

BOROUGH OF WEST READING – BOROUGH COUNCIL

REORGANIZATION MEETING

January 4, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.

West Reading Borough Council held its reorganization meeting at Borough Hall on Monday, January 4, 2010 with the following persons present: Mayor Shane Keller; Council Members Amy Good-Ashman, Nathalie Kulesa, Kevin Conrad, Philip Wert; Borough Manager George Tindall; Code Enforcement Officer Gerald Trate; Borough Solicitor Socrates Georgeadis; Administrative Assistant Cathy Hoffman. Absent: Council Member James Gallen; Elected Resident David Thomas.

VISITORS: Ruth Cardell 728 Reading Avenue

Mayor Keller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. which was followed with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Mayor Keller requested nominations for the office of Borough Council President. Mr. Conrad nominated Nathalie Kulesa. As there were no other nominations for the office of Council President, Mayor Keller closed the floor for nominations and requested the vote for the appointment of Nathalie Kulesa as Borough Council President, which was passed unanimously.

Mayor Keller requested nominations for the office of Borough Council Vice President. Mrs. Kulesa nominated Kevin Conrad. As there were no other nominations for the office of Council Vice President, Mayor Keller closed the floor for nominations and requested the vote for the appointment of Kevin Conrad as Vice President of Borough Council, which was passed unanimously.

Mayor Keller then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Kulesa.

Mr. Tindall told Council that a letter was received from Amy Good-Ashman stating her resignation from the Zoning Hearing Board (as alternate). **Moved** by Mr. Conrad and seconded by Mr. Wert to accept the resignation of Amy Good-Ashman as alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board. **Motion carried.**

It was noted that along with the vacancy for the Zoning Hearing Board Alternate, there is also one 2-year position on Council that needs to be filled. After some discussion it was decided to advertise the vacancies on the Borough's website and by posting notices at Borough Hall. As there are no regulations concerning how vacancies may be advertised, it was decided that cost effective measures would be appropriate.

Moved by Mr. Conrad and seconded by Ms. Good-Ashman to advertise the vacancies on the Borough website, and by posting notices at Borough Hall. **Motion carried.** It was decided that letters of interest would be received until January 14th at 4:30 p.m. and that interested persons should make themselves available prior to the 7:00 p.m. Council meeting on January 19th, 2010.

Some discussion followed regarding Mr. David Thomas who was elected in November but not sworn in, and did not attend the reorganization meeting. It was noted that if by the January 19th meeting he has not been sworn in, the seat will be declared vacant. Mrs. Kulesa stated that she would contact him.

APPROVAL OF 2010 TAX RATE:

Moved by Mr. Conrad and seconded by Mr. Wert to approve the 2010 tax rate as advertised; 5.5 mills for real estate and 1.6 mills for fire protection. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MEETING CALENDAR:

Moved by Mr. Conrad and seconded by Mr. Wert to approve the meeting calendar as distributed. **Motion carried.**

Discussion ensued regarding the Council appointments to individual Committees/Commissions. Mrs. Kulesa said she would get a copy of the list of Committees/Commissions and have the appointments in place for the 19th.

REAPPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH MANAGER:

Moved by Mr. Wert and seconded by Ms. Good-Ashman to reappoint George Tindall as Borough Manager for a two year term, from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011. **Motion carried.**

REAPPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH TREASURER:

Moved by Mr. Conrad and seconded by Mr. Wert to reappoint Sharon Morgan as Borough Treasurer for a two year term, from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011. **Motion carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council recessed to Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss personnel. When Council reconvened, no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Hoffman
Administrative Assistant

Approved by,

George I. Tindall
Borough Manager/Secretary