

Borough of Jefferson Hills
Reorganization Meeting of Council
January 7, 2008

Following swearing in ceremonies by Judge Jill Rangos, for newly elected Members of Council: Tracey Khalil, Kathleen Reynolds and James A. Weber, Mayor Green called the meeting to order and instructed the Secretary to record the roll call of Council. Mayor Green and Council Members Cmar, Khalil, King, Reynolds, Serapiglia, Weber and Weir answered to roll call. Manager Shepherd, Engineer Omer, Police Chief Reagan and Public Service Coordinator McVicker were also present.

Representative David Levdansky gave some advice to the incoming Council Members. He also stated some very important decisions need to be made quickly regarding the sewage flows to West Elizabeth Sanitary Authority project.

All newly-elected officials presented their Election Certificates and Oaths of Office to the Secretary.

The Mayor stated that Council, being duly sworn, was required to elect or appoint presiding and administrative offices, and declared nominations were in order for President of Council. Mr. Serapiglia nominated Mr. Weir, seconded by Mr. Weir and lost on a 5-2 roll call vote. Council Members Cmar, Khalil, King, Reynolds and Weber voted no. Council Members Serapiglia and Weir voted yes.

Mr. Khalil nominated Mr. King for President, seconded by Mrs. Cmar and carried on a 6-1 roll call vote. Council Members Cmar, Khalil, King, Reynolds, Weber and Weir voted yes. Council Member Serapiglia voted no because Mr. King recused himself last year from negotiating and voting on the union contract due to a conflict that a family member is an employee and as President you have to sign contracts and documents on a daily basis.

The Mayor congratulated the President and invited the President to act as Chairman.

Mr. King declared nominations were in order for Vice President of Council. Mrs. Cmar nominated Mr. Weber, seconded by Mrs. Reynolds, and carried on a 6-1 roll call vote. Council Members Cmar, Khalil, King, Reynolds, Serapiglia and Weber voted yes. Council Member Weir voted no.

Mr. King stated appointment to the Office of Solicitor was in order. Mrs. Reynolds nominated Mike Adams and the firm of Adams & Foley be appointed Solicitor, seconded by Mr. Khalil. Mr. Weir advised he would have preferred interviewing Solicitors again instead of appointing without interviewing anyone due to current projects. He also advised he was not against Ms. Brimmeier's work. Mr. Serapiglia moved to table appointment of the Solicitor, seconded by Mr. Weir and lost on a 4-2-1 roll call vote. Council Members Cmar, Khalil, King and Reynolds voted no. Council Members Serapiglia and Weir voted yes. Council Member Weber abstained. Mr. King reminded Council that Mrs. Reynolds nominated Mike Adams and the Firm of Adams & Foley as Solicitor, and was seconded by Mr. Khalil. Motion carried 4-2-1. Council Members Cmar, Khalil, King and Reynolds voted yes. Council Members Serapiglia and Weir voted no. Council Member Weber abstained. Council Member Serapiglia asked the hourly rate of Mr. Adams and if he will be able to keep his costs under the \$90,000 cap imposed by the budget. Mr. King invited the Solicitor to take his seat at the dias.

Mr. King stated appointment to the Office of Engineer was in order. Mrs. Cmar nominated Ruthann Omer and the firm of The Gateway Engineers, Inc. be appointed Solicitor, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. King stated appointment was in order for Chairman Pro Tem to preside at a meeting in the event the President or Vice President are both absent. Mr. Weber nominated Mrs. Cmar be appointed as Chairman Pro Tem, seconded by Mrs. Reynolds. Mrs. Cmar declined the position. Mrs. Cmar nominated Mr. Weir be appointed as Chairman Pro Tem, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. King stated appointment was in order for a registered elector of the Borough who will serve as Chairperson of the Vacancy Board. Mr. Weir nominated Vinton Wright be appointed to the Vacancy Board, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried on a 6-1 roll call vote. Council Members Cmar, Khalil, King, Reynolds, Weber and Weir voted yes. Council Member Serapiglia voted no as he didn't believe a candidate from the previous election who was not successful, should be a member of the Vacancy Board.

Mr. King read Resolution No. 1-2008, " APPOINTING HUNTINGTON BANK DEPOSITORY FOR ALL FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICERS TO WITHDRAW FUNDS UNDER PROPERLY SUPPORTED WARRANTS." Mrs. Cmar moved to adopt Resolution No. 1-2008, seconded by Mr. Khalil and carried unanimously.

Mr. King read Resolution No. 2-2008, "DESIGNATING THE AMOUNT OF BONDS TO BE POSTED BY CERTAIN APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE BOROUGH." Mr. Weber moved to adopt Resolution No. 2-2008, seconded by Mrs. Cmar and carried unanimously.

Mr. King read Resolution No. 3-2008, "DESIGNATING NEWSPAPERS APPROVED FOR BOROUGH LEGAL ADVERTISING." Mr. Serapiglia moved to adopt Resolution No. 3-2008, designating the McKeesport Daily News as the primary newspaper for Borough legal advertising. Motion failed for a lack of a second. Mr. Weber moved to adopt Resolution No. 3-2008, designating the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette as the primary newspaper for Borough legal advertising, seconded by Mrs. Reynolds. It was explained that even though Council is designating the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette as the primary newspaper, all the newspapers listed in the Resolution can also be used. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. King read Resolution No. 4-2008, "MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE SHACOG JOINT RATE REVIEW BOARD." Mr. Weir moved to table the resolution and advertise for letters of interest, seconded by Mr. Serapiglia and carried unanimously.

Mr. King read Resolution No. 5-2008, "MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE SHACOG FRANCHISING AUTHORITY BOARD." Mr. Weir moved to table the resolution and advertise for letter of interest, seconded by Mr. Weber and carried unanimously.

The President appointed delegates and alternates to the following organizations:

South Hills Area Council of Governments:	<u>Weber</u> Delegate	<u>Weir</u> Alternate
PA State & Allegheny Cty. Associations:	<u>Cmar</u> Delegate	<u>Khalil</u> Alternate
Jefferson Fire Rescue:	<u>Weir</u> Delegate	<u>Serapiglia</u> Alternate

Mr. Serapiglia advised he was not interested in serving on the Jefferson Fire Rescue Committee since he was removed from the Pennsylvania State and Allegheny County Boroughs Associations even though he is a Director for the County.

Mr. King changed the appointment to read:

Jefferson Fire Rescue:	<u>Weir</u> Delegate	<u>Weber</u> Alternate
West Jefferson Hills School District:	<u>Khalil</u> Delegate	<u>Reynolds</u> Alternate
Eastman Advisory Panel:	<u>Reynolds</u> Delegate	<u>Cmar</u> Alternate

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Ms. Omer thanked Council for allowing The Gateway Engineers to serve as the Borough Engineer for the 42nd year. At her request, a Special Meeting was scheduled for January 14 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the WESA project.

Mr. Serapiglia reported Mr. Housley, the Jefferson Hills Representative to the Clairton Municipal Authority, gave him a letter he received from the City of Clairton advising he will no longer be the Borough Representative. He reported Clairton Municipal Authority has invited Council attend a meeting on January 17 at 6:30 p.m. to a tour of the new building and to discuss the interceptor sewers. Mr. King stated it will be discussed at their Agenda Meeting.

Mrs. Cmar congratulated the new Council Members, the new Solicitor and Ms. Omer.

Mayor Green congratulated all new Members, and requested a Council Member be appointed to the Economic Development Commission.

Mr. Adams congratulated the new Council Members, and thanked Council for appointing his as Solicitor.

Mr. King thanked the audience for attending.

Mr. King explained he sees his role as President does not include any additional power. His role is to run the meeting as fairly as he can. He advised he will be using Robert's Rules of Order to run the meetings.

Mr. King adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Cmar, seconded by Mrs. Reynolds and carried unanimously.

Sandra J. Mortle
Secretary/Treasurer