

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK
BOROUGH COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012**

The reorganization meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 2344 West Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Superior Court Judge John L. Musmanno administered the Oath of Office to:

James W. Lawrence, Councilman

Mayor Dennis O'Keefe administered the Oath of Office to:

Laura A. Coombs, Councilwoman
Richard H. Hartman, Councilman

Mayor Dennis E. O'Keefe called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Cathy Krummert called the roll:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Laura A. Coombs present
Richard H. Hartman present
Jane A. Hohey present
James W. Lawrence present
David J. Quatchak absent
Amy E. Sable present
Junior Councilperson Rebecca Leech absent
Mayor Dennis E. O'Keefe present

ENGINEER:

Michael Malak, Senate Engineering Company present

SOLICITOR:

Robert Max Junker, Law Offices of Ira Weiss present

STAFF:

Don Dorsch, Chief of Police present
Cathy Krummert, Borough Secretary present
Ronald Merriman, Superintendent of Public Works present
Tim Phillips, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer present
Ambrose Rocca, Borough Manager present
Bill Schweitzer, Golf Course Superintendent present
Jim Watenpool, Parks & Recreation Director present

NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL - Mayor O'Keefe accepted nominations for the office of President of Borough Council. Mr. Hartman moved Jim Lawrence be nominated as President of Borough Council. Mr. Lawrence declined the nomination. Mrs. Coombs moved Amy Sable be nominated as President of Borough Council. Mrs. Sable accepted the nomination. Mayor O'Keefe called for a vote on the motion to nominate Amy Sable as President of Borough Council. All members present voted "Yes" and the motion carried.

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NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL - Mayor O'Keefe accepted nominations for the office of Vice President of Borough Council. Mrs. Sable moved Jane Hopey be nominated as Vice President of Borough Council. Mrs. Hopey accepted the nomination. Mayor O'Keefe called for a vote on the motion to nominate Jane Hopey as Vice President of Borough Council. All members present voted "Yes" and the motion carried.

NOMINATIONS FOR SECOND VICE PRESIDENT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL – Mayor O'Keefe accepted nominations for the office of Second Vice President of Borough Council. Mrs. Hopey moved Laura Coombs be nominated as Second Vice President of Borough Council. Mrs. Coombs accepted the nomination. Mayor O'Keefe called for a vote on the motion to nominate Laura Coombs as Second Vice President of Borough Council. All members present voted "Yes" and the motion carried.

Mayor O'Keefe turned the meeting over to Council President Amy Sable.

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
William C. Schweitzer, Superintendent/Manager of Clover Hill Golf Course
Timothy R. Phillips, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer
Karen E. Sproul, Financial Coordinator
Carolyn A. Strunk, Treasurer
Donna L. Roche, Earned Income/Local Services Tax Collector
James J. Watenpool, Parks and Recreation Director

seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried.

MOTION TO RETAIN IRA WEISS AS SOLICITOR – Mrs. Hopey moved Council retain Ira Weiss as Borough Solicitor for the year 2012 at a retainer of \$6,000.00 per year, seconded by Mrs. Coombs. Mr. Lawrence abstained from voting. The motion carried.

APPOINT SENATE ENGINEERING COMPANY AS THE OFFICIAL BOROUGH ENGINEER – Mrs. Coombs moved Senate Engineering Company be appointed Borough Engineer for the year 2012, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried.

APPOINT OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS – Mrs. Hopey moved the Pittsburgh Post Gazette and the Tribune Review be designated as the official newspapers of the Borough, seconded by Mrs. Coombs. Mr. Lawrence voted "No". The motion carried.

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 Mr. Lawrence and carried.

DESIGNATE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES – Mrs. Hopey moved the official depositories for the Borough funds for the year 2012 be: First National Bank, First Commonwealth Bank, Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust, PNC Bank, West View Savings Bank and Charles Schwab Institutional, seconded by Mrs. Coombs and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1013-2012 APPOINTING PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS – Mrs. Sable summarized Resolution No. 1013-2012. Mr. Lawrence moved Resolution No. 1013-2012 appointing Part-time Police Officers for the year 2012, be adopted, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1014-2012 RECOGNIZING THE FRANKLIN PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE CO. NO. 1 – Mrs. Sable summarized Resolution No. 1014-2012. Mr. Junker arrived at 6:47 p.m. Mrs. Coombs moved Resolution No. 1014-2012 recognizing the Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 as the fire company for the Borough of Franklin Park for the year 2012, be adopted, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1015-2012 APPOINTING FIRE POLICE OFFICERS – Mrs. Sable summarized Resolution No. 1015-2012. Mrs. Hopey moved Resolution No. 1015-2012 appointing Fire Police Officers for the year 2012, be adopted, seconded by Mrs. Coombs and carried.

REAPPOINT EDWARD AMBRASS TO THE BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS – Mrs. Hopey moved Edward Ambrass be reappointed to the Building Board of Appeals for a five-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2016, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and carried.

REAPPOINT ANGELA BAEHR TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL – Mr. Lawrence moved Angela Baehr be reappointed to the Environmental Advisory Council for a three-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2014, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried.

REAPPOINT WILLIAM KIPP TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION – Mr. Hartman moved William Kipp be reappointed to the Planning Commission for a four-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2015, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and carried.

REAPPOINT CHAD PETERSON TO THE RECREATION BOARD – Mrs. Coombs moved Chad Peterson be reappointed to the Recreation Board for a five-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2016, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried.

REAPPOINT WILLIAM KIPP TO THE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE – Mr. Lawrence moved William Kipp be reappointed to the Scholarship Selection Committee for a five-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2016, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried.

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, 2012, seconded by Mr. Lawrence and carried.

REAPPOINT MICHAEL FIVES TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD – Mrs. Hopey moved Michael Fives be reappointed to the Zoning Hearing Board for a five-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2016, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried.

APPOINT MARK A. LINDSAY TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION – Mr. Rocca explained that it is the borough's policy to perform a background investigation for any new board/commission members. The borough must receive the individual's authorization, and we have not yet received Mr. Lindsay's authorization. Mr. Rocca recommended that Council table the motion. Mrs. Hopey moved Mark A. Lindsay be appointed to the Planning Commission for a four-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2015, seconded by Mrs. Coombs. Mrs. Hopey moved to table the motion, seconded by Mr. Lawrence. The motion to table carried.

BOROUGH MANAGER – Mr. Rocca thanked Council for the staff reappointments. We have a very good staff with a lot of experienced managers. He welcomed the new members of Council and noted that he and the staff look forward to working every member of Council.

SOLICITOR – Mr. Junker apologized for being late to the meeting due the weather and road conditions. He welcomed the new and re-elected Councilmembers, and he looks forward to working with everyone in the upcoming year.

MAYOR O'KEEFE – Mayor O'Keefe welcomed Mrs. Coombs and Mr. Lawrence to Council, and he looks forward to serving with them.

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MRS. COOMBS – Mrs. Coombs thanked everyone, and she looks forward to working with Council and the staff.

MRS. HOPEY – Mrs. Hopey noted that she is thrilled with the new faces on Council, and she looks forward to a respectful climate.

MR. LAWRENCE – Mr. Lawrence thanked his wife, Eleanor Wist, Marianne Stearns, Jane Hopey, Amy Sable, Dick Hartman and the borough staff. It is a joy to be back and he is proud to serve the community. He thanked everyone for supporting him in the election, and he will do his very best to keep Franklin Park one of the best communities in western Pennsylvania.

MR. HARTMAN – Mr. Hartman congratulated Mrs. Coombs and Mr. Lawrence, and he thanked Mayor O’Keefe for swearing him in. He stated that he has always been here for the residents and he always will be.

MRS. SABLE – Mrs. Sable welcomed Mrs. Coombs and Mr. Lawrence back to Council, and congratulated Mr. Hartman on being elected for another term. She wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked Council for appointing her as President.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

- Mr. Merriman thanked Council for his reappointment.

CHIEF OF POLICE

- Chief Dorsch welcomed the Council members.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING OFFICER

- Mr. Phillips thanked Council for his reappointment and noted that he will be happy to work with a good team this year.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

- Mr. Watenpool thanked Council for his reappointment and welcomed the new Councilmembers.

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT/MANAGER

- Mr. Schweitzer thanked Council for his reappointment and welcomed the new Councilmembers.

BOROUGH ENGINEER

- Mr. Malak thanked Council for the reappointment. He noted that he has enjoyed working with everyone over the last year, and he looks forward to working with everyone this year. Mr. Malak noted that he works with a lot of municipalities, and he likes the way Franklin Park operates.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR - None

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Mr. Lawrence moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Hopey and carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy L. Krummert
Borough Secretary