

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING –COUNCIL ORGANIZATION MEETING**  
**JANUARY 3, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.**

West Reading Borough Council held a reorganization meeting at Borough Hall on the above date. Mayor Kevin S. Barnhardt called the meeting to order with the following persons present: Council members Pamela J. Barnhardt, Kevin M. Conrad, Michael H. Doyle, Nathalie R. Kulesa, and Michael W. Morrill, and Stephanie J. Murray, Borough Manager George I. Tindall, Fire Chief Mark D. Burkholder, and Administrative Assistant Rosalie A. Loeper.

VISITORS: Amy Good-Ashman - 210 Chestnut Street  
Ray Heist - West Reading Drug Store

**SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mayor Kevin S. Barnhardt swore in the following Council members: Kevin M. Conrad, Michael H. Doyle, Nathalie R. Kulesa, and Michael W. Morrill.

**SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED TAX COLLECTOR**

Mayor Barnhardt swore in the Tax Collector: Joseph P. Stiber.

**NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

Mayor Barnhardt asked for nominations for President of Borough Council. Council Member Pamela J. Barnhardt nominated Stephanie J. Murray. There were no other nominations and the nominations were closed.

**NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

Mayor Barnhardt asked for nominations for Vice-President of Borough Council. Council Member Stephanie J. Murray nominated Kevin M. Conrad. There were no other nominations and the nominations were closed.

The president and vice-president were elected by acclamation.

Roberts Rules of Order - On motion duly made by Council Member Pamela J. Barnhardt, seconded by Council Member Nathalie R. Kulesa and passed, Council adopted the Roberts Rules of Order.

Borough Manager/Secretary, Assistant Zoning Officer, and Sewage Enforcement Officer - On motion duly made by Council Member Pamela J. Barnhardt, seconded by Council Member Nathalie R. Kulesa and passed, Council appointed George I. Tindall to these positions from 1/1/06 to 12/31/07.

Borough Solicitor - On motion duly made by Council Member Pamela J. Barnhardt, seconded by Council Member Nathalie R. Kulesa and passed, Council appointed the firm of Kozloff Stoudt as Borough Solicitor from 1/1/06 to 12/31/07.

Borough Treasurer - On motion duly made by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad, seconded by Council Member Michael W. Morrill and passed, Council appointed Sharon L. Morgan as treasurer from 1/1/06 to 12/31/07.

Business Privilege & Occupational Privilege Tax Collector - On motion duly made by Council Member Michael H. Doyle, seconded by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad and passed, Council appointed Berks Earned Income Tax Bureau to these positions from 1/1/06 to 12/31/06.

Code Compliance Officer, Zoning Officer, and Building Inspector - On motion duly made by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad, seconded by Council Member Pamela J. Barnhardt and passed, Council appointed Jason S. Ganster to these positions from 1/1/06 to 12/31/07.

Assistant Code Compliance Officer - On motion duly made by Council Member Pamela J. Barnhardt, seconded by Council Member Nathalie R. Kulesa and passed, Council appointed Gerald Trate as Assistant Code Compliance Officer from 1/1/06 to 12/31/07.

Plumbing Inspector - On motion duly made by Council Member Michael H. Doyle, seconded by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad and passed, Council appointed Bruce L. Albrecht as Plumbing Inspector from 1/1/06 to 12/31/07.

Planning Commission - On motion duly made by Council Member Michael W. Morrill, seconded by Council Member Pamela J. Barnhardt and passed, Council appointed Amy Good-Ashman and Maxine E. Goodwin as members of the Planning Commission from 1/1/06 to 12/31/09.

Recreation Commission - Current Borough Ordinance states there may be nine members on the Recreation Commission. Twelve candidates wish to be appointed and a Council Member serves as chairperson. Following discussion, on motion duly made by Council Member Pamela J. Barnhardt, seconded by Council Member Michael W. Morrill and passed, Council instructed the Borough Solicitor to prepare and advertise an ordinance to change the current ordinance to allow for 13 members on the Recreation Commission, with one of them being a Council Member.

On motion duly made by Council Member Michael H. Doyle, seconded by Council Member Pamela J. Barnhardt and passed, Council appointed the following persons to the following Commissions:

Shade Tree Commission – 4 Year Term  
Michael Edwards

1/1/06 12/31/09

Police Civil Service Commission - 6 Year Term

Kathleen A. Lashinsky 1/1/06 12/31/11

Emergency Management Board Member

Kevin S. Barnhardt 1/1/06 12/31/06

Stephanie J. Murray 1/1/06 12/31/06

Joint Municipal Authority of Wyomissing Valley - 5 Year Term

Michael Geddio 1/1/06 12/31/10

Western Berks Refuse Authority - 5 Year Term

Gilbert Feeg 1/1/06 12/31/10

Zoning Hearing Board - 5 Year Term

Samuel H. Heim 1/1/06 12/31/10

Code Hearing Board – 5 Year Term

Thomas Lynam 1/1/06 12/31/10

Housing Review Board – 3 Year Term

Janice Jackson 1/1/06 12/31/08

Police Pension Fund Committee – 3 Year Term

Shane Keller 1/1/06 12/31/08

Vacancy Board – 1 Year Term

Mark D. Burkholder 1/1/06 12/31/06

Mayor Barnhardt noted that Council should fill the vacancy on the Housing Review Board as soon as possible, since that Board will be utilized in 2006.

Main Street Foundation - On motion duly made by Council Member Pamela J. Barnhardt, seconded by Council Member Michael H. Doyle and passed, Council appointed Kevin M. Conrad and Michael W. Morrill to the Main Street Foundation. Their terms shall expire 12/31/06.

Main Street Authority - On motion duly made by Council Member Pamela J. Barnhardt, seconded by Council Member Michael W. Morrill and passed, Council appointed Kevin M. Conrad to the Main Street Authority from 1/1/06 to 12/31/10.

Madame President made the following appointments:

Michael P. Ferenchick to Protection to Persons and Property and Chairperson for Personnel Committee.

Michael H. Doyle to Environment and Joint School Board Committee.

Michael W. Morrill to Finance, Personnel Committee, and Joint School Board Committee.

Nathalie R. Kulesa to Commerce and Industry, Recreation Commission, and Personnel Committee.

Kevin M. Conrad to Traffic and Infrastructure and liaison to Borough crew.

Stephanie J. Murray, Mayor Kevin S. Barnhardt, and Michael P. Ferencick to the Hospital Ad Hoc Committee.

Kevin M. Conrad, Michael P. Ferencick, and Michael W. Morrill to Road Crew Negotiating Committee.

Auditor - On motion duly made by Council Member Pamela J. Barnhardt, seconded by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad and passed, Council appointed Reinsel Kuntz Leshar LLP as the Borough's Auditor.

Emergency Management Coordinator - On motion duly made by Council Member Michael W. Morrill, seconded by Council Member Pamela J. Barnhardt and passed, Council appointed Thomas Bausher as Emergency Management Coordinator from 1/1/06 to 12/31/06.

Engineer - Council discussed several engineering firms: Great Valley Consultants, Entech Engineering, Inc., Envirotech and Associates, Inc., and ARRO. Following discussion, on motion duly made by Council Member Pamela J. Barnhardt, seconded by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad, Council moved to appoint Great Valley Consultants as Borough Engineer. Another discussion followed regarding transition costs and after that discussion a vote was taken; the motion died. Council decided to discuss this matter at its regular January Council meeting.

Ray Heist - Mr. Heist informed Council about a West Reading Railroad, which was incorporated in 1860 to build a connection with the Lebanon Valley branch to the river area near the vicinity of Sixth and Canal Streets in Reading. Mr. Heist showed Council a T-shirt about this railroad, which is available for purchase for \$15.00 from him at the West Reading Drug Store.

Resignation of Pamela J. Barnhardt - Council Member Pamela J. Barnhardt informed Borough Council that she is resigning from Borough Council, due to employment with the County of Berks. This resignation is effective immediately. On motion duly made by Council Member Michael W. Morrill, seconded by Council Member Michael H. Doyle and passed with regret, Council accepted the resignation of Pamela J. Barnhardt. On motion duly made by Council Member Nathalie R. Kulesa, seconded by Council Member Michael H. Doyle and passed, Council motioned to advertise the available Council seat

immediately. Resumes/Letters of Intent shall be received until noon on Friday, January 13, 2006.

Adjournment - On motion duly made by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad, seconded by Council Member Michael W. Morrill and passed, Council adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalie A. Loeper  
Recording Secretary

Approved by George I. Tindall  
Borough Manager/Secretary