

MINUTES
BROOKHAVEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012
7:00 PM

The Reorganization Meeting of Brookhaven Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Hess. He led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. A moment of silence was held in memory of Ben Linowski's sister who passed away this week.

The record shows this meeting and all public meetings for 2012 were properly advertised in the Delaware County Daily Times. Proof of Publication was provided. The meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Brookhaven Municipal Center.

The following people were seated at the Council Table at the beginning of the meeting: Councilwoman Leslie, Councilwoman Erickson, Councilman Wilwert, Councilman McCray, Mayor Hess and Mrs. McKinley. Councilman Linowski is absent because of the death of his sister—visitation is tonight and the funeral is tomorrow.

INVOCATION

Father Brian Izzo, Pastor of Our Lady of Charity Roman Catholic Church gave the Invocation. He spoke about God's love and in God's desire to make us share in this love, he sent his Son into the world to come to our aid and in gentle kindness to help those who were weak, sick or unfortunate. In God's great love for all of us, his Son said that whatever we do for the least among us we do for him. Father Izzo prayed that the Lord would richly bless the members of our organization who are devoted to helping others and when they are called on in times of need, let them "faithfully serve the Lord in their neighbor". He also read from the Bible—Matthew Chapter 25 Verses 31-46.

GREETINGS – Mayor Hess

Mayor Hess said good evening to everyone and said he hoped everyone will have a very happy and safe 2012. He said this may be the only time he's permitted during the next two years to run a meeting so he was going to use the opportunity to his best advantage. He said that in a few minutes the Honorable District Justice C. Walter McCray, III and he would be swearing in the newly elected council members along with the tax collector. To the new members of Council he congratulated them and welcomed them to Borough Council. He said he is looking forward to working with them. He congratulated the incumbents for their re-election and he said he looked forward to working with them again. To the sitting Council Members, he said welcome back to another year and thanked them for their past contribution to Borough Council. He continued saying that the people of Brookhaven have elected them to their positions and have entrusted their faith in them to work together for the betterment of our community. It is important that we all understand that "we are a community with unity" and a community that must work together, putting politics aside.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY – The Honorable C. Walter McCray, III

Daniel M. McCray stepped forward along with his mother, Joan; his wife, Molly; and his daughter, Kayleigh. His mother, wife and daughter held the Bible for him while his brother administered the Oath of Office. Mr. McCray took a seat at the Council Table.

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Susan Truesdale, her husband, George and her step-son, Josh stepped forward. Her husband and step-son held the Bible for her while The Honorable C. Walter McCray, III administered the Oath of Office. Ms. Truesdale took a seat at the Council Table.

Donna M. Fooks, her husband, John; her son Evan and her daughter, Danielle stepped forward. Her husband, son and daughter held the Bible for her while The Honorable C. Walter McCray, III administered the Oath of Office. Mrs. Fooks took a seat at the Council Table.

NOMINATION AND VOTES FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor Hess asked for nominations for Council President. Ms. Leslie nominated Daniel M. McCray. for Council President. Ms. Truesdale made the second. There were no other nominations and nominations were closed. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Congratulations were extended to Mr. McCray.

Mayor Hess asked for nominations for Council Vice President. Mrs. Fooks nominated Mr. Benjamin J. Linowski and Ms. Leslie made the second. There were no other nominations and nominations were closed. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Hess said it gave him much pleasure to turn the meeting over to Council President, Daniel McCray. Mr. McCray thanked all who came to the meeting tonight. He also thanked everyone for their confidence in him. He said that in Brookhaven we are all neighbors and friends—we are all “one big family”. He will give 110% to his responsibilities and is looking forward to working with the new and returning Council members. He said he has “some big shoes to fill” and that he looked up to and admires former Council President, John Wilwert. He was a great president.

Mr. McCray asked for nominations for President Pro-Tem. Mrs. Fooks nominated Ms. Leslie and Ms. Truesdale made the second. There were no other nominations and nominations were closed. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL

Mr. Wilwert nominated Mary Ellen McKinley Full Time Borough Secretary. Mrs. Erickson made the second. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Leslie nominated Natalie Pino Part-Time Borough Clerk. Mr. Wilwert made the second. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Leslie nominated Mary Jo Ruth Part-Time Borough Clerk. Ms. Truesdale made the second. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Wilwert nominated Delilah McDade Full-Time Borough Treasurer. Mrs. Fooks made the second. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Leslie nominated Cathy Warfield Board of Health Inspector. Mrs. Erickson made the second. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

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Ms. Leslie nominated Dr. Robert Crowell Board of Health Officer. Mrs. Fooks made the second. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Wilwert nominated Helen Elmer Board of Health Secretary. Mrs. Erickson made the second. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Truesdale nominated Nick Sanbe Building Inspector. Mrs. Fooks made the second. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Leslie nominated Jon Grant Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Wilwert made the second. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Leslie nominated Jon Grant Electrical Inspector. Mrs. Erickson made the second. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Truesdale nominated Catania Engineering Borough Engineer in accordance with the proposal provided. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Leslie nominated George M. Cornog Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Wilwert made the second. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Wilwert nominated Robert Jones Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator. Ms. Truesdale made the second. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Truesdale nominated John Wilwert, Jr. Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. Mrs. Fooks made the second. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Truesdale nominated Charles Leslie Fire Marshal. Mrs. Fooks made the second. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Leslie nominated Cathy Warfield Foreclosure Coordinator. Mrs. Erickson made the second. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Wilwert nominated Joan Boyle Part-Time Planning Commission Secretary. Mrs. Erickson made the second. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Leslie nominated Robert Grant Plumbing Inspector. Mr. Wilwert made the second. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Truesdale nominated Michael L. Maddren Borough Solicitor in accordance with the proposal provided. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Truesdale nominated Cynthia Leitzell from Leitzell & Economidis, P.C. Borough Certified Public Accountants in accordance with the proposal provided. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

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Ms. Leslie nominated Al Sanbe Zoning Officer. Mrs. Fooks made the second. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Leslie made the motion to motion to accept resumes for Part-Time Zoning Secretary at an Hourly Rate of \$10.00. Mrs. Erickson made the second. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Leslie nominated David Duplicki to a 1 year term on the Vacancy Board, term to expire the first Monday in January, 2013. Ms. Truesdale made the second. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Erickson nominated Denise Leslie Voting Delegate to Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs. Ms. Truesdale made the second. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Leslie nominated Robert Nedbalski to a 3 year term on the Arbor Committee, term to expire the first Monday in January 2015. Mrs. Fooks made the second. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. McCray nominated Michael Buonopane for another 3 year term on the Public Safety Committee, said term to expire the 1st Monday in January 2015. Ms. Truesdale made the second. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Wilwert nominated George Letherbury for another 4 year term on the Planning Commission, term to expire the 1st Monday in January 2016. Mrs. Erickson made the second. Nomination defeated by a 4-2 a roll call vote of Council as follows: Mrs. Erickson – Yes; Mrs. Fooks – No; Ms. Leslie – No; Ms. Truesdale – No; Mr. Wilwert – Yes; Mr. McCray – No.

Mrs. Fooks nominated Jason Smith to serve a 4 year term on the Planning Commission, term to expire the 1st Monday in January 2016. Ms. Leslie made the second. Nomination approved by a 4-2 roll call vote of Council as follows: Mrs. Erickson – No; Mrs. Fooks – Yes; Ms. Leslie – Yes; Ms. Truesdale – Yes; Mr. Wilwert – No; Mr. McCray – Yes.

Mr. Wilwert nominated James LaPera to another 5 year term on the Recreation Committee, term to expire the 1st Monday in January, 2017. Ms. Truesdale made the second. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Wilwert nominated Marilyn Kurman to another 5 year term on the Recreation Committee, term to expire the 1st Monday in January, 2017. Mrs. Erickson made the second. Nomination defeated 4-2 by a roll call vote of Council as follows: Mrs. Erickson – Yes; Mrs. Fooks – No; Ms. Leslie – No; Ms. Truesdale – No; Mr. Wilwert – Yes; Mr. McCray – No.

Ms. Leslie nominated Gina Boyle to a 5 year term on the Recreation Committee, term to expire the 1st Monday in January, 2017. Mrs. Fooks made the second. Nomination carried by a roll call vote of Council as follows: Mrs. Erickson – No; Mrs. Fooks – Yes; Ms. Leslie – Yes; Ms. Truesdale – Yes; Mr. Wilwert – No; Mr. McCray – Yes.

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Mrs. Erickson nominated Betty Kelley to another 5 year term on the Recreation, term to expire the 1st Monday in January, 2017. Mr. Wilwert made the second. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Erickson nominated William Jones to another 5 year term on the Recreation, term to expire the 1st Monday in January, 2017. Mr. Wilwert made the second. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Leslie nominated Barry Durham to another 5 year term on the Zoning Hearing Board, term to expire the 1st Monday in January, 2017. Ms. Truesdale made the second. There were no other nominations. Nomination carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. McCray announced the following Committee Assignments:

Mr. McCray – Chair Recreation, Co-Chair Vacancy Review Committee, Chair Inspectors and Fire Marshal and Member Condominium Association Committee

Mr. Linowski – Chair Finance, Co-Chair Vacancy Review Committee, Chair Police Committee and Liaison Civil Service Commission

Ms. Leslie – Chair Veterans Groups, Chair Emergency Management Administration, Chair Recycling, Chair Fire Committee and Member Police Committee

Mrs. Fooks – Business and Revitalization Coordinator, Chair Ordinance Committee, Member Condominium Association, School Board Liaison, and Liaison Clock Committee

Ms. Truesdale – Chair Zoning Hearing Board, Chair Comprehensive Plans, Chair Holiday Parade Committee, Chair Long Range Development, and Member Fire Committee and Member Police Committee

Mr. Wilwert – Chair Public Works, Chair Building Committee, Member Fire Committee, Deputy Emergency Management and Member Long Range Development

Mrs. Erickson – Chair Health Inspector, Chair Planning Commission, Chair Arbor/Shade Tree Committee, Chair Traffic Calming and School Board Liaison.

Mr. McCray said that the Trash/Recycling Collection Committee matter on the agenda will be addressed at the Council Meeting tomorrow evening.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Hess said he and Council do not have an easy job and they do not do it for the money they receive. They do it because they live in the community. It is a community with unity. Without the residents we do not have a Borough. He asked that everyone put politics aside and do it for the people.

Ms. Leslie welcomed Mrs. Fooks and Ms. Truesdale. She said she is looking forward to working with them.

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Mr. Wilwert also said he is looking forward to working with Mrs. Fooks and Ms. Truesdale. He said he appreciates everyone who came out tonight to support their loved ones and friends.

Mrs. Fooks thanked those who voted for her and said she is looking forward to working with Council.

Ms. Truesdale said she wanted to take time to thank everyone for taking time from their busy schedules to be here tonight. She thanked all who voted for her and appreciates the confidence they have placed in her. She said she will do her best to support this community.

Mrs. Erickson congratulated all on their election/re-election and said she is looking forward to working with everyone.

Mr. McCray asked Mrs. McKinley if she had anything to say. She thanked Council for re-appointing her and she would try to be the glue that holds everything together so everything runs smoothly.

BENEDICTION

Reverend Lawrence Weed from Full Gospel Assembly gave the Benediction. Included in it was a passage from the Bible—Romans 2, Verse 17 and First Timothy 2, Verses 1 through 3. He prayed with thanksgiving for those who have been so faithful over the years. He prayed for the existing, returning and new officials and committee members of the Borough asking that the Lord would guide them, protect them and help them with their thoughts, plans and directions for the community. He said that Brookhaven is a blessed place.

Mr. McCray extended an invitation to all to join us for light refreshments in the Council Room immediately following the meeting.

Mr. Wilwert made the motion and Ms. Leslie the second to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen McKinley
Borough Secretary