

# MINUTES TO Re-Organization MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2020

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The Re-Organization Meeting of the Borough of Baldwin Council was called to order by Mayor David Depretis at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 2020. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Invocation were done by The Honorable David Depretis, Mayor.

## OATH OF OFFICE

The Honorable David Depretis, Mayor performed the swearing in ceremony for the newly elected.

Members of council and officials of the Borough, were sworn into office of Baldwin Borough. They were Mr. James Behers, Mrs. Patricia Boyer and Mrs. Denise Maiden. Congratulations were done between all members of Council. The new members of Council took their places at the table for the remainder of the meeting.

## ROLL CALL

The following answered to roll call by Mr. Robert Firek: Mr. James Behers, Mrs. Patricia Boyer, Mrs. Marianne Conley, Mr. Chad Hurka, Mr. John Egger, Mrs. Denise Maiden, Mr. Francis Scott, Mayor David Depretis, Mrs. Diana Behers, Mr. Robert Firek and Chief Tony Cortazzo.

Mayor Depretis asked for the following nominations from Council:

## NOMINATIONS

Mayor Depretis asked for nominations for PRESIDENT of Council:

**M-1** *Mr. Chad Hurka made a nomination to appoint Mrs. Marianne Conley as President of Council. Mr. Scott nominated Mr. Chad Hurka as President of Council. A roll-call was taken by Mr. Firek: Mr. Behers- Mrs. Conley, Mrs. Boyer- Mrs. Conley, Mrs. Conley- Mrs. Conley, Mr. Hurka- Mrs. Conley, Mr. Egger- Mrs. Conley, Mrs. Maiden- Mrs. Conley, Mr. Scott- Mr. Hurka. Upon vote, motion passed 6 -1.*

Mayor Depretis asked for nominations for VICE-PRESIDENT of Council:

**M-2** *Mrs. Patricia Boyer nominated Mr. John Egger as Vice-President of Council. Mr. Scott nominated Mr. Chad Hurka as Vice-President of Council. A Roll-call was taken by Mr. Firek: Mr. Behers- Mr. Egger, Mrs. Boyer- Mr. Egger, Mrs. Conley- Mr. Egger, Mr. Hurka- Mr. Egger, Mrs. Maiden- Mr. Egger, Mr. Scott- Mr. Hurka, Mr. Egger- Mr. Egger. Upon vote, motion passed 6-1.*

Mayor Depretis passed the meeting over to Mrs. Marianne Conley, Council President.

Mrs. Conley expressed her appreciation and thanks to all of her present and past council members, the residents and especially her family for their support.

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Mrs. Conley asked for nominations for PRESIDENT PRO-TEM:

**M-3** *Mr. Egger nominated Mr. Chad Hurka as President Pro-Tem. A Roll-call was taken by Mr. Firek: Mr. Behers- Mr. Hurka, Mrs. Boyer- Mr. Hurka, Mrs. Conley- Mr. Hurka, Mr. Hurka- Mr. Hurka, Mr. Egger- Mr. Hurka, Mrs. Maiden- Mr. Hurka, Mr. Scott-Mr. Hurka. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

**APPOINTMENTS FOR 2020** for the Borough:

**M-4** *Mr. Egger made a motion to appoint Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc. and Jason Stanton, P.E. as the Borough Engineer; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

**M-5** *Mr. Egger made a motion to have Tucker Arensberg, P.C., Ashley Wagner, Esq. as the Borough Solicitor; second by Mrs. Boyer. Upon vote, a Roll-Call was taken by Mr. Firek: Mr. Behers- yes, Mrs. Boyer- yes, Mrs. Conley- yes, Mr. Egger- yes, Mr. Hurka- no, Mrs. Maiden- yes, Mr. Scott- no; motion passed 5-2.*

Mr. Scott made remarks pertaining to this nomination and would like to vote no to a change in solicitor. Mrs. Conley responded to his comments.

**M-6** *Mr. Egger made a motion to appoint Diana Behers as the Treasurer; second by Mrs. Maiden? Upon vote, motion passed 6-0-1. Mr. Behers abstained.*

**M-7** *Mr. Egger made a motion to have the Bank Depository for Baldwin Borough for 2020-20201 remain as Huntington Bank; second by Mrs. Maiden? Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

**M-8** *Mr. Egger made a motion to name the South Hills Record as the Official Newspaper for Legal Advertising for 2020-2021 for Baldwin Borough with The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette the Alternate; second by Mr. Hurka. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

**M-9** *Mr. Egger made the motion to set the Time and Date for the Regular Meetings to be held the Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Tuesday of the Month with the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting to be held on January 21, 2020 at 7:30 pm in the auditorium; Second by Mrs. Boyer. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

**M-** *Mr. Egger made the motion to set the Time and Dates for the Agenda Meetings to be held the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Tuesday of the Month with the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting to be held on January 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers; second by Mr. Scott. No vote taken.*

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Mr. Behers said he would like to change the start time for the Agenda Meetings to begin at 7:30 pm instead of 7:00 pm. Council discussed the possible time change with the outcome of Mr. Egger to rescind his prior motion.

**M-10** *Mr. Egger made the motion to set the Time and Dates for the Agenda Meetings to be held the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Tuesday of the Month with the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting to be held on January 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm and all subsequent meetings to be held at 7:30 pm in Council Chambers; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

Mr. Hurka commented the meeting dates and times were previously advertised and would need advertised to reflect the time change. Mr. Egger amended his motion to reflect the new time along with a motion to advertise for the time change.

**M-11** *Mr. Egger made the motion to advertise for the Agenda Meetings beginning February, 11, 2020 to begin at 7:30 pm in Council Chambers; second by Mr. Scott. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

## APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Conley announced the following appointments for The Borough's Association and Council of Governments:

The Allegheny County Borough's Association and PA Borough's Association Delegates are Mr. John Egger and Mrs. Denise Maiden.

South Hills Area Council of Government (SHACOG) Board Primary Delegate is Mrs. Marianne Conley and Alternate Delegate Mrs. Denise Maiden.

SHACOG Franchising Authority Delegate is Mrs. Denise Maiden and Alternate Mrs. Patty Boyer.

SHACOG Joint Rate Review Board Delegate is Mrs. Marianne Conley and Alternate Mrs. Patty Boyer.

Mrs. Conley asked if there were any questions or concern, none were asked.

## COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Conley announced the following Council appointments:

Finance – Mr. Chad Hurka

Parks and Recreation – Mrs. Denise Maiden

Public Safety – Mr. Jim Behers

Planning Commission/Zoning Hearing Board Liaison – Mr. John Egger

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Personnel – Mr. Frank Scott  
Public Works – Mrs. Patty Boyer  
Library Board Representative – Mrs. Denise Maiden  
Baldwin EMS Board of Directors – Mr. Jim Behers

## BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Library Board (3-year term) – Library Board is Advertising

Mrs. Conley asked for a motion on the following renewal of terms:

- M-12**      *Mr. Egger made a motion to appoint Mr. Donald Brown to the Planning Commission (4-year term); second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, motion passed.*
- M-13**      *Mr. Egger made a motion to appoint Mrs. Candace Seymour to the Shade Tree Commission (5-year term); second by Mrs. Maiden. Upon vote, motion passed.*
- M-14**      *Mr. Egger made a motion to appoint Charlotte Hagan to the Vacancy Board (1-year term) second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, motion passed.*

## **AUDIENCE AGENDA: Any issue pertaining to Borough Business; 5 MINUTES PER SPEAKER OR GROUP**

Ed Moeller of 2821 Waterman Ave. offered his congratulations to all new Council Members for the next term. He expressed his concerns on the process of their appointment for a new solicitor. Mrs. Conley explained what process the other council members went about in making this decision. Mr. Scott added he understood that and was not satisfied in the process taken as was Mr. Moeller.

Gail Mikush of 408 Portia Drive offer her congratulations to all of council. She wanted to know why we use a bank for the Borough that is not located in our community. She suggested the Borough for the next Reorganization Meeting select Westco Bank on Curry Rd. She has her accounts there as the Tax Collector for the Borough as does the Baldwin Food Pantry and would like to see Council considered a local bank next time.

Mr. Firek explained he has already been in contact with this bank and has a meeting set up in March with them that will include the Borough Finance Officer.

Karen Brown of 5139 Frisch Dr. spoke about residents who are not following the Borough Codes and would like to see these more enforced. They have not received a positive feedback from the Code Enforcement Office and she listed some of these issues. Mr. Firek explained he will have the Code Enforcement Officer look into these issues and mentioned the recent hiring of another Code Enforcement Officer for assisting residents.

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**M-15** *Mr. Egger made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm; second by Mr. Behers. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.*

Respectively Submitted,

BOROUGH OF BALDWIN

Robert T. Firek, P.E.  
Borough Manager