



Luzerne County Council
January 02, 2018
6:01 PM
Luzerne County Court House
Council Meeting Room
200 N. River Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18711

Minutes
Reorganization Meeting

Call to Order

The Luzerne County Council convened for a Reorganization Meeting in the Council Meeting Room of the Luzerne County Courthouse on January 02, 2018 at 6:01 PM. The meeting was called to order by Clerk of Council Sharon Lawrence.

Ms. Crake stated that per Council Bylaws, at the Reorganization Meeting, the Clerk of Council acts as Chair until a new Chair is selected.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Roll Call

Present

Edward A. Brominski (via phone)
Harry Haas
Linda McClosky Houck
Eugene Kelleher
Tim McGinley
Chris Perry
Sheila Saidman, Esq.
Robert Schnee
Stephen A. Urban (via phone)
Matthew Vough
Jane Walsh Waitkus

Also Present

C. David Pedri, Esq., County Manager
Shannon Crake Lapsansky, Esq., Assistant County Solicitor
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

1. Motions regarding nominations and selection of Chair of Council

Motion to Open Nominations: Ms. Waitkus

Second: Mr. Schnee

Vote:

All Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Mr. Stephen A. Urban nominated: Linda Houck

Second: Mr. Brominski

Ms. Waitkus nominated: Tim McGinley

Second: Mr. Schnee

Motion to Close Nominations: Mr. Haas

Second: Mr. Kelleher

Vote:

All Ayes – Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Roll Call Vote:

Seven (7) for Tim McGinley by Mr. Kelleher, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee, Mr. Vough, and Ms. Waitkus

Four (4) for Linda McClosky Houck by Mr. Brominski, Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, and Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Mr. Tim McGinley is elected Chair of Luzerne County Council (7-4)

2. Motions regarding nominations and selection of Vice-Chair of Council

Motion to Open Nominations: Mr. Schnee

Second: Ms. Waitkus

Vote:

All Ayes - Unanimous

Nomination Open

Mr. Schnee nominated: Eugene Kelleher

Second: Mr. Vough

Motion to Close Nominations: Ms. Waitkus

Second: Mr. Schnee

Vote:

All Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Eugene Kelleher by Mr. Brominski, Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee, Mr. Stephen A. Urban, Mr. Vough, and Ms. Waitkus
(Mr. Kelleher was not included in the vote.)

Mr. Eugene Kelleher is elected Vice-Chair of Luzerne County Council (10-0)

Public Comment

Rick Williams offered congratulations and distributed the resolution for the Luzerne County Long Range Goals and hopes Council will continue to work on the goals.

Robert Schnee thanked Ms. Houck for her outstanding service as Chair.

Tim McGinley thanked everyone and is looking forward to 2018. Mr. McGinley stated there are challenges and hopes everyone will work together as a group to bring resolution and a positive and meaningful experience.

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Haas

Second: Mr. Kelleher

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Lawrence
Clerk of Council

* Audio of this meeting can be found in its entirety on the County Council webpage <http://www.luzernecounty.org/county/luzerne-county-council> or by contacting the Office of the Clerk of Council at (570) 825-1634 or via email to sharon.lawrence@luzernecounty.org