

SHICKSHINNY BOROUGH
Reorganization Meeting-1/2/2018
MINUTES

The Reorganization Meeting of the Borough of Shickshinny Council was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, in the Council Room of the Shickshinny Borough Municipal Building. The Honorable Mayor Brenda Long called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The newly elected Council members were previously administered the Oath of Office by Magistrate John Hasay on December 12, 2017. Documentation was submitted.

Per roll call, the following members of Council were present: Candice Kruczek, Chris Madl, Jeff Norcross, Rosalie Whitebread and Jim Wido.

Many members of the community were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Mayor Long opened the floor for nomination and election of Council President.

Nomination of Rosalie Whitebread for the office of Council President was made by Jim Wido/seconded by Candice Kruczek. Abstain: Rosalie Whitebread. Motion carried.

Mayor Long opened the floor for nomination and election of Council Vice President.

Nomination of James Wido for the office of Council Vice President was made by Candice Kruczek/seconded by Chris Madl. Abstain: Jim Wido. Motion carried.

The Mayor passed the gavel to the newly elected Council President to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

President Whitebread opened the floor for nomination and election of Council President Pro-tem.

Nomination of Candice Kruczek for the office of Council President Pro-tem was made by Jim Wido/seconded by Jeff Norcross. Abstain: Candice Kruczek. Motion carried.

President Whitebread provided clarification on the Secretary/Treasurer position. She explained that as this is statutory position, it cannot be eliminated as was done at the December 28, 2017 meeting.

Motion was made by Jeff Norcross/seconded by Jim Wido to reinstate the Borough Secretary/Treasurer position. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Wido to hire Bobbi Titus to the Secretary/Treasurer position. There was discussion on the need for an immediate interim/temporary person to fill that position.

Motion was made by Jeff Norcross/seconded by Chris Madl to hire Bobbi Titus as the temporary Secretary/Treasurer and seek applicants for the permanent position. Yes votes: Jeff Norcross, Chris Madl, Candice Kruczek. No votes: Jim Wido, Rosalie Whitebread. Motion carried.

A vote was taken on the prior motion made by Jim Wido/seconded by Candice Kruczek to hire Bobbi Titus to the Secretary/Treasurer position. Yes votes: Candice Kruczek, Jim Wido, Rosalie Whitebread. No votes: Jeff Norcross and Chris Madl. Motion carried.

Motion made for the appointment of Attorney William Burke for the position of Borough Solicitor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jim Wido to table the appointment of the Vacancy Board Chairperson/seconded by Jeff Norcross. Motion carried.

Appointment to the Sewer Authority – Five year term – Council noted the receipt of a letter of interest for this appointment from Barry Noss.

Motion made by Jim Wido/seconded by Chris Madl to appoint Barry Noss to the Sewer Authority for the five-year term. Yes votes: Candice Kruczek, Chris Madl, Jim Wido, Rosalie Whitebread. No votes: Jeff Norcross. Motion carried.

Motion made by Candice Kruczek/seconded by Jim Wido to table the appointment of members to the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jim Wido/seconded by Chris Madl to appoint Jeff Norcross to the Planning and Mitigation Commission for a three year term. Motion carried.

President Whitebread asked Kathy Llewellyn if she wanted to remain as a member of the Joint UCC Board to continue her previous council appointment. Kathy indicated, yes she wanted to remain on this board.

Motion made by Jim Wido/seconded by Jeff Norcross to table other appointments to the Joint UCC Board. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jim Wido/seconded by Jeff Norcross to table appointments to the Floodplain Maintenance Advisory Board. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jeff Norcross/seconded by Jim Wido to table appointments to the Quality of Life-Property Maintenance Board. Motion carried.

Appointments to 2018 Committees were tabled.

Appointment of Borough Employees and establish hourly rate of payment:

There was discussion on the rate of pay and whether or not there was a rate difference for normal wages vs. snow removal wages. Bobbi Titus was asked to research this further.

Motion made by Jim Wido/seconded by Jeff Norcross to retain Art Zehner as the Supervisor of the Street Department at a rate of \$12/hour. Yes votes: Candice Kruczek, Chris Madl, Jeff Norcross, Jim Wido. No votes: Rosalie Whitebread. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jeff Norcross/seconded by Jim Wido to retain Ralph Riker to the street department at a rate of \$10/hour. Motion carried.

Motion to table the appointment to the Police Department was made by Jim Wido/seconded by Jeff Norcross. Motion carried.

Interest in the appointment for the Building Cleaning position was discussed. Chris Madl indicated his wife was not interested in the appointment for the 2018 year. President Whitebread stated that the present cleaning person was interested in continuing for 2018.

Motion made by Jim Wido/seconded by Jeff Norcross to retain Samantha Celona for office cleaning. Motion carried.

Motion to table the appointment of the Code Enforcement Officer was made by Jim Wido/seconded by Candice Kruczek. Yes votes: Candice Kruczek, Chris Madl, Jim Wido, Rosalie Whitebread. No votes: Jeff Norcross. Motion carried.

Motion made to set the mileage reimbursement rate per IRS for 2018 at 54.5 cents per mile by Jeff Norcross/seconded by Jim Wido. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jim Wido/seconded by Jeff Norcross to table the appointment of the Borough Engineer. Motion carried.

President Whitebread discussed the vacancy of a tax collector and asked if anyone in the audience was interested in the position. President Whitebread informed all that the present Tax Collector of Hunlock Creek, Joann Blaine expressed an interest in the position.

Motion made by Jeff Norcross/seconded by Jim Wido to appoint Joann Blaine to the Tax Collector of Shickshinny Borough position. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion made by Jim Wido/seconded by Jeff Norcross to table the Auditor appointment. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jim Wido/seconded by Jeff Norcross to approve the schedule of regular meetings, committee meetings, and work sessions. Motion carried. Bobbi Titus is to verify the Council meeting dates were published.

Motion made by Jim Wido/seconded by Chris Madl to designate three new bank account signatories. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion made by Jeff Norcross/seconded by Jim Wido to allow the payment of routine bills to be submitted for ratification at General Council meetings. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Reorganization Meeting remains open and a continued work session will be scheduled.

Respectfully submitted:

Roberta J. Titus, Secretary
Borough of Shickshinny