hockersmith pointed out a few grammatical changes to the December 19, 2017, minutes, and moved to approve the minutes with amendments. Motion seconded by Keith Swartz. Motion carried 6-0. President Lage suggested that if there are discussion points that that can be brought up to Council but if they have grammatical ones to just create a list and give it to the office staff to make the corrections.

CONSIDERATION TO ENTER INTO A ONE (1) YEAR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF SHIPPENSBURG CHIEF OF POLICE

Bruce Hockersmith moved to approve the employment agreement for the Borough of Shippensburg Chief of Police. Motion seconded by John Alosi. President Lage stated that this is a continuation of the practice that we had before. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDERATION TO ENTER INTO A TWO (2) YEAR EMPLOYEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF SHIPPENSBURG MANAGER

President Lage stated that as a reminder the time period on this is limited by the time that Council sits. Keith Swartz moved to accept the agreement as written. Motion seconded by Sandra Mailey. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 18-001; 2018 STREET BANNER SCHEDULE

Mitchell Burrows moved to accept Resolution 18-001. Motion seconded by Sandra Mailey. Motion carried 6-0. President Lage reported that it is understood that all of those acceptances go with an explanation of all the rules and requirements for said signs.

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 18-002; APPROVING THE 2018 EVENTS FOR THE SHIPPENSBURG FIRE POLICE

President Lage reported that every year we put the best guess of the list of items based on the past year and every year we end up seeing a few slip in later. Sandra Mailey moved to adopt Resolution 18-002; approving the 2018 Events for the Fire Police. Motion seconded by John Alosi. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 18-003; SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Sandra Mailey moved to accept Resolution 18-003; supporting the legislation to create an independent legislative and congressional redistricting commission. Motion seconded by John Alosi. Keith Swartz asked if the Borough has done this before and requested that someone help him to understand it better. Councilperson Alosi explained that this action is supporting legislation with various groups within the Commonwealth of PA trying to create an independent commission to do the redistricting rather than being politically based. Bruce Hockersmith stated that currently the legislature does the redistricting so it depends on which party is in power and this would set up an independent commission that would create more contiguous legislative districts within the State. John Alosi explained that it is supporting the state wide effort by other municipalities and other groups. Sandra Mailey explained that the idea is that they have to pass legislation in two consecutive sessions and then it comes to the public to be a constitutional amendment and the commission is to establish an independent group of 11 people who are not connected politically and whose families are not connected politically to make these decisions about drawing the congressional districts so that they might be more neutral so that each of our votes might actually count. Councilperson Mailey went on to state that it is not to favor either party but to simply be more reasonable as to population and geographic boundaries and not drawing things in intricate ways in which to exclude people. Keith stated that he is just not sure that the Borough of Shippensburg should be involved in this. Sandra Mailey stated that this is simply a support of the idea and many of the municipalities within Franklin County

have done the same and it is saying we support the idea and we would like them to pass it. President Lage stated that it also argues as the Borough that we are actually affected by this districting and the decisions that are made by the State Legislature will affect the borough and one of the things that we saw in the past is that our Borough, because we are in two different counties, got split so we weren't actually part of any one district on the first go around when they did that. Councilperson Alosi stated that we still are not and initially we were split into three and then the State Supreme Court over-ruled that initial redistricting but we are split now between a legislator whose main office and residence is in Perry County and one in Franklin County. Keith Swartz stated that he doesn't disagree with what they are doing he just doesn't support this method and he feels we should have our representatives in and have a conversation with them and let them do their job which is overseeing the redistricting. Sandra Mailey stated that the problem is, is that they are the ones doing this. Mitchell Burrows stated that this is actually saying that maybe this shouldn't be their job and if enough people from below speak up it may make a difference. John Alosi stated that this resolution also is supportive of what is in the Pennsylvania constitution where you are not supposed to divide municipalities unless it is absolutely necessary. Sandra Mailey stated that it is to try to make it a more neutral process but it has to be a change in the constitution because the constitution gives the job to the legislators and we would really rather that they do not do that because they simply want to try to maintain their power. Councilperson Burrows stated that it is really difficult for either side to put forth a vote that takes power away from themselves so this might actually be one of the only ways that that happens. Motion carried 5-1 with Keith Swartz voting No.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sandra Mailey stated that she would like to express her appreciation for the trip through the wastewater treatment plant and felt that it was very beneficial and stated that she gained a lot from it. Keith Swartz and Mitchell Burrows agreed. Manager Epley stated that they had a good turn out with almost the entire SBA with the exception of Kerri Burrows. Also in attendance were John Alosi, Sandy, Keith, and Mitchell. President Lage asked the Manager to give Wade their thanks and appreciation for doing that.

Bruce Hockersmith stated that due to the fact that he will be part of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Committee structure he would like Council to authorize him to be the voting representative for the Borough of Shippensburg for the Spring Conference and the Fall meeting for 2018. Keith stated that he would like it on the next agenda. Councilperson Hockersmith stated that he will also be reporting street lights that are out as he's driving through town in the evenings and would request the rest of Council do the same if they see a street light out since we are paying for them whether they are lit or not. Sandra Mailey asked if the period lights are on sensors or timers? Kevin Plasterer explained that they are on sensors and each half block has its own electric eye so depending on what time of the day the sun or moon hits that eye is how they come on.

Manager Epley wished to remind Council that at their next meeting they will be hearing two re-zoning requests and those hearings will be the first item on the agenda. President Lage also stated that

we have also advertised the opening for the Park and Recreation Authority and they will be hearing those interviews at their first meeting in February. Kathy Coy asked Manager Epley if we still had a list of people at the office that will do plowing for private residences in case an elderly person needs help? President Lage stated that she thought they were working through the University and other groups that were willing to do it for free.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Bruce Hockersmith moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.