

**MINUTES**

**COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING  
January 3, 2022  
7:00PM Council Meeting**

THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

1. Call to Order by presiding officer  
Moment of silence, Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call (if quorum is not present, the meeting shall thereupon be Adjourned to a specific date by the majority vote of those present)
3. Swearing in of newly elected officials
4. Nominations of officers
5. Review and approval of agenda.
6. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals - Agenda Items
7. Business Not Ready for Action or No Action Needed
8. Old Business
9. Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions
10. New Business
11. Added Items
12. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items
13. Adjournment

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER: Mayor Tim Burke**

**ITEM 2. ROLL CALL (Attendance)**

<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u> <u>&amp; MAYOR</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
BOWER	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>			
TROIANI	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Chief of Police	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
JARRETT	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>	Solicitor	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
LEWIS	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	Engineer	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
LEARN	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	DPW Foreman	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
MOCCIA	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>	Reporter(s)	<u>      </u>	<u>None</u>
TALANCA	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>	Fire Chief	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
MAYOR BURKE	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>			
DAMIEN SCOBLINK, MANAGER	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>			

**ITEM 3. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS: Mayor Tim Burke**

**ITEM 4. NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS**

1.) NOMINATIONS FOR **COUNCIL PRESIDENT**:

Mr. Lewis Nominated Ms. Troiani

CLOSE NOMINATIONS: Motion Mr. Learn

Second Mr. Lewis

VOTING FOR MS. TROIANI: Councilpersons Bower, Learn and Lewis

Ms. Troiani abstained from voting for self. Ms. Troiani named Council President by a 3-0 vote in favor, with one abstention. At this time, Ms. Troiani took over as presiding officer.

2.) NOMINATIONS FOR **COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT:**

Mr. Lewis Nominated Mr. Learn

CLOSE NOMINATIONS: Motion Mr. Bower

Second Mr. Lewis

VOTING FOR MR. LEARN: Councilpersons Bower, Lewis and Troiani

Mr. Learn abstained from voting for self. Mr. Learn named Council Vice President by a 3-0 vote in favor, with one abstention.

**ITEM 5. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:**

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Mr. Lewis

All in favor, agenda approved.

**ITEM 6. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items**

None

**ITEM 7. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:**

1. Poplar Street Improvement - Present members of Council expressed support of putting on agenda for action at next meeting.
2. Geisinger EMS CLFRF request - No desire for action was expressed.
3. Around the table - None

**ITEM 8. OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

None

**ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider and take action to appoint **Frank Kepner of Kepner, Kepner and Corba** as the **BOROUGH SOLICITOR**.

Discussion: Concerns were expressed about timeliness. It was noted to Council that, in absence of any other options, failure to appoint Attorney Kepner would result in the Borough having no solicitor at this time.

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Ms. Troiani  Approved,  Denied,  Tabled

A role call vote was called for:

Mr. Lewis - Yes  
Mr. Bower - No  
Mr. Learn - No  
Ms. Troiani - Yes

With a vote of all present members of Council resulting in a tie, Mayor Burke was called upon to cast a tie-breaking vote:

Mayor Burke - No

Motion denied with a 3-2 vote against.

2. Consider and take action to appoint **J.H. Williams** as the **BOROUGH AUDITOR**.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Learn  Approved,  Denied,  Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to designate **First Keystone Bank** as the **DEPOSITORY FOR BOROUGH FUNDS**.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Mr. Lewis  Approved,  Denied,  Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

4. Consider and take action to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as the **BOROUGH ENGINEER.**

Discussion: Item was tabled, pending receipt of requested proposals.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_  Approved,  Denied,  Tabled

5. Consider and take action to establish the dates and times for Board and Commission meetings to remain the same as the prior year.

Discussion: Motion was tabled, with Council requesting more specifics of meeting dates.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_  Approved,  Denied,  Tabled

6. Consider and take action to appoint **Cassandra Mowery** as the **BOROUGH TREASURER** until January 7, 2024.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Mr. Lewis  Approved,  Denied,  Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

7. Consider and take action to appoint **Damien Scoblink** as the **BOROUGH MANAGER** until January 7, 2024, at an initial salary of \$61,000. All other existing conditions of employment will continue as previously agreed upon, with the exception of him being granted three (3) additional personal days per year.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Bower  Approved,  Denied,  Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

8. Consider and take action to authorize Borough Manager to purchase one (1) 2022 Ford Explorer, or reasonably similar vehicle model, at a cost not to exceed \$32,750.00, to replace purchase of 2022 Ford Escape approved at December 20, 2021 meeting.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Bower Second: Mr. Learn  Approved,  Denied,  Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

9. Consider and take action to approve CDBG FFY 2021 Substantial Amendment #1.

Discussion: None

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Bower  Approved,  Denied,  Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

**ITEM 11. ADDED ITEMS**

None

**ITEM 12. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items**

- Rick Harmon, on behalf of Barry Isett and Associates - Requested that Council consider his firm for inspections, to replace work currently done by Larry Frace. Cited slow permit times as reason for this change being necessary.

**ITEM 13. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion: Mr. Bower Second: Mr. Lewis

Meeting adjourned.