
Minutes

Proclamation for Martin Tougher

Frank Porco

Swearing In Ceremony:

Judge Susan Evashavik

Marty O'Malley, Mayor
Mike Belmonte, Member of Council
Markus Erbedinger, Member of Council
Frank Porco, Member of Council
William Tomasic, Member of Council
Janet Sullivan, Tax Collector

Charles Williams, Chief of Police (sworn in by Mayor O'Malley)

Call to Order:

Mayor Marty O'Malley

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor O'Malley

Roll Call:

Mr. Belmonte	Yes		
Mr. Erbedinger	Yes	Mayor O'Malley	Yes
Mr. Karas	Yes	Janet Sullivan, Tax Collector	Yes
Mr. Porco	Yes	Steve Korbel, Solicitor	Yes
Mr. Tomasic	Yes	Paul Gaus, Engineer	Absent
Ms. Wood	Yes	Steven Morus, Manager	Yes

Public Comment

No comments.

PROCESS FOR NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS: Council rules and the borough code specify the following procedure:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. As prescribed by the borough code, council must elect a president and vice president at its organization meeting. Both officers hold such office at the pleasure of council.

2. As prescribed by the borough code, the Mayor shall serve as presiding officer at the organization meeting until council is organized by electing a president and vice president.

3. Voting for president and vice president will proceed in the following manner:

- a. The presiding officer shall open the floor to nominations and ask for a motion to nominate a member of council to the office in question.
- b. The motion to nominate a member need not be seconded to proceed.
- c. The presiding officer will continue to call for nominations until a member makes a motion to close nominations. This motion requires a second to proceed. A simple voice vote can be held to approve the motion.
- d. At the discretion of the presiding officer, council members will vote on the candidates by roll call vote.
- e. The nominee with the majority of votes wins. If there is no clear majority, all nominees are dropped but the two highest and a vote is taken again on the remaining candidates until one receives a majority of votes.
- f. The same voting procedures will apply to the nomination and election of a vice president.
- g. Once council has elected a president and vice president, the new president shall assume control of the meeting from the presiding officer.
- h. Procedures for voting and participation by the Mayor are specified in the borough code, which supersedes any of these rules.

4. Members may also choose to elect a **president or chairperson pro tem** who will serve as presiding officer in the absence of both the president and the vice president or who may be asked to chair the meeting in order to permit either or both the president and vice president to make one or more motions. If members choose to fill this office, the Mayor shall continue to preside at the organization meeting until voting on the office is completed. Nomination and voting shall proceed as described above.

Nominations for & Election of Council President

Floor Open for Nominations

Mayor O'Malley

Mr. Tomasic nominates Frank Porco

Motion: Motion to close nominations for election of the President of Council.

Moved: Ms. Wood
Second: Mr. Tomasic

Voice Vote – all in favor

Vote on Presidential Candidates

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Belmonte	Yes
	Mr. Erbedinger	Yes
	Mr. Karas	Yes
	Mr. Porco	Yes
	Mr. Tomasic	Yes
	Ms. Wood	Yes

Nominations for & Election of Council Vice President

Floor Open for Nominations

Mayor O'Malley

Mr. Porco nominates Bill Tomasic

Motion: Motion to close nominations for election of the Vice President of Council.

Moved: Mr. Porco
Second: Mr. Erbedinger

Voice Vote – all in favor

Vote on Vice Presidential Candidates

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Belmonte	Yes
	Mr. Erbedinger	Yes
	Mr. Karas	Yes
	Mr. Porco	Yes
	Mr. Tomasic	Yes
	Ms. Wood	Yes

Nominations for & Election of Council Chairperson Pro Tem (optional)

Floor Open for Nominations

Mayor O'Malley

Mr. Tomasic nominates Mr. Karas

Motion: Motion to close nominations for election of the Chairperson Pro Tem of Council.

Moved: Mr. Tomasic
Second: Mr. Porco

Voice Vote – all in favor

Vote on Chairperson Pro Tem Candidates

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Belmonte Yes
Mr. Erbeldinger Yes
Mr. Karas Yes
Mr. Porco Yes
Mr. Tomasic Yes
Ms. Wood Yes

Meeting turned over to the President of Council

Two motions to approve appointed positions including the following positions:

Position	Currently
Borough Manager/Secretary	Steven J. Morus
Borough Treasurer	Barbara Livingstone
Assistant Borough Treasurer	Steven J. Morus
Act 511 Tax Collector	Steven J. Morus
Delinquent Tax Collector	Steven J. Morus
Solicitor	Blaine Lucas, Babst, Calland, Clements & Zomnir, P.C.
Auditor	Case Sabatini
Engineer	Paul Gaus, Gateway Engineers
Chairman of the Vacancy Board	Roger Artz
Zoning Officer/Building Inspector	Bill McChesney, Building Inspection Underwriters
Legal News Medium	Tribune Review

Depository of Funds	Citizens Bank
Trustee of the Borough's Pension Plans	Ameriserv

Motion: Motion to appoint the Tribune Review as the Borough's Legal News Medium, unless advertising deadlines or other considerations warrant use of another publication.

Moved: Mr. Tomasic
Second: Mr. Erbedinger

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Belmonte	Yes
Mr. Erbedinger	Yes
Mr. Karas	Yes
Mr. Porco	Yes
Mr. Tomasic	Yes
Ms. Wood	Yes

Motion: Move to approve all other appointments as shown in the list noted above (*exceptions to be noted here, if any*)

Moved: Mr. Porco
Second: Mr. Tomasic

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Belmonte	Yes
Mr. Erbedinger	Yes
Mr. Karas	Yes
Mr. Porco	Yes
Mr. Tomasic	Yes
Ms. Wood	Yes

Committee Chair Appointments: President of Council

Current Standing Committees:

Borough Property -	Steve Karas
Committee of the Whole	
Finance -	Markus Erbedinger
Operations & Policy -	Devon Wood
Planning & Zoning -	TBD
Public Safety -	Bill Tomasic
Public Works -	Mike Belmonte

Each committee having business to discuss will briefly meet on Thursday, January 7 beginning at 7:00 PM except the committee of the whole. At that time, candidates to fill the council vacancy will also interview for the position and bids will be open for sewer work.

Appointment of committee members:

President of Council

Borough Property - Steve Karas, Mike Belmonte, TBA
Committee of the Whole
Finance – Markus Erbedinger, Bill Tomasic, Devon Wood
Operations & Policy – Devon Wood, Bill Tomasic, Steve Karas
Planning & Zoning – TBD, Mike Belmonte, Devon Wood
Public Safety – Bill Tomasic, Markus Erbedinger, Steve Karas
Public Works – Mike Belmonte, Markus Erbedinger, TBA

Appointment of negotiating committee for collective bargaining with borough unions:

President of Council

Chair of Public Works Mike Belmonte
Chair of Finance Markus Erbedinger
Chair of Public Safety Bill Tomasic

Appointment of council representatives to the Turtle Creek Valley COG:

(Delegate & alternate to be appointed)

President of Council

Delegate – Mike Belmonte - Alternate – Bill Tomasic

Other Business:

Motion: Motion to authorize the manager and solicitor to prepare and advertise an ordinance authorizing the borough to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Township of Wilkins and the Borough of Churchill to authorize a joint grant from the state for laptop computers for police cars.

Moved: Mr. Porco
Second: Mr. Tomasic

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Belmonte Yes
 Mr. Erbedinger Yes
 Mr. Karas Yes
 Mr. Porco Yes
 Mr. Tomasic Yes

Ms. Wood Yes

Mr. Korbel – in order to proceed with the tan loan the bank requires an opinion letter addressing tax issues – we do not have an expert tax attorney and since Enron we choose not to handle those types of opinion letters. Mr. Lucas and I contacted several tax attorneys and recommend Ron Brown, from Grogan Graffam law firm and Ronald Stout, from Thorp, Reed and Armstrong. The cost is not to exceed \$1,200 the time involved to do the letter is between 3 -4 hours. Mr. Brown gave an hourly rate of \$175, Mr. Stout did not provide an hourly rate. So to permit the closing of the loan this week council will need to move on this issue tonight.

Special Tax Anticipation Note Council – Ron Brown, Grogan Graffam

Motion: Move to appoint Ronald Brown at the hourly rate of \$175 not to exceed \$1,200.

Moved: Mr. Tomasic
Second: Mr. Karas

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Belmonte Yes
 Mr. Erbeldinger Yes
 Mr. Karas Yes
 Mr. Porco Yes
 Mr. Tomasic Yes
 Ms. Wood Yes

Mr. Korbel reads a memorandum for a proposed temporary policy on requests made by members of the public for auxiliary aids or services at public meetings. This proposed policy can be revised or altered by committee process.

Motion: To adopt the proposed temporary policy on requests made by members of the public for auxiliary aids or services at public meetings.

Moved: Mr. Tomasic
Second: Ms. Wood

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Belmonte Yes
 Mr. Erbeldinger Yes
 Mr. Karas Yes
 Mr. Porco Yes
 Mr. Tomasic Yes
 Ms. Wood Yes

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn or adjourn by acclamation

Mr. Porco provided a book for all on teamwork and asked all to read

Moved: Mr. Tomasic

Second: Mr. Karas

Voice Vote (or by acclamation) – all in favor

- Next Scheduled Council Meeting at 7 PM: January 20, 2010
- Next Scheduled Committee Meetings at 7 PM: January 7, 2010 – all committees will meet briefly (about 30 minutes) if they have business to conduct except the committee of the whole; candidates for council vacancy will interview; bids will be opened for sewer work.