

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – January 4, 2010

Pre-Meeting- 6:45 p.m

Mayor William Meyer administered the Oath of Office to newly elected members of Somerset Borough Council who have not yet taken the Oath.

The Official 2010 Photograph of Somerset Borough Council Members was taken.

Organizational Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Meyer called the meeting to order, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

Benedict G. Vinzani, Jr., Ph.D., Borough Manager; Michele Enos, Assistant to the Manager; George Svirsko, Director of Public Works; Brett Peters, Director of Finance; John J. Dirienzo, Jr., Borough Solicitor; William Meyer, Mayor. Paul Urbain; Ruby Miller; Frank Koval; Hank Parke; Fred Rosemeyer; Wanda Miller; Scott Walker. (Sign-in sheet is on file.)

Nominations - President of Council

Mr. Urbain nominated Ruby Miller for Council President of the Borough of Somerset.

Mr. Koval nominated Wanda Miller for Council President of the Borough of Somerset.

Nominations closed.

Ruby Miller elected as President of Council on a vote of 5-2.

Nominations – Vice-resident of Council

Mr. Parke nominated Fred Rosemeyer for Vice President; Mrs. Wanda Miller nominated Frank Koval as Vice President.

Nominations closed.

Fred Rosemeyer elected Vice-President of Council on a vote of 5-2.

Nominations for President Pro-Tem

(To preside at a meeting at which both President and Vice-President are absent, with still a quorum present.)

Mr. Rosemeyer nominated Hank Parke as President Pro-Tem.

Nominations closed.

Hank Parke elected President Pro-Tem, on a unanimous vote.

The Mayor turned the meeting over to incoming President, Ruby Miller. She assumed the Chair and thanked them for their support.

Adoption of Resolution 2010-01

Mr. Vinzani said this is the proposed resolution to continue our same depository, Somerset Trust Company.

Mr. Parke moved to adopt the following Resolution, motion seconded by Mr. Urbain:

Resolution No. 2010-01

WHEREAS, it has been the policy of the Council of the Borough of Somerset to designate its Depository every two years, and;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Council to continue with the same Depository for the years 2010-2011;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Somerset Trust Company is hereby named the Depository of Borough funds for the years 2010-2011, provided that Somerset Trust company enters into a Depository Agreement with the Borough of Somerset, and pledges as security for all Borough Accounts, an amount of securities equal to 120 percent of the total amount of all Borough funds.

Unanimously Carried.

Adoption of Resolution No. 2010-02

Mr. Vinzani said this resolution keeps the meeting dates set at the fourth Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Koval moved to adopt the following resolution, motion seconded by Mr. Rosemeyer:

Resolution No. 2010-02

WHEREAS, The Borough of Somerset has conducted its regular monthly meetings at a specified time, date and location which have proven convenient to the Public;

NOW THEREFORE We, the Council and Mayor of the Borough of Somerset, desiring to continue successful publicized meetings, hereby designate the fourth Monday of each month in the calendar years 2010-2011 at 7:30 p.m., at the Municipal Building, 347 West Union Street, Somerset, PA for regular meetings. When the regular meeting date falls on a Borough Holiday, the meeting will be held on the following day, Tuesday, at the same time and place.

Unanimously Carried.

Mr. Rosemeyer moved to authorize Council Member, Paul Urbain to sign checks, along with the President and Vice President – motion seconded by Mr. Parke.

Unanimously Carried.

President Ruby Miller designated Police Chief Randy Cox as Sergeant-at-Arms.

She asked for any other discussion on preference of committees and meeting dates, time. They discussed the various committees and members' meeting times and dates.

Solicitor Dirienzo congratulated newly elected officials and members. Concerning the building ordinance, Mr. Vinzani said we developed an Ad Hoc committee which will be listed on our pending business. He said the presidents generally have the committees in place prior to the first regular meeting of the month.

Mr. Walker asked for a rundown on the various committees. Mr. Vinzani explained the purpose of the Public Safety; Public Works; Equipment; Finance and Shade Tree Committees. He said if we need new committees or consolidation of some, to let him or the President know, along with any suggestions. The Shade Tree Committee is comprised of several citizen volunteers and Mr. Parke. Some were consolidated several years ago. When committee members' names are in place a listing will be given to Mr. Walker, along with the general duties of each committee.

Adjournment

Mrs. Wanda Miller moved to adjourn, motion seconded by Mr. Koval.

Unanimously Carried. 7:43 p.m.

Benedict G. Vinzani, Jr. Ph.D.
Borough Manager/Secretary