

Borough of Ben Avon
7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania, 15202
Minutes – Borough Council Reorganization Meeting – January 2, 2018

Oath of Office

Magisterial District Judge Tara Smith administered the oath of office to Mayor Melanie Holcomb, Council Members Jennifer Bett, Michele Boyd, Henry Casale, Megan Dolan and David Stoeckle, all of whom then signed the oath to be filed of record. Judge Smith congratulated the officials and took her leave of the meeting.

Call to Order

Mayor Holcomb called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Present were council members Jennifer Bett, Earl Bohn, Michele Boyd, Henry Casale, Megan Dolan, Ken Pipery Jr., and David Stoeckle. Also present was Lisa Cronin, Borough Secretary and Anne Sweeney, Solicitor.

Election of Officers

Mayor Holcomb called for nominations for the office of President of Council. Mr. Casale nominated Mrs. Bett. Mrs. Bett accepted the nomination.

Motion: Mr. Casale; Motion carried by voice vote to elect Mrs. Bett to the office of President of Council.

President Mrs. Bett called for nominations for the office of Vice President of Council. Mr. Stoeckle nominated Mrs. Dolan. Mrs. Dolan accepted the nomination.

Motion: Mr. Stoeckle; Motion carried by voice vote to elect Mrs. Dolan to the office of Vice President of Council.

Appointments

Motion: Mr. Pipery; Second: Mr. Bohn; Motion carried by voice vote to appoint Anne Sweeney, Bonnie Brimmeier and the law firm of Brimmeier & Associates as the borough solicitor.

Motion: Mr. Pipery; Second: Mr. Stoeckle; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Gateway Engineers as the borough engineer.

Motion: Mr. Casale; Second: Mrs. Dolan; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve The Citizen as the official newspaper for legal advertisements.

Motion: Mr. Pipery; Second: Mr. Stoeckle; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve Northwest Bank as the official depository of funds.

Motion: Mr. Pipery; Second: Mr. Bohn; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Lisa Cronin, Borough Secretary as Tax Collector

Committee Assignments

Mrs. Bett presented and reviewed her selections for committee assignments.

Motion: Mr. Casale; Second: Mr. Bohn; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Mrs. Dolan as Chair and Mrs. Holcomb as Co-Chair to represent the borough for the Quaker Valley Council of Government (QVCOG).

- Administration - Earl Bohn, Chair; Megan Dolan, Co-Chair
Motion: Mr. Stoeckle; Second: Mrs. Boyd; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Earl Bohn, Chair; Megan Dolan, Co-Chair of Administration.
- Finance - Ken Opiery, Chair; Henry Casale, Co-Chair
Motion: Mrs. Dolan; Second: Mr. Stoeckle; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Mr. Opiery, Chair; Mr. Casale, Co-Chair of Finance.
- Public Affairs / Communications - Jennifer Bett, Chair
Motion: Mrs. Dolan; Second: Mr. Casale; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Mrs. Bett of Public Affairs / Communications.
- Public Safety / Code Enforcement - Earl Bohn, Chair; David Stoeckle, Co-Chair
Motion: Mrs. Dolan; Second: Mr. Casale; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Earl Bohn, Chair; David Stoeckle, Co-Chair of Public Safety / Code Enforcement.
- Public Works - Ken Opiery, Chair; David Stoeckle, Co-Chair
Motion: Mr. Casale; Second: Mr. Bohn; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to appoint Mr. Opiery, Chair; Mr. Casale, Co-Chair of Public Works.

Motion: Mr. Opiery; Second: Mr. Stoeckle; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve Building Inspection Underwriters of Pennsylvania, Inc. to represent the borough as Building Inspector, Code Enforcement and Zoning Company.

Mrs. Bett suggested reaching out to all current and previous members of the following boards to see if they are still willing to continue serving or would sign up to be members again:
Avonworth Municipal Authority; Tri-Borough Joint Planning Commission and Zoning Board.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Opiery; Second: Mr. Stoeckle; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Cronin

Borough Secretary