

LITITZ BOROUGH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting Held January 2, 2024
Council Chambers, 7 South Broad Street, Lititz, PA & Zoom

The January 2, 2024 Reorganization Meeting of Lititz Borough Council was conducted as a hybrid meeting, in person in Council Chambers and virtually utilizing Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Mayor Snyder with Councilmembers Lee & Sensenich and Councilmembers-elect Carpenter, Gattis, and Meck present. Councilmember Mobley attended via Zoom. Council chambers was filled to capacity for the swearing in with many attendees not using the sign-in sheet. Those noted were Chief Kerry Nye, Elijah Yearick, Rob McFadden, Shawn Carpenter, Ryan McCrory, Ron Roda, George Sayles, Shane Weaver, David Carson, Rick Rhineer, Lynette Meck, Carol Simpson, Kerri Hample, Jess Musser, Reggie Weaver, Amy & Larry Martin, Frank Brown, Rich & Steph Barbour, Steve Schunilk, Pam Williams, Wendy Schmid, Dan Buch, Joanne Robb, Sallie Rihn, David Lauver, Mark & Fran Hirschman, Fran Clemmer, Megan & Brandon Schmidt, Bill & Jeanette List, Kathy Ross, Diane Skilling, Brad Bergman, Erin Gibson, Dick & Margie Hall, Cindy Wingenroth, Maryann Richmond, Ed Cunliffe, Stella Saxton, Doug & Karyl Anderson, John & Julia Walker, and Laura Knowles of the Lititz Record Express. Marilyn Wiberley also attended via Zoom. The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance led by Mayor Snyder.

LOYALTY OATH

Mayor Timothy Snyder administered the Loyalty Oath to Mary Gattis (Borough Council First Ward, 4-year term), Tannia Carpenter (Borough Council Second Ward, 4-year term), Gerald Meck (Borough Council Third Ward, 4-year term), having been duly elected to Council. Gattis thanked residents and taxpayers of Lititz after her oath. Meck referenced his oath and committed to respectful discourse with other Council members, faithful attendance and participation in Council duties, to listen and learn from residents of the borough, and to make decisions that are fair and just for all borough residents. He stated that these commitments were based on his personal values to act justly, to interact kindly and respectfully with others, and to be a team player for the community.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

Mayor Snyder presided over the meeting and called for the reorganization of Council for the 2024-2025 term. Mayor Snyder called for nominations for the office of President. Sensenich nominated Lee. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed, and Lee was unanimously elected to the office of President. Carpenter asked if Lee would speak to the time commitment of Council President. Lee responded that the President gets called into many meetings and the commitment is significant. He committed to dedicating the time necessary to the position. Meck asked whether Lee had a vision for the Council. Lee responded that he would like to see collective involvement of Council members in the work and decision making of Council.

Mayor Snyder called for nominations for the office of Vice President. Lee nominated Sensenich. There were no other nominations and nominations were closed. Gattis asked Sensenich to discuss her understanding and vision for the position. Sensenich responded that she had spoken with Lee regarding his previous tenure, that her previous term on the Finance Committee would serve her well, and that she would have the time to dedicate herself to the role. She continued to state that her goal for 2024 would be to ensure that Gattis, Carpenter, and Meck would have the support needed to help them settle into their new roles. Sensenich was unanimously elected to the office of Vice President.

Mayor Snyder called for nominations for the office of President Pro Tem. Sensenich nominated Mobley. Upon a request from Gattis, Snyder reviewed the duties of President Pro Tem. Mobley was unanimously elected to the office of President Pro Tem.

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH POSITIONS

The Mayor relinquished the Chair to President Lee, who welcomed the newly seated Council members, and their friends and supporters in the audience. He shared that he is glad to serve with others who love Lititz. Lee reviewed the positions for reappointment. On a motion by Sensenich with a second by Gattis, Elijah Yearick was unanimously appointed as Secretary. On a motion by Sensenich with a second by Gattis, Rob McFadden was unanimously appointed as Treasurer. On a motion by Sensenich with a second by Meck, David Miller Associates was unanimously appointed as Civil Engineer. On a motion by Sensenich with a second by Gattis, Entech was unanimously appointed as Water/Sewer Engineer. On a motion by Sensenich with a second by Carpenter, Grove Miller was unanimously appointed as Traffic Engineer. On a motion by Sensenich with a second by Meck, Barley Snyder was unanimously appointed as Solicitor. On a motion by Sensenich with a second by Gattis, Duane Ober was unanimously appointed as Emergency Management Coordinator. On a motion by Sensenich with a second by Gattis, Brett Fascnacht was unanimously appointed as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. On a motion by Sensenich with a second by Gattis, Mike Enck and Gary Cassidy were unanimously appointed as the UCC Board of Appeals.

RECOGNITION OF WARWICK EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

President Lee formally recognized WESC's appointment of Duane Ober as Fire Commissioner and the appointment of Mike Smith as Deputy Fire Commissioner.

OTHER BUSINESS: Sub-Committee Assignment

President Lee stated that Council Sub-Committee appointments would be developed through the month and finalized at the January 30th Council meeting. Upon a request by Meck, Lee reviewed the sub-committees, regional liaisons, and the appointment process noting that the President is a member of each sub-committee but could not serve as chair.

Meck discussed that nearly 50 people volunteer to serve on various Borough committees. He continued to state that he would be interested in making appointments to these committees more public and to try and get more interested citizens to volunteer. Upon discussion, Lee and Gattis agreed with Meck's goals for appointments. Gattis then encouraged those in attendance to reach out if they would be interested in volunteering, and to attend the monthly Council meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M. on a motion by Sensenich with a second by Gattis.

Respectfully submitted,

Elijah Yearick
Secretary