

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
BOROUGH COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008**

The reorganization meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park was held on Monday, January 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 2344 West Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237.

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS – Mayor Clark administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Richard H. Hartman. District Magistrate William Wagner administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Andrew Hrishenko and Councilman Ash Marwah.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

Mayor Clark accepted nominations for the office of President of Borough Council.

Mr. Hartman nominated Martha Creese as President of Borough Council, seconded by Mrs. Sable.

Mr. Hrishenko nominated Amy Sable as President of Borough Council, seconded by Mr. Marwah.

Mrs. Hopey moved nominations for President of Borough Council be closed, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously. Mayor Clark then asked for a roll call vote in alphabetical order:

Mrs. Creese – Martha Creese
Mr. Hartman – Martha Creese
Mrs. Hopey – Martha Creese
Mr. Hrishenko – Amy Sable
Mr. Marwah – Amy Sable
Mrs. Sable – Martha Creese

Mrs. Krummert indicated that there were four votes for Mrs. Creese and two votes for Mrs. Sable. Mayor Clark then congratulated Mrs. Creese as the newly elected President of Council.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

Mayor Clark accepted nominations for the office of Vice President of Borough Council.

Mr. Hrishenko nominated Jane Hopey as Vice President of Borough Council, seconded by Mr. Marwah.

Mrs. Sable moved nominations for Vice President of Borough Council be closed, seconded by Mrs. Creese and carried unanimously. Mayor Clark then asked for a roll call vote:

Mrs. Creese – Jane Hopey
Mr. Hartman – Jane Hopey
Mrs. Hopey – Jane Hopey
Mr. Hrishenko – Jane Hopey
Mr. Marwah – Jane Hopey
Mrs. Sable – Jane Hopey

Mrs. Krummert indicated that the vote was unanimous. Mayor Clark then congratulated Mrs. Hopey as the newly elected Vice President of Council.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTION FOR SECOND VICE PRESIDENT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

Mayor Clark accepted nominations for the office of Second Vice President of Borough Council.

Mrs. Hopey moved Richard Hartman be nominated as Second Vice President of Borough Council, seconded Mr. Hrishenko.

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Mrs. Sable moved to close nominations for Second Vice President of Borough Council, seconded by Mrs. Creese and carried unanimously. Mayor Clark then asked for a roll call vote:

Mrs. Creese – Richard Hartman
Mr. Hartman – Richard Hartman
Mrs. Hopey – Richard Hartman
Mr. Hrishenko – Mr. Hartman
Mr. Marwah – Mr. Hartman
Mrs. Sable – Richard Hartman

Mrs. Krummert indicated that the vote was unanimous. Mayor Clark then congratulated Mr. Hartman as the newly elected Second Vice President of Council.

Mayor Clark then turned the meeting over to Council President Martha Creese.

Cathy Krummert, Borough Secretary called the roll:

COUNCIL & MAYOR:

Martha A. Creese, Presidentpresent
Richard H. Hartman, Second Vice Presidentpresent
Jane A. Hopey, Vice Presidentpresent
Andrew Hrishenkopresent
Ash Marwahpresent
Amy E. Sablepresent
Junior Councilperson Brenna Thorpeabsent
Mayor G. Reynolds Clarkpresent

ENGINEER:

Bob Nedzesky, W.E.C. Engineerspresent

SOLICITOR:

Robert Max Junker, Law Offices of Ira Weisspresent

STAFF:

Don Dorsch, Chief of Police.....present
Cathy Krummert, Borough Secretary.....present
Ronald Merriman, Superintendent of Public Workspresent
Brienne Morris, Assistant Parks & Recreation Directorpresent
Tim Phillips, Building Inspector/Zoning Officerpresent
Ambrose Rocca, Borough Managerpresent
Bill Schweitzer, Golf Course Superintendent.....present
Jim Watenpool, Parks & Recreation Directorpresent

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR – None.

APPOINT BOROUGH STAFF POSITIONS – Mrs. Hopey moved the following employees be appointed as set forth in the yearly Table of Organization at the salaries and bonds, if applicable, provided therein:

Ambrose Rocca, Borough Manager
Cathy L. Krummert, Borough Secretary
Ronald A. Merriman, Superintendent of Public Works/Fire Marshall
Brienne M. Morris, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director
William C. Schweitzer, Superintendent/Manager of Clover Hill Golf Course
Timothy R. Phillips, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer
Karen E. Sproul and Carolyn A. Strunk, Co-Treasurers
Donna L. Roche, Earned Income Tax Collector
James J. Watenpool, Parks and Recreation Director

seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

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APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO THE NORTH HILLS COG – Mrs. Hopey moved Council appoint Ash Marwah as the Representative and Andrew Hrishenko as the Alternate for the North Hills Council of Governments for the year 2008, seconded by Mrs. Sable and carried unanimously.

APPOINT DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE TO THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY BOROUGHS

ASSOCIATION – Mrs. Hopey moved Council appoint Martha Creese as the Delegate and Ash Marwah as the Alternate to the Allegheny County Boroughs Association, seconded by Mrs. Sable and carried unanimously.

MOTION TO RETAIN IRA WEISS AS SOLICITOR – Mr. Hartman moved Council retain Ira Weiss as Borough Solicitor for the year 2008 at a retainer of \$6,000.00 per year, seconded by Mrs. Hopey. Mr. Marwah commented on Ira Weiss, the Carriage Lane/Franklin Nursery lawsuit and the Consent Order. Mr. Marwah recommended that Mr. Weiss' reappointment not be confirmed today. Mrs. Creese noted that this matter should not be discussed since it is in litigation. Mr. Junker also addressed Mr. Marwah's comments, and reminded everyone that this matter is in litigation and should be discussed in executive session. He also noted that any public comments could potentially disqualify any councilperson from participating in any votes, and anybody who violates the confidentiality of an executive session could be subject to being excluded from the actual decision of the case. Mr. Junker noted that it has been a pleasure serving the borough and he hopes his firm would have the opportunity to continue their service. Mr. Hrishenko commented on a statement contained in the council packets that indicated that a member of council who is involved in legal proceedings against the borough cannot sit in on executive session discussions regarding that specific matter. There was then discussion regarding Mr. Hrishenko's involvement in the Carriage Lane/Franklin Nursery litigation as an intervener. Mrs. Creese suggested that the State Ethics Commission be asked provide an opinion regarding this matter. Council then voted on the motion. After some discussion, both for and against the motion, Mrs. Creese then asked for a roll call vote:

Mrs. Creese – Yes
Mr. Hartman – Yes
Mrs. Hopey – Yes
Mr. Hrishenko - No
Mr. Marwah – No
Mrs. Sable - Yes

Mrs. Krummert indicated that there were four "Yes" votes and two "No" votes. The motion carried.

APPOINT W.E.C. ENGINEERS, AS THE OFFICIAL BOROUGH ENGINEER ON AN INTERIM BASIS –

Mrs. Sable moved W.E.C. Engineers, Inc. be appointed Borough Engineer on an interim basis, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried unanimously.

APPOINT OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS – Mrs. Sable moved the North Journal, the Pittsburgh Post Gazette and the Tribune Review be designated as the official newspapers of the Borough, seconded by Mr. Marwah and carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE PROPER OFFICERS TO SIGN CHECKS – Mrs. Hopey moved the President of Council be authorized to sign checks, and in her absence the Vice President of Council or Second Vice President of Council be authorized to sign checks, seconded by Mrs. Sable and carried unanimously.

DESIGNATE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES – Mr. Marwah moved the official depositories for the Borough funds for the year 2008 be: National City Bank of Pennsylvania, First National Bank, First Commonwealth Bank, Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust, PNC Bank, West View Savings Bank, Charles Schwab Institutional and the Pennsylvania Treasurer's INVEST Program, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 937-2008 APPOINTING PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS – Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 937-2008. Mr. Hrishenko moved Resolution No. 937-2008 appointing Part-time Police Officers for the year 2008, be adopted, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried unanimously.

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RESOLUTION NO. 938-2008 RECOGNIZING THE FRANKLIN PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE CO. NO. 1 – Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 938-2008. Mrs. Sable moved Resolution No. 938-2008 recognizing the Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 as the fire company for the Borough of Franklin Park for the year 2008, be adopted, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 939-2008 APPOINTING FIRE POLICE OFFICERS – Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 939-2008. Mr. Hartman moved Resolution No. 939-2008 appointing Fire Police Officers for the year 2008, be adopted, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried unanimously.

REAPPOINT KARL P. SIEG TO THE BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS – Mr. Marwah moved Karl P. Sieg be reappointed to the Building Board of Appeals for a five-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2012, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

REAPPOINT KEITH STEWART TO THE BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS – Mrs. Hopey moved Keith Stewart be reappointed to the Building Board of Appeals for a five-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2012, seconded by Mr. Hrishenko and carried unanimously.

REAPPOINT WILLIAM H. KIPP TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL – Mr. Hartman moved William H. Kipp be reappointed to the Environmental Advisory Council for a three-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2010, seconded by Mrs. Sable and carried unanimously.

REAPPOINT SALLY T. LIBSON TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL – Mr. Marwah moved Sally T. Libson be reappointed to the Environmental Advisory Council for a three-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2010, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

REAPPOINT DAVID J. QUATCHAK TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION – Mr. Hartman moved David J. Quatchak be reappointed to the Planning Commission for a four-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2011, seconded by Mrs. Sable and carried unanimously.

APPOINT LAURA A. COOMBS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION – Mr. Hrishenko moved Laura A. Coombs be appointed to the Planning Commission for a four-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2011, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried unanimously.

APPOINT SAMUEL G. LIBERTO TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION – Mrs. Hopey moved Samuel G. Liberto be appointed to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Amy E. Sable, which term will expire December 31, 2009, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

REAPPOINT MICHELE L. CHETOKA TO THE RECREATION BOARD – Mrs. Sable moved Michele L. Chetoka be reappointed to the Recreation Board for a five-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2012, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried unanimously.

REAPPOINT CHARLES P. HAMILTON TO THE VACANCY BOARD – Mr. Hartman moved Charles P. Hamilton be reappointed to the Vacancy Board for a one-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2008, seconded by Mr. Marwah and carried unanimously.

REAPPOINT JAMES S. HARPER TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD – Mr. Marwah moved James S. Harper be reappointed to the Zoning Hearing Board for a five-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2012, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously.

BOROUGH MANAGER – No report.

SOLICITOR – Mr. Junker congratulated the officers on their elections. He hopes everyone can work together to do the best for the borough.

MR. HRISHENKO – Mr. Hrishenko stated that he was deeply honored to be elected by the voters to represent the people of Ward 1.

MRS. HOPEY – Mrs. Hopey thanked Council for nominating and electing her as Vice President.

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MRS. SABLE – Mrs. Sable thanked all those individuals who have been appointed/reappointed to the various boards and advisory councils. It is great that they are willing to serve their community and council appreciates their dedication.

MR. MARWAH – Mr. Marwah thanked the people of Franklin Park and especially the people in Ward 3 who re-elected him to represent Ward 3. He noted that he lives by two things: the truth and what is right. He then read two quotes by Abraham Lincoln that he lives by.

MR. HARTMAN – Mr. Hartman thanked the residents of Franklin Park and council. He noted that his name and phone number are in the telephone book.

STAFF MEMBERS – Staff thanked Council for their reappointments.

MRS. CREESE – Mrs. Creese thanked council for the opportunity to again serve as President. She pledged to do her very best for the residents and businesses in the community. It will be a busy year and there are many opportunities and challenges that council will have to cooperatively address by working together in a professional manner.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Mr. Hartman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Marwah and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy L. Krummert
Borough Secretary

Audience Present: 32