

MINUTES

AMBLER BOROUGH COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 4, 2016 - 7:30 P.M.

District Justice Patricia Zaffarano Presides

Appointment of Election Validation Committee Members:

- Mary Aversa (Borough Manager)
- Chief Bill Foley (Police Department)
- Elizabeth Russell (Assistant Secretary)

Report of Certification Committee

- Validation of Credentials for Newly-Elected Council Members Sara Hertz (Ward 2) and Francine Tomlinson (Ward 1) and for Incumbent Council Members Frank DeRuosi (Ward 3), Salvatore Pasceri (Ward 3) and Claudio Zaccone (Ward 2).

Oath of Office Administered by District Justice Zaffarano

Mayor Sorg Presides

Election of Council President:

- **Nomination of Sal Pasceri.** Seconded. [7 Ayes, 2 Nays (Mrs. McCormick, Ms. Tomlinson)]. Carried.

Election of Council Vice President:

- **Nomination of Ed Curtis, Sr.** Seconded [5 Ayes, 4 Nays (Mrs. Deininger, Mrs. McCormick, Mr. Sheward, Ms. Tomlinson)]. Carried.

Consideration of Appointment of the following Borough Administrative Staff and Officials: Seconded. [7 Ayes, 2 Nays (Mrs. McCormick, Ms. Tomlinson)]. Carried

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| 1. | Engineer | Gilmore & Associates |
| 2. | Solicitor | Joseph Bresnan, Esq. |
| 3. | Zoning Board Solicitor | Gerald Rath |
| 4. | Borough Manager/Secretary | Mary Aversa |
| 5. | Borough Treasurer | Marita Bondi |
| 6. | Assistant Secretary | Elizabeth Russell |
| 7. | Finance Manager | Gail Gordon |
| 8. | Fire Marshall | Rich Lockhard |
| 9. | Building/Plumbing Inspector | Czop / Specter, Inc. |
| 10. | Code Officer | Glenn Kucher |

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| 11. Wastewater Plant Engineer | EEMA, Inc. |
| 12. Auditing Firm | Zelenkofske-Axelrod LLC |
| 13. Pension Actuary | Duda Actuarial Consulting |
| 14. Borough Depositing of Funds | Ambler Savings Bank |

Consideration of Applicants for Appointment to Various Committees, Councils, Commissions & Boards:

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION – 1 seat (6 year term) – For Consideration:

- Donato Coppella – incumbent. Seconded. All Ayes. Carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION – 3 Seats (4 year term) – For Consideration:

- Peter Amento – incumbent. Seconded. All Ayes. Carried.
- Salvatore Boccuti – incumbent. Seconded. All Ayes. Carried.
- William Mulroy – incumbent. Seconded. All Ayes. Carried.

VACANCY BOARD – 1 Seat (1 year term) – For Consideration:

- Antonio Isabella. Seconded. (7-Ayes; 2-Nays (Mrs. McCormick, Ms. Tomlinson). Carried.
- Donna Kreamer. Seconded (2-Ayes; 7-Nays (Mr. Pasceri, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Zaccone, Mr. DeRuosi, Mrs. Deininger, Mr. Sheward, Ms. Hertz). Denied.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – 1 Seat (3 year term); 1 Seat (1 year term – to serve the balance of Councilperson Francine Tomlinson’s term) – For Consideration:

- ZHB 3-year term: Nicholas Boccuti - incumbent. Seconded. All Ayes. Carried.
- ZHB 1-year term balance: Elise Kelly. Seconded. All Ayes. Carried.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – ALTERNATE - 1 Seat (3 year term) – For Consideration:

- Thomas Reilley – incumbent. Seconded. All Ayes. Carried.

Notification by Council President of intent to assign Council Members to serve on Council’s Standing Committees at the January 19st Council Meeting, and for Council Members to notify the Council President by that date regarding interest in serving on the following Committees: *Public Safety Committee, Parks and Recreation, Public Utilities Committee, Finance and Planning, and Salary and Personnel.*

The business of the Reorganization Meeting concluded. A few Committee matters were discussed.

Parks and Recreation Committee: Resolution 2016-01

Consider adoption of Resolution 2016-01 for the PECO Grant Program to be used for the Edgewood Preserves efforts. Motion. Seconded. Carried.

Finance & Planning Committee: Old Borough Hall Bid

A sealed bid for \$801,111.00 for the 122 E. Butler Avenue property was received. Consider rejection of the Bid for not meeting the minimum price as authorized and authorize staff to begin discussing the sale of the building with interested parties, with potential offers of sale to be submitted by January 19, 2016. Motion. Seconded. Carried.

Salary and Personnel Committee: Executive Session

An executive session was required to discuss candidates for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent positions. Consideration to authorize staff to extend offers of employment for each position and to formally vote at the Council Meeting January 19, 2016. Motion. Seconded. Carried.

There being no further business, Mr. Pasceri stated the regular Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Pasceri moved the Reorganizational Meeting be adjourned. Seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Russell
Assistant Secretary
Borough of Ambler