

**BOROUGH OF SOMERSET  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
January 6, 2014**

**Organizational Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Scott Walker.

**Present:** Council Members Ruby Miller, Fred Rosemeyer, Judy Pyle, Pam Ream, Sue Opp, Steve Shaulis, and Gary Thomas. Also present were 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; and John J. Dirienzo, Jr., Borough Solicitor.

**Nominations – President of Council**

Mayor Walker called for nominations for President of Council. Mr. Rosemeyer moved, Mrs. Pyle seconded to nominate Ruby Miller as President of Council.

Unanimously Carried.

Mr. Thomas moved, Mrs. Ream seconded that Nominations be closed. Ruby Miller is elected President.

Unanimously Carried.

**Nominations – Vice President of Council**

Mrs. Opp moved, Mrs. Miller seconded, to nominate Fred Rosemeyer as Vice President of Council.

Unanimously Carried.

Mr. Thomas moved, Mr. Shaulis seconded that nominations be closed. Fred Rosemeyer is elected Vice President of Council.

Unanimously Carried.

**Nominations – President Pro Tem**

Mrs. Miller nominated Mrs. Pyle as President Pro Tem, motion seconded by Mr. Rosemeyer.

Unanimously Carried.

Mr. Shaulis moved; Mr. Thomas seconded that nominations be closed. Mrs. Pyle is elected President Pro Tem.

Unanimously Carried.

**President Ruby Miller Presides**

Mr. Rosemeyer moved to accept the following Resolution – motion seconded by Mrs. Pyle:

**Resolution No. 2014-01**

*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 2014 and 2015;*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Somerset Trust Company is hereby named the Depository of Borough funds for years 2014-2015, provided that Somerset Trust Company enters in 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.

Mr. Vinzani confirmed that proposed Resolution No. 2014-02 would be to establish Council meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in each month, with exception of January, 2014, (which would be the third Monday), at 7:00 pm . This can be changed if Council chooses.

Mr. Thomas moved, Mrs. Opp seconded to accept the following Resolution:

**Resolution No. 2014-02**

*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 THERE 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 2014-2015 at 7:00 p.m., 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; with the exception of January 2014, which will be held on the third Monday.*

Unanimously Carried.

**Signing of Checks**

Mrs. Pyle moved; Mrs. Opp seconded to authorize Mrs. Ream to sign Borough checks, along with the President and Vice-President.

Unanimously Carried.

**Sergeant-at Arms**

Mr. Rosemeyer moved to designate Police Chief Randy Cox as Sergeant-at-Arms – motion seconded by Mrs. Opp.

Unanimously Carried.

Discussion ensued concerning an Alternate or Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms. This will be discussed with Chief Cox and considered at a subsequent meeting.

Mrs. Miller mentioned she will be designating various committee assignments. Committees were reminded that reports are expected. The following Committees were established: Finance Committee; Public Works Committee; and the Public Safety Committee.

Mr. Vinzani said we need to limit the number of council members on each Committee to three. Solicitor Dirienzo reminded council that if there are four or more council members present at a committee meeting or otherwise discussing Somerset Borough business, the meeting needs to be properly advertised in accordance with the Commonwealth's Sunshine Laws.

Mrs. Miller assigned Council members to the following committees:

**Public Works Committee:**

Chairman - Gary Thomas; members Sue Opp, and Steve Shaulis.

**Public Safety Committee:**

Chairman - Fred Rosemeyer, members Ruby Miller, and Judy Pyle.

**Finance Committee:**

Chairman - Fred Rosemeyer; members Pam Ream, and Ruby Miller. Gary Thomas will serve as alternate.

Additionally, Mrs. Miller designated the following members of Council to be representatives to these agencies:

**Fire Department:**

Gary Thomas

**Somerset, Inc.:**

Judy Pyle

Mr. Rosemeyer stated he is the Somerset County Boroughs Association Vice President and Representative; also the PSAB Board of Directors. Mr. Vinzani said the bi-laws of the Somerset County Borough Association require that we re-designate him.

Mrs. Ream moved to re-designate Fred Rosemeyer as the Somerset Borough's Representative to the Somerset County Association of Boroughs, seconded by Mrs. Pyle.

Unanimously Carried.

Mr. Rosemeyer suggested new members to attend the PSAB Training Program, usually held in Greensburg. Several dates are available.

Thank-you letters will be sent to those leaving Borough Council, for their years of service.

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Pyle moved to adjourn, motion seconded by Mrs. Opp.

Unanimously Carried.  
7:29 p.m.

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Benedict G. Vinzani, Jr.  
Borough Manager/Secretary