

**CLARKS GREEN BOROUGH
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 2, 2018**

The Honorable Judge Margaret Bisignani Moyle administered the Oath of Office at 6:45 p.m. to Mayor William Thorburn, David Rinaldi, M.J. Igoe, Alan Hughes, and William Toms, Council Members and Mary O'Brien, 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 Culbertson conducted roll call. The following were present: Mr. Rinaldi, Ms. Igoe, Mr. Toms, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Williams, Mayor Thorburn and Solicitor Al Weinschenk. Mr. Barrasse participated by telephone conferencing.

VISITORS: Mary O'Brien, 117 N. Abington Road, Marie Killian, Douglas Moyle and Judge Margaret Bisignani Moyle.

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

Mayor Thorburn asked for nominations for Council President. Mr. Williams motioned, seconded by Mr. Hughes to nominate Joe Barrasse for Council President. All in attendance voted in favor. Mayor Thorburn then asked for nominations for Council Vice President. Mr. Barrasse motioned, seconded by Mr. Hughes to nominate Mr. Williams as Vice President. All in attendance voted in favor. Mayor Thorburn asked for nominations for President Pro-Tem. Mr. Barrasse motioned, seconded by Mr. Hughes to nominate David Rinaldi for Pro-Tem. All in attendance voted in favor. Mayor Thorburn then turned the gavel over to President Barrasse who thanked Council for their support in electing him Council President.

President Barrasse proceeded to ask for motions for the following appointments:

Mr. Rinaldi motioned, seconded by Mr. Williams to appoint Joanne Culbertson for Borough Secretary / Treasurer and Local Service Tax Collector. All in attendance voted in favor.

Mr. Rinaldi motioned, seconded by Mr. Toms to appoint Sharon Barrett for Assistant Secretary / Treasurer. All in attendance voted in favor.

Mr. Rinaldi motioned, seconded by Mr. Hughes to appoint Joanne Culbertson the Right to Know Officer for Clarks Green Borough. All in attendance voted in favor.

Mr. Hughes motioned, seconded by Mr. Williams to appoint Mr. Al Weinschenk as the Solicitor to Clarks Green Borough. All in attendance voted in favor.

Mr. Rinaldi motioned, seconded by Mr. Hughes to appoint Daniel Penetar as secondary Council for Clarks Green Borough. All in attendance voted in favor.

Mr. Hughes motioned, seconded by Mr. Williams to appoint Murphy, Dougherty & Company as Clarks Green Borough Auditors. All in attendance voted in favor

Mr. Hughes motioned, seconded by Mr. Williams to appoint Darlene Sholcosky for the Borough's Zoning Officer. All in attendance voted in favor.

Mr. Hughes motioned, seconded by Mr. Williams to appoint BCM Engineers for the Clarks Green Borough with the understanding that this can change based on the outcome of the results of the proposal requests. All in attendance voted in favor.

Mr. Rinaldi motioned, seconded by Mr. Toms to appoint Attorney Ed Krowiak as Solicitor to the Zoning Hearing Board. All in attendance voted in favor.

Mr. Hughes motioned, seconded by Mr. Rinaldi to accept NBT, People's Bank, Wayne and FNCB as depositories for the Borough of Clarks Green. All in attendance voted in favor.

Mr. Williams motioned, seconded by Mr. Hughes to appoint Bill Risse to represent Clarks Green Borough on the Abington Area Joint Recreation Board. Mr. Toms, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Williams, Ms. Igoe and Mr. Barrasse voted in favor. Mr. Rinaldi voted no.

Mr. Rinaldi motioned, seconded by Mr. Williams to re-appoint Kathleen Baumgardner as a member of the Board of Health. All in attendance voted in favor.

Mr. Hughes motioned, seconded by Mr. Toms to appoint William Thorburn to the Board of Health for a one (1) year term. All in attendance voted in favor.

Mr. Hughes motioned, seconded by Mr. Rinaldi, that Council Meetings will be the third Wednesday of the month and work sessions will be the first Wednesday of the month except January and July of 2018 at 7 P.M. All in attendance voted in favor. Note: Mr. Barrasse requested that the meetings would start at 6 P.M. but Mr. Hughes and Mayor Thorburn stated they rather the meetings at 7 P.M. Mr. Rinaldi expressed his concern that this would not be as convenient for Borough Residents to attend.

Mr. Hughes motioned, seconded by Mr. Williams, to approve the Planning Commission meetings to be scheduled by the Planning Commission Chair when needed. All in attendance voted in favor.

Mr. Hughes motioned, seconded by Mr. Rinaldi, the Zoning Hearing Board meetings will be scheduled at the call of the Chair. All in attendance voted in favor.

Mr. Williams motioned, seconded by Mr. Rinaldi, the Shade Tree Commission meetings be held on the second Thursday of the month. All in attendance voted in favor.

President Barrasse proceeded to appoint Council members to serve as Department Chairs:

Mr. Hughes – Finance Chair
Mr. Williams – DPW Chair
Mr. Toms – Building and Grounds Chair
Ms. Igoe – Refuse/Recycling Chair
Mr. Rinaldi -- Health and Safety Chair

Note: President Barrasse requested that Mr. Rinaldi retain the Personnel Chair position but Mr. Rinaldi stated he did not see the purpose of having a Personnel Chair in light of Council's decision last spring to relieve the Personnel Chair of supervision over the DPW employees. He stated the DPW personnel should continue to be supervised by the DPW Chair and the Office Staff should be supervised by the Buildings and Grounds Chair since Council split supervision last year, reducing by half of the duties to the Personnel Chair. Mr. Toms agreed.

The Planning Commission appointment will be considered at a subsequent meeting. Solicitor Weinschenk announced Mr. Jim Davis, Chairman of the Planning Commission, declined to be re-appointed to another term.

Mr. Rinaldi motioned to Council to accept Mrs. Earley resignation. Solicitor Weinschenk told President Barrasse if Council does not accept the resignation, forty-five (45) days after the date stated in Mrs. Earley's resignation letter, the resignation will be deemed accepted on February 16th, giving Council an additional thirty (30) days to March 18 to make an appointment. Solicitor Weinschenk noted Council will have to schedule a special meeting if an appointment is not made at the February Council Meeting since the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be held on March 21st. Mr. Rinaldi told President Barrasse that he feels it was the wrong thing to do with last resignation of a Council member and it is the wrong thing to do with the present resignation of the Council member who stated the date and time of the resignation. Mr. Rinaldi stated having any more time to search for a new council member will not have any more of a difference just because Council cannot get their act together for appointing a new council member for the next meeting. President Barrasse appreciated his opinion and asked if anyone on Council will second the motion for accepting Lynne Earley's resignation. Mr. Toms seconded the motion. Mr. Rinaldi, Mr. Toms and Ms. Igoe voted yes. Mr. Hughes, Mr. Williams and Mr. Barrasse voted no. Mayor Thorburn voted no breaking the tie.

President Barrasse offered his thank you to both Mr. Williams and Mrs. Earley for their outstanding service to the borough. Mr. Barrasse offered congratulations and welcomed the newest member of Council, Ms. Igoe.

Mr. Hughes motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1 of 2018 Tax Levy, seconded by Mr. Williams. Mr. Rinaldi, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Toms, Mr. Williams, Ms. Igoe and Mr. Barrasse voted in favor.

ORDINANCE 1-2018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CLARKS GREEN ESTABLISHING THE REAL ESTATE TAX MILLAGE AT FIFTEEN (15) MILLS FOR THE YEAR 2018 AND RE-ENACTING THE WAGE, LOCAL SERVICES, AND REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX ORDINANCES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Clarks Green that the Real Estate Tax millage for the calendar year 2018 be established at fifteen (15) mills, and that the Ordinances levying a Wage Tax at one-half (.5%), a Local Services Tax at fifth-two dollars (\$52.00), and a Real Estate Transfer Tax at one percent (1%) be re-enacted for the year 2018.

Enacted this 2nd day of January, 2018.

BOROUGH OF CLARKS GREEN

/s/ Joe Barrasse

Joe Barrasse, Council President

ATTEST:

/s/ Joanne Culbertson

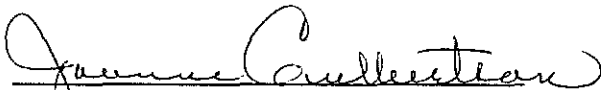
Joanne Culbertson, Borough Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED:

/s/ William Thorburn

William Thorburn, Mayor

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Hughes motioned, seconded by Ms. Igoe to adjourn the Reorganization meeting at 7:55 p.m. All in attendance voted in favor.


Joanne Culbertson, Secretary/Treasurer

CLARKS GREEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2018

SWEARING IN CEREMONY: JUDGE MARGARET MOYLE

Mayor: William Thorburn

Council Members: Joseph Barrasse *, Alan Hughes,
William Toms, Mary Jeanne Igoe, David Rinaldi

Real Estate Tax Collector: Mary O'Brien

(Mr. Barrasse was sworn in on 12/26/17).

CALL TO ORDER: MAYOR THORBURN

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Nomination & Election of Council President

Nomination & Election of Council Vice-President

Nomination & Election of President Pro-Tem

(Upon completion, Mayor turns the gavel over to the President)

LIST OF APPOINTMENTS: PRESIDENT

Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Currently held by Joanne Culbertson

Other Nominations

Assistant Borough Secretary

Currently held by Sharon Barrett

Other Nominations

Assistant Borough Treasurer

Currently held by Sharon Barrett

Other Nominations

Right to Know Officer

Currently held by Joanne Culbertson

Other Nominations

Solicitor

Currently held by Alfred J. Weinschenk

Other Nominations

Secondary Counsel

Currently held by Daniel Penetar

Other Nominations

Auditors

Murphy, Dougherty & Company

Other Nominations

Zoning Officer

Currently held by Darlene Sholcosky

Other Nominations

Engineers

Currently held by BCM Engineers
Other Nominations

Planning Commission

Vacant Four Year Term

Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor

Currently held by Edward Krowiak, Esq.
Other Nominations

Depositories

Currently NBT Bank, Penn Security and Wayne Bank
Other Nominations

Abington Area Joint Recreation Board

Currently held by Bill Risse - 5 year term
Other Nominations

Board of Health Members:

Currently held by Kathleen Baumgardner -3 year term
Currently held by William Thorburn - 1 year term
Other Nominations

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR: PRESIDENT

Council Meetings

Third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM

Planning Commission Meetings

Scheduled upon request or at call of the Chairman

Zoning Hearing Board Meetings

Scheduled upon request or at call of the Chairman

Shade Tree Commission Meetings

Second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Assignments

ADJOURNMENT