

MINUTES
RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 5, 1998 7:00 P.M.

The Re-organization meeting scheduled January 5, 1998 was called to order by President Pile at 7:00 p.m. After the pledge to the flag, the January 5, 1998 re-organization meeting of Council convened.

Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Kory, Mr. Krupa and Mr. Rovansek submitted their certificate of election to Mayor Lary Koval, who administered the oath of office to the newly elected and re-elected Council members. The position of elected auditor was declined by Mrs. Michelle Komara of Southmont Blvd. A letter was received declining the position and is on file.

At this time Mayor Koval asked for nominations for President of Council. Mr. Leventry made a motion nominating Mr. Pile, seconded by Mr. Kory. Mr. Rodgers moved the nominations be closed. All in favor, motion carried.

Moving on, Mayor Koval asked for nominations for Vice-President. Mr. Rodgers made a motion to nominate Mr. Leventry, motion seconded by Mr. Kory. Nominations closed by Mr. Pile. All in favor, Motion carried.

President Pile submitted to Council a draft with the Committee assignments. There are being no questions the Committee assignments will become a part of the minutes. President Pile reviewed with Council the guidelines of the West Hills Regional Police Commission and each voting members must be sworn in to the Commission. President Pile feels that in the event any one of the appointed members cannot attend a meeting we should have a voting representative available. He is suggesting that all Council members be sworn in to the Commission, in the event they are needed. We have three members and one alternate on the Commission.

Mayor Koval administered the oath of office to each member of Council to act a representative or alternate to the West Hills Regional Police Commission in the event they need to attend a meeting. Mr. Pile, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Rovansek, Mr. Davis, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Kory, Mr. Leventry and Mr. Pile took the oath. A copy will be sent to WHRP for their file.

At this time Mr. Rodgers noted that the Budget Committee did meet and did make recommendations on salaries. The funds are in the Budget for the Committees recommendations on salaries.

Mr. Rodgers proceeded with a motion setting the wages and salaries of the Secretary/Treasurer (Judith Czyrnik) at \$21,000. for 1998, the wages for the Part Time Clerk (Cynthia Bednarz) at \$5.50 per hour, the Street Commissioner (Jan Bosley) at \$27,200. Wage rate set for the Street Department (union members) at the negotiated rate of \$9.82 per hour and the Part Time Temporary employee (David Weir) at \$7.50 per hour and the Seasonal Part Time Street Department employees at \$5.15 per hour and Snow Plowing (truck) employees at \$6.00 per hour and also Mr. Rodgers made the motion to re-appoint Solicitor Lovette at a retaining fee of \$3,600., and to re-appoint Hinks & Locker as the Borough Engineers with their fees on file. Motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. Moved and seconded to accept the wages and re-appointments for 1998. Roll call: Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Rovanseck, Mr. Davis, Mr. Krupa, Mr. Kory, Mr. Leventry and Mr. Pile., all in favor. Opposed none. Motion carried.

Mr. Rodgers re-named the current depositories for the General Fund as Portage National Bank and PLIGIT, the Cheney Run Fund and Motor License Fund as PLIGIT, the Sewer and Garbage Fund as Portage National Bank and the Valley National Investment Inc. for the former Police Pension funds. Motion seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Rodgers made a motion to transfer \$3,378.33 from the General Fund PLIGIT account to the Cheney Run Fund, to keep a recommend balance of \$10,000. and to accept the Liquid Fuels fund in the amount of \$5,660.56 . Seconded by Mr. Kory. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Kory made a motion to approve and advertise the 1998 meeting schedule as follows: the regular meeting of Council on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm., Special and Committee meetings at 7:00 p.m. every Tuesday, if needed and at 6:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month, if needed. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Pullen submitted recommendations for the Zoning Hearing Board and the BOCA Code Board. Mr. Howard Volbers asked to be placed on the Alternate Zoning Board as he is out of town for extended periods of time.

A motion was made by Mr. Rodgers to re-appoint Mr. Thomas Brownlee to the Zoning Hearing Board and the BOCA Code Board each for a 5 year term, to expire 2003, Mr. Edward Danyluk to replace Mr. Howard Volbers for the term that expires Jan, 2000, to appoint Mr. Howard Volbers, Mr. Ronald Madison, and Mr. John Bearer to the Alternate Zoning Hearing Board for a one year term to expire Jan 1999, to re-appoint Mrs. Judith Stritmatter to a 5 year term to expire Jan 2003, and to appoint Mr. Ronald Rovansek to the Shade Tree Commission for a 5 year term to expire in the year 2003. Mr. Rodgers motion further appoints Mayor Lary Koval and Mr. Curt Davis to the West Hills Regional Police Commission. Seconded by Mr. Krupa. All in favor, motion carried.

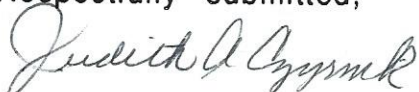
Solicitor Lovette reviewed with Council the PSAB Code book, section 1005 states when an independent auditor is appointed, it then abolishes the elected auditors. Solicitor Lovette suggests that we do this as soon as possible. If the Borough chooses to keep the elected auditors an appointment must be made within 30 days of the vacant position, if not done within the 30 days the Vacancy Board has 15 days to fill the position or it could go to the Court of Common Pleas. President Pile reminded Council that there is a Committee meeting January 13, 1998 to finalize the decision to appoint independent auditors. According to section 1005, the remaining elected auditors will continue to hold their position without assignment. Mr. Davis called a Personnel meeting at 6:30 p.m. January 13, 1998.

Solicitor Lovette reviewed the \$27,000 extra work invoice from Berti Construction. It had been approved by the Engineers, as work that was necessary to stay within the specification. Solicitor Lovette feels there is sufficient monies in the escrow account, for the other issues discussed.

On another issue Council asked Solicitor Lovette to review and respond to the recent letter received from CableComm with reference to the franchise fees collected by the cable operator not being included in the gross revenues. Solicitor Lovette will review and respond to the Cable Comm.

A motion was made to adjourn the re-organization meeting at 7:43 P.M. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith A Czyrnik,
Borough Secretary