

**CLARKS GREEN BOROUGH
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2014**

Judge Michael Barrasse administered the Oath of Office at 6:45 p.m. to William Thorburn, Mayor; Joseph Barrasse, Alan Hughes and David Rinaldi, Council members and Janice Brown, Real Estate Tax Collector.

The reorganization meeting was called to order by Mayor Thorburn at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Secretary Brown conducted roll call. The following were present: Mr. Barrasse, Mrs. Earley, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Rinaldi, Mr. Williams, and Mayor Thorburn.

ABSENT: Ms. Palmer

VISITORS: Mike Goffer, 105 Miller Road, Clarks Summit; Pete Barrasse, RD, Dalton; Pat O'Malley, Scranton; Ben Brown, 124 Glenburn Rd.; Sean Wolfe, 314 Crest Dr.; Dr. James McKenna, 201 Squirrel Run; Karen McKenna, 201 Squirrel Run; Robert Tomkavage, Abington Journal reporter.

Mayor Thorburn asked for nominations for Council President. Mr. Hughes motioned, seconded by Mr. Barrasse to nominate David Rinaldi for Council President. All in attendance voted in favor. Mayor Thorburn then asked for nominations for Council Vice President. Mrs. Earley motioned, seconded by Mr. Phillips to nominate Keith Williams as Vice President. All in attendance voted in favor. Mayor Thorburn asked for nominations for President Pro-Tem. Mrs. Earley motioned, seconded by Mr. Williams to nominate Joe Barrasse for Pro-Tem. All in attendance voted in favor. Mayor Thorburn then turned the gavel over to President Rinaldi who thanked Council for their support in electing him Council President. He discussed goals during his tenure. The first is to promote Clarks Green as a well managed, affordable place to live, work and raise a family. Secondly he would like to grow opportunities for Borough residents to interact with their government by making government more transparent and accessible to the residents. His third goal is to examine the current operational structure of the Borough and explore changes to provide greater efficiency and accountability. He then asked for Council support to attain these goals.

President Rinaldi presented the list of appointments. It was motioned and seconded to appoint the following:

Janice Brown, Borough Secretary/Treasurer
Sharon Barrett, Asst. Borough Secretary
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Janice Brown, LST Collector
Alfred J. Weinschenk, Solicitor
Lori Harris, Zoning Officer
Janice Brown, Right to Know Officer
Murphy, Dougherty & Company, Auditors
BCM Engineers, Borough Engineers
Rick Williams, Vacancy Board Chairman
Dr. James McKenna, Board of Health
Sean Wolfe and Ben Brown, Planning Commission Members
Edward Krowiak, Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor
Murray Glick, Zoning Hearing Board member
Pennstar (NBT Bank) and Peoples Security Bank, Depositories
Mayor Thorburn, Centennial Committee Chairman
Lynne Earley, Centennial Committee Co-chair
ACOG Representative, Marnie Palmer

Mr. Williams, Mr. Rinaldi, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Barrasse, Ms. Palmer, Mrs. Earley, and Mr. Hughes voted in favor of the appointments.

President Rinaldi asked if any visitors would like to speak at the meeting to which there was no response.

The following meeting schedule was approved for the year: Council meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. Work Sessions will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month. Planning Commission meetings will be held upon request or at the call of the Chairman. Zoning Hearing Board meetings will be held upon request or at the call of the Chairman. Shade Tree Commission Meetings will be held the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

President Rinaldi discussed Committee assignments. With changes made to the officials of Council, he appointed Marnie Palmer as Refuse and Recycling Chair, replacing Mr. Rinaldi as Refuse & Recycling Chairman. He then appointed Keith Williams as Personnel Chairman. The Finance Committee, Public Works, Building and Grounds, and Health and Safety Committees will continue with current Council Chairs. Committee members will be assigned in the future. Mr. Hughes thanked Mr. Williams for his leadership and wished him well in his new role as Vice-President of Council. Other members of Council concurred. Mr. Williams then thanked members of Council for their input and leadership with regards to improving the Borough and extended

best wishes to President Rinaldi in his position as Council President. Mayor Thorburn publicly thanked Zoning Officer Lori Harris, who was in attendance, for her assistance with the Borough website. Mr. Rinaldi and members of Council thanked her for her invaluable work on the website as well.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Hughes motioned, seconded by Mr. Barrassé to adjourn the Reorganization meeting at 7:20 p.m. All in attendance voted in favor.

Janice F. Brown, Secretary/Treasurer