

Reorganization Meeting of
January 2, 2024

The Reorganization Meeting of Lehighton Borough Council was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clark Ritter. Members of Council were: Ryan Saunders, Rebecca Worthy, Autumn Abelovsky, Grant Hunsicker, Steve Hawk, Dave Zimmerman and John Kreitz.

Officials in attendance were: Borough Manager Dane DeWire and Borough Secretary Brenda Kreitz, Borough Engineer Vanessa Nedrick, Fire Chief Patrick Mriss, Police Chief Troy Abelovsky, Mayor Clark Ritter and Public Works Superintendent Kris Kunkle.

Welcome by Mayor

Mayor Clark Ritter welcomed everyone to the start of a new year and swore in Grant Hunsicker, Rebecca Worthy, Dae Zimmerman, Steve Hawk and John Kreitz.

Election of Officers

Election of President

Autumn Abelovsky nominated John Kreitz to be president. Rebecca Worthy nominated Grant Hunsicker to be president. Vote was taken for John Kreitz with Autumn Abelovsky, John Kreitz and Dave Zimmerman voting in favor. Vote was taken for Grant Hunsicker with Ryan Saunders, Rebecca Worthy, Steve Hawk and Grant Hunsicker voted in favor. Grant Hunsicker was named Council President.

Election of Vice President

Autumn Abelovsky nominated John Kreitz to be vice-president. Rebecca Worthy nominated Ryan Saunders to be vice-president. Vote was taken for John Kreitz with Rebecca Worthy voting no. John Kreitz was named Council Vice-President.

Appointment of Chairman Pro-Tem to Preside in the Absence of President and Vice President

John Kreitz nominated Autumn Abelovsky as President Pro-Tem and all were in favor.

The meeting was then turned over to Grant Hunsicker.

Appointment of Borough Officials and Officers

Motion to Appoint/Reappoint the Following Borough Officials –

Councilors Worthy/Saunders made the motions to approve the list with the exception of “J” as presented and all were not in favor.

Councilors John Kreitz/Abelovsky made the motions to table the appointment/reappointment list and all were in favor.

Dane DeWire, Borough Manager
Brenda Kreitz, Borough Secretary
Cathy Smith, Treasurer/Assistant Secretary
Kim Rubin, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Lonny Armbruster, L&P Supervisor
Barry Fisher, Assistant L&P Supervisor
Kris Kunkle, Public Works Supervisor
Jeff Smith, Assistant Public Works Supervisor
Tom Evans, Recreation Director
Bruce Steigerwalt, Borough Engineer
James Nanovic, Borough Solicitor
Berkheimer - Tax Collector for Earned Income & Local Service Taxes
Barry Isett & Associates, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer
Barry Isett & Associates, Health Officer
Patrick Mriss, Fire Chief
Michael Mriss, Assistant Fire Chief

Troy Abelovsky, Police Chief
Karen Reichard, Police Administrative Manager
Times News, Official Public Notification
System Design Engineers, Sewage Enforcement Officers

Appointments to Authorities/Commissions/Boards

Appointment to Lehigh Canal Recreation Commission

Councilor Saunders said he would remain on the board.

Appointment to the Library Board

Councilor Worthy said she would remain on the board.

Appointment of Council Representative for Police Pension Committee

Councilor Kreitz said he would like to be on the committee.

Appointment of Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the Carbon County Tax Collection Committee

Brenda said she would remain as the voting delegate and the Treasurer would remain the alternate delegate. Council agreed.

Designate voting delegate and alternate for the Carbon County Council of Governments

Councilor Worthy said she would be the delegate and Councilor Saunders said he would remain as the alternate.

Authorization to Update Bank Depositories and Signatories for all Borough Financial Transactions - Resolution R1-2024

Councilors Kreitz/Saunders made the motion to adopt and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Designate Voting Delegate and Alternate for PSAB Annual Conference (To be held June 2 – 5, 2024) at Hershey)

Grant said he will remain the voting delegate and Ryan said he would take the alternate. The solicitor said we should consider put on the next agenda Setting of Treasurers Bond amount of \$

Adjournment

Councilors Abelovsky/Kreitz made the motions adjourn at 6:48 p.m. All were in favor.

Brenda L. Kreitz
Borough Secretary