



Luzerne County Council
February 11, 2020
Luzerne County Court House
Council Meeting Room
200 N. River Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18711

Minutes
February 11, 2020 Voting Session

Call to Order

The Luzerne County Council convened for a Voting Session in the Council Meeting Room of the Luzerne County Courthouse on February 11, 2020 at 9:46 PM. The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Tim McGinley.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Roll Call

Present

Walter L. Griffith, Jr.
Harry Haas
Linda McClosky Houck
Lee Ann McDermott
Tim McGinley
Chris Perry
Kendra M. Radle
Sheila Saidman, Esq.
Robert Schnee
Stephen J. Urban
Matthew Vough

Also Present

C. David Pedri, Esq., County Manager
Vito DeLuca, Esq.
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

Recognitions/Ceremonial Proclamations

Mr. McGinley announced that prior to the Voting Session, a ceremony was held in the Rotunda at 5PM for the 2019 Wyoming Area Warriors High School Football Championship Team and the Cheerleading Squad.

Additions to/Deletions from Voting Session Agenda

Mr. Haas would to add the resolution regarding the MS4 Storm Water Program-Storm Water Fee, urging the President of the United States, U S Federal EPA, PA State EPA, Wyoming Valley Sewer Authority and Dallas Area Municipal Authority to halt the MS4 Program and Storm Water Fee Collection, to the agenda.

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Item is Added to the Agenda

Mr. McGinley stated it would be added to the agenda before Council Items.

Mr. Haas asked for the order of Items 6 & 7, nominations and appointments to Authorities, Boards and Commissions be switched. Mr. McGinley stated the Authorities need to be done separately and the order needs to stay as is.

Mr. Stephen J. Urban would like postpone Item 4, the Ordinance repealing Luzerne County Ordinance No. 2018-04.

Vote:

Nine (9) Ayes by Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee, Mr. Stephen J. Urban and Mr. Vough

Two (2) Nays by Mr. Haas and Mr. Griffith

Item 4 is Postponed and Removed from the Agenda

Adoption of Voting Session Agenda

Motion to Adopt Agenda by: Ms. Saidman

Second: Mr. Schnee

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

The Voting Session Agenda is Adopted

Public Comment on Voting Session Agenda Items

Richard Manta (Back Mountain) spoke about the “Rain Tax”.

Connie Hartman (Hanover Township) commented on the \$5.00 Fee and the Coroners’ salary.

Brian Shiner (Kingston) spoke about the appointment to the Flood Protection Authority.

Ronald Knapp (Nanticoke) commented on the “Rain Tax”.

Brian Dwyer (Larksville) commented on the “Rain Tax”.

Mike Stash (Dallas) commented on the “Rain Tax”.

Frank Scavo (Old Forge) commented on the “Rain Tax”.

Connie Hartman (Hanover Township) commented on the Levee Fee.

Barbara Brennan (Courtdale) commented on the “Rain Tax” and the \$5.00 Fee.

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Motion to adopt minutes of the January 28, 2020 Voting Session

Motion by: Mr. Perry

Second: Ms. Radle

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes Mr. Griffith, Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee and Mr. Vough

One (1) Nay by Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Motion Passed (10-1)

The January 28, 2020 Voting Session Minutes are Adopted

2. Motion to adopt ordinance Amending the Luzerne County Zoning Map to Re-Zone a 2.95 acre Parcel of Property in Hughestown Borough from Light Industrial District (M-2) Zone to Community Business District (B-2) Zone

Motion by: Mr. Vough

Second: Ms. Saidman

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Ordinance is Adopted

ITEM ADDED

Motion to adopt resolution regarding the MS4 Storm Water Program-Storm Water Fee, urging the President of the United States, U S Federal EPA, PA State EPA, Wyoming Valley Sewer Authority and Dallas Area Municipal Authority to halt the MS4 Program and Storm Water Fee Collection.

Motion by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Ms. McDermott

Mr. Haas would like to make a change to the resolution.

Motion to change the word “letter” to “resolution” in paragraph 3 by: Mr. Haas

Second: Ms. Houck

Roll Call Vote to Amend:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Amended

Roll Call Vote to Adopt:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

3. Motion to adopt resolution Increasing the Salary of the Clerk of County Council

Motion by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Mr. Vough

Ms. Houck would like to make two amendments to the resolution.

Motion to go into Executive Session by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Ms. Saidman

After discussion, Mr. Schnee withdrew his motion.

Motion to change the word “satisfactory” to “exemplary” by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Haas

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes by Mr. Griffith, Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee and Mr. Vough

One (1) Abstention by Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Motion Passed (10-0) with (1) Abstention

Resolution is Amended

Motion to change “2%” to “3%” by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Vough

Roll Call Vote:

Nine (9) Yes by Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee and Mr. Vough

Two (2) No by Mr. Griffith and Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Motion Passed (9-2)

Resolution is Amended

Roll Call Vote to Adopt:

Nine (9) Yes by Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee and Mr. Vough

Two (2) No by Mr. Griffith and Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Motion Passed (9-2)

Resolution is Adopted

ITEM POSTPONED AND REMOVED

4. Motion to adopt ordinance Repealing Luzerne County Ordinance No. 2018-04

5. Authorities Nominations and Appointments to:

5a. Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority (1) term to 12/31/2024

Motion to Open Nominations by: Ms. Radle

Second: Mr. Perry

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Mr. Perry nominated: William Falls

Second: Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Ms. Saidman nominated: Gordon Dussinger

Second: Ms. McDermott

Motion to Close Nominations by: Mr. Vough

Second: Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Roll Call Vote (1 name):

Mr. Griffith: Falls

Mr. Haas: Falls

Ms. Houck: Falls

Ms. McDermott: Dussinger

Mr. McGinley: Dussinger

Mr. Perry: Falls

Ms. Radle: Falls

Ms. Saidman: Dussinger

Mr. Schnee: Dussinger

Mr. Stephen J. Urban: Falls

Mr. Vough: Falls

Results:

Falls 7

Dussinger 4

Motion to adopt resolution appointing William Falls to the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Mr. Vough

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

5b. Luzerne County Industrial Development Authority (2) terms to 12/31/2024

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Second: Mr. Vough

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Mr. Schnee nominated: Robert Palermo

Second: Mr. Perry

Mr. Haas nominated: Mark Rabo

Second: Ms. Houck

Ms. Saidman nominated: Fred Javer
Second: Mr. Stephen J. Urban
Motion to Close Nominations by: Mr. Vough
Second: Mr. Stephen J. Urban
Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Roll Call Vote (2 names):

Mr. Griffith: Palermo, Javer

Mr. Haas: Palermo, Rabo

Ms. Houck: Palermo, Rabo

Ms. McDermott: Rabo, Javer

Mr. McGinley: Palermo, Javer

Mr. Perry: Palermo, Javer

Ms. Radle: Palermo, Rabo

Ms. Saidman: Palermo, Javer

Mr. Schnee: Palermo, Javer

Mr. Stephen J. Urban: Palermo, Javer

Mr. Vough: Palermo, Rabo

Results:

Palermo 10

Javer 7

Rabo 5

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Robert Palermo to the Luzerne County Industrial Development Authority by: Mr. Vough

Second: Ms. Saidman

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Fred Javer to the Luzerne County Industrial

Development Authority by: Ms. McDermott

Second: Mr. Vough

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

5c. Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority (1) term to 12/31/2024

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Perry

Second: Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Mr. Griffith nominated: Mark Rabo

Second: Mr. Schnee

Mr. McGinley nominated: Jamie Levenson

Second: Ms. Radle

Motion to Close Nominations by: Mr. Griffith

Second: Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Roll Call Vote (1 name):

Mr. Griffith: Rabo

Mr. Haas: Rabo

Ms. Houck: Rabo

Ms. McDermott: Rabo

Mr. McGinley: Lebenson

Mr. Perry: Rabo

Ms. Radle: Lebenson

Ms. Saidman: Rabo

Mr. Schnee: Rabo

Mr. Stephen J. Urban: Rabo

Mr. Vough: Rabo

Results:

Rabo 9

Lebenson 2

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Mark Rabo to the Luzerne County Redevelopment

Authority by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Ms. McDermott

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

5d. Luzerne County Transportation Authority (2) terms to 12/31/2024

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Griffith

Second: Ms. Radle

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Mrs. Radle nominated: Dennis Driscoll

Second: Mr. Vough

Mr. Perry nominated: Jeffery Kubitz

Second: Ms. McDermott

Mr. Griffith nominated: Lynette Villano

Second: Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Mr. Haas nominated: Nanci Romanyshyn

Second: Mr. McGinley

Mr. Haas nominated: Robert Chepalonis

Second: Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Ms. Saidman nominated: Thomas Bindus

Second: Mr. Vough

Motion to Close Nominations by: Mr. Griffith

Second: Ms. Saidman

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Roll Call Vote (2 names):

Mr. Griffith: Romanyshyn, Villano

Mr. Haas: Chepalonis, Driscoll

Ms. Houck: Bindus, Romanyshyn

Ms. McDermott: Driscoll, Villano

Mr. McGinley: Driscoll, Kubitz

Mr. Perry: Driscoll, Kubitz

Ms. Radle: Driscoll, Kubitz

Ms. Saidman: Bindus, Driscoll

Mr. Schnee: Driscoll, Kubitz

Mr. Stephen J. Urban: Chepalonis, Villano

Mr. Vough: Bindus, Driscoll

Results:

Bindus 3

Chepalonis 2

Driscoll 8

Kubitz 4

Romanyshyn 2

Villano 3

Dennis Driscoll is selected with 8 votes.

Robert Chepalonis and Nanci Romanyshyn are eliminated with 2 votes each.

A Roll Call Vote will be taken on the remaining 3 names.

Roll Call Vote (1 name):

Mr. Griffith: Villano

Mr. Haas: Kubitz

Ms. Houck: Bindus

Ms. McDermott: Villano

Mr. McGinley: Kubitz

Mr. Perry: Kubitz

Ms. Radle: Villano

Ms. Saidman: Bindus

Mr. Schnee: Bindus

Mr. Stephen J. Urban: Villano

Mr. Vough: Bindus

Results:

Bindus 4

Kubitz 3

Villano 4

Jeffery Kubitz is eliminated with 3 votes.

A Roll Call Vote will be taken on the remaining 2 names.

Roll Call Vote (1 name):

Mr. Griffith: Villano

Mr. Haas: Bindus

Ms. Houck: Bindus

Ms. McDermott: Villano

Mr. McGinley: Villano

Mr. Perry: Villano

Ms. Radle: Villano

Ms. Saidman: Bindus

Mr. Schnee: Bindus

Mr. Stephen J. Urban: Villano

Mr. Vough: Bindus

Results:

Villano 6

Bindus 5

Lynette Villano is selected with 6 votes.

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Dennis Driscoll to the Luzerne County

Transportation Authority by: Mr. Griffith

Second: Ms. Radle

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes by Mr. Griffith, Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee, Mr. Stephen J. Urban and Mr. Vough

One (1) Abstention by Mr. Haas

Motion Passed (10-0) with (1) Abstention

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Lynette Villano to the Luzerne County

Transportation Authority by: Mr. Griffith

Second: Ms. Saidman

Roll Call Vote:

Nine (9) Yes by Mr. Griffith, Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee and Mr. Vough

Two (2) Abstentions by Mr. Haas and Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Motion Passed (9-0) with (2) Abstentions

Resolution is Adopted

5e. Northeastern Pennsylvania Health & Higher Education Authority (1) term to 12/31/2024

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Griffith

Second: Mr. Perry

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Mr. Perry nominated: Nanci Romanyshyn

Second: Ms. McDermott

Mr. Griffith nominated: David Yonki

Second: Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Motion to Close Nominations by: Mr. Griffith

Second: Mr. Vough

Vote: Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Roll Call Vote (1 name):

Mr. Griffith: Yonki

Mr. Haas: Yonki

Ms. Houck: Romanyshyn

Ms. McDermott: Romanyshyn

Mr. McGinley: Romanyshyn

Mr. Perry: Romanyshyn

Ms. Radle: Romanyshyn

Ms. Saidman: Romanyshyn

Mr. Schnee: Romanyshyn

Mr. Stephen J. Urban: Yonki

Mr. Vough: Romanyshyn

Results:

Romanyshyn 8

Yonki 3

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Nanci Romanyshyn to the Northeastern Pennsylvania Health & Higher Education Authority by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Perry

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

6. Boards and Commissions Nominations and Appointments to:

6a. Luzerne County Blighted Property Review Committee (1 Citizen) term to 12/31/2023

Motion to Open Nominations by: Ms. Radle

Second: Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Ms. Radle nominated: Andrew Holter

Second: Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Motion to Close Nominations by: Mr. Haas

Second: Mr. Vough

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Andrew Holter to the Luzerne County Blighted Property Review Committee by: Mr. Haas

Second: Ms. McDermott

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

6b. Luzerne County Board of Elections and Registration (1 Democrat) term to 12/31/2023

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Perry

Second: Ms. Saidman

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Ms. McDermott nominated: Barbara Wilder

Second: Ms. Radle

Ms. Saidman nominated: Audrey Serniak

Second: Mr. Vough

Motion to Close Nominations by: Mr. Griffith

Second: Ms. Radle

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Roll Call Vote (1 name):

Mr. Griffith: Wilder

Mr. Haas: Wilder

Ms. Houck: Serniak

Ms. McDermott: Wilder

Mr. McGinley: Serniak

Mr. Perry: Serniak

Ms. Radle: Wilder

Ms. Saidman: Serniak

Mr. Schnee: Serniak

Mr. Stephen J. Urban: Wilder

Mr. Vough: Serniak

Results:

Serniak 6

Wilder 5

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Audrey Serniak to the Luzerne County Board of Elections and Registration by: Ms. Saidman

Second: Mr. Perry

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

6c. Luzerne County Board of Elections and Registration (1 Republican) term to 12/31/2023

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Second: Ms. Radle

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Ms. Houck nominated: Joyce Dombroski-Gebhardt

Second: Mr. Vough

Motion to Close Nominations by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Vough

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Joyce Dombroski-Gebhardt to the Luzerne County Board of Elections and Registration by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Vough

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

6d. Luzerne County Board of Tax Assessment Appeals (2) terms to 12/31/2023

Motion to Open Nominations by: Ms. Radle

Second: Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Mr. Schnee nominated: Kenneth Temborski

Second: Ms. Radle

Ms. Houck nominated: Neil Allen

Second: Mr. Vough

Mr. Griffith nominated: Richard Long

Second: Ms. McDermott

Ms. Saidman nominated: Michael Vacendak

Second: Mr. Griffith

Motion to Close Nominations by: Mr. Haas

Second: Ms. Houck

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Roll Call Vote (2 names):

Mr. Griffith: Long, Vacendak

Mr. Haas: Allen, Long

Ms. Houck: Allen, Long

Ms. McDermott: Long, Vacendak

Mr. McGinley: Long, Temborski

Mr. Perry: Long, Temborski

Ms. Radle: Long, Temborski

Ms. Saidman: Temborski, Vacendak

Mr. Schnee: Long, Temborski

Mr. Stephen J. Urban: Allen, Vacendak

Mr. Vough: Allen, Temborski

Results:

Long 8

Temborski 6

Allen 4

Vacendak 4

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Richard Long to the Luzerne County Board of Tax Assessment Appeals by: Ms. Radle

Second: Mr. Vough

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Kenneth Temborski to the Luzerne County Board of Tax Assessment Appeals by: Ms. Radle

Second: Mr. Schnee

Roll Call Vote:

Eight (8) Yes by Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee and Mr. Vough

Three (3) No by Mr. Haas, Mr. Griffith and Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Motion Passed (8-3)

Resolution is Adopted

6e. Luzerne County Children and Youth Advisory Board (1) complete a term to 12/31/2022

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Perry

Second: Ms. McDermott

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Mr. Schnee nominated: Alex Milanes

Second: Mr. Vough

Motion to Close Nominations by: Mr. Vough

Second: Mr. Schnee

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Alex Milanes to the Luzerne County Children and Youth Advisory Board by: Ms. McDermott

Second: Ms. Radle

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

6f. Luzerne County Community College Board of Trustees (3) terms to 12/31/25

Mr. Schnee indicated he will be Abstaining from the process due to a conflict with one of the candidates.

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Vough

Second: Ms. Saidman

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Mr. Vough nominated: Anthony Seiwel

Second: Ms. Radle

Ms. Saidman nominated: August Piazza

Second: Ms. Radle

Ms. Houck nominated: Barry Williams

Second: Mr. Vough

Mr. Griffith nominated: Donna Cerza

Second: Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Mr. Perry nominated: Daniel Rodgers

Second: Ms. Radle

Ms. Houck nominated: Brian Gill

Second: Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Mr. Vough nominated: Nicole Ferentino

Second: Ms. Saidman

Mr. Griffith nominated: Cecilia Chmiola

Second: Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Ms. Saidman nominated: Margaret Steele

Second: None

Motion dies for lack of a Second

Motion to Close Nominations by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Vough

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes – Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Mr. Haas would like to make another Nomination

Ms. Houck withdrew her Motion

Mr. Vough withdrew his Second

Mr. Haas nominated: John Sokolowski

Second: Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Motion to Close Nominations by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Vough

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes – Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Roll Call Vote (3 names):

Mr. Griffith: Cerza, Chmiola, Sokolowski

Mr. Haas: Cerza, Chmiola, Sokolowski

Ms. Houck: Gill, Seiwell, Williams

Ms. McDermott: Piazza, Rodgers, Seiwell

Mr. McGinley: Ferentino, Piazza, Seiwell

Mr. Perry: Piazza, Rodgers, Seiwell

Ms. Radle: Rodgers, Seiwell, Williams

Ms. Saidman: Ferentino, Piazza, Rodgers

Mr. Stephen J. Urban: Cerza, Sokolowski, Ferentino

Mr. Vough: Ferentino, Rodgers, Seiwell

Results:

Cerza 3

Chmiola 2

Ferentino 4

Gill 1

Piazza 4

Rodgers 5

Seiwell 6

Sokolowski 3

Williams 2

Daniel Rodgers is selected with 6 votes.

Brian Gill is eliminated with 1 vote.

A Roll Call Vote will be taken on the remaining 7 names.

Roll Call Vote (2 names):

Mr. Griffith: Cerza, Chmiola

Mr. Haas: Chmiola, Sokolowski

Ms. Houck: Chmiola, Williams

Ms. McDermott: Piazza, Rodgers

Mr. McGinley: Piazza, Rodgers

Mr. Perry: Piazza, Rodgers

Ms. Radle: Piazza Rodgers

Ms. Saidman: Ferentino, Piazza

Mr. Stephen J. Urban: Cerza, Sokolowski

Mr. Vough: Ferentino, Rodgers

Results:

Cerza 2

Chmiola 3

Ferentino 2

Piazza 5

Rodgers 5

Sokolowski 2

Williams 1

Barry Williams is eliminated with 1 vote.

A Roll Call Vote will be taken on the remaining 6 names.

Roll Call Vote (2 names):

Mr. Griffith: Cerza, Chmiola

Mr. Haas: Chmiola, Sokolowski

Ms. Houck: Chmiola, Piazza

Ms. McDermott: Piazza, Rodgers

Mr. McGinley: Piazza, Rodgers

Mr. Perry: Piazza, Rodgers

Ms. Radle: Piazza, Rodgers

Ms. Saidman: Ferentino, Piazza

Mr. Stephen J. Urban: Chmiola, Sokolowski

Mr. Vough: Piazza, Rodgers

Results:

Cerza 1

Chmiola 4

Ferentino 1

Piazza 7

Rodgers 5

Sokolowski 2

August Piazza is selected with 7 votes.

Donna Cerza and Nicole Ferentino are eliminated with 1 vote each.

John Sokolowski is eliminated with 2 votes.

A Roll Call Vote will be taken on the remaining 3 names.

Roll Call Vote (1 name):

Mr. Griffith: Chmiola

Mr. Haas: Chmiola

Ms. Houck: Chmiola

Ms. McDermott: Rodgers

Mr. McGinley: Rodgers

Mr. Perry: Rodgers

Ms. Radle: Rodgers

Ms. Saidman: Rodgers

Mr. Stephen J. Urban: Chmiola

Mr. Vough: Rodgers

Results:

Chmiola 4

Rodgers 6

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Anthony Seiwel to the Luzerne County Community College Board of Trustees by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Haas

Roll Call Vote:

Eight (8) Yes by Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman and Mr. Vough

Two (2) No by Mr. Griffith and Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Motion Passed (8-2)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution appointing August Piazza to the Luzerne County Community College Board of Trustees by: Ms. Radle

Second: Mr. Vough

Roll Call Vote:

Eight (8) Yes by Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman and Mr. Vough

Two (2) No by Mr. Griffith and Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Motion Passed (8-2)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Daniel Rodgers to the Luzerne County Community College Board of Trustees by: Ms. Radle

Second: Mr. Perry

Roll Call Vote:

Eight (8) Yes by Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman and Mr. Vough

Two (2) No by Mr. Griffith and Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Motion Passed (8-2)

Resolution is Adopted

6g. Luzerne County Farmland Preservation Board (1) term to 12/31/2022

Motion to Open Nominations by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Schnee

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Mr. Schnee nominated: Richard Yost

Second: Mr. Vough

Motion to Close Nominations by: Ms. Houck

Second: Ms. Radle

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Richard Yost to the Luzerne County Farmland Preservation Board by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Perry

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

6h. Luzerne County Forty-Fort Airport Advisory Board (1) term to 12/31/2022

Motion to Open Nominations by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Haas

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Ms. Houck nominated: Brandon Pernot

Second: Mr. Haas

Motion to Close Nominations by: Mr. Vough

Second: Mr. Haas

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Brandon Pernot to the Luzerne County Forty-Fort Airport Advisory Board by: Ms. Houck

Second: Ms. McDermott

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes by Mr. Griffith, Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee, Mr. Stephen J. Urban and Mr. Vough

One (1) Abstention by Ms. Radle

Motion Passed (10-0) with (1) Abstention

Resolution is Adopted

6i. Luzerne County Zoning Hearing Board (1) term to 12/31/2022

Motion to Open Nominations by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Haas

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Mr. Schnee nominated: Dave Williams

Second: Ms. Houck

Motion to Close Nominations by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Haas

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Dave Williams to the Luzerne County Zoning Hearing Board by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

6j. Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Investment Board (1) term to 12/31/2022

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Haas

Second: Ms. Houck

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Ms. Houck nominated: Monica Marshalonis

Second: Mr. Schnee

Motion to Close Nominations by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Monica Marshalonis to the Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Investment Board by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Schnee

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

6k. Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board (6) terms to 12/31/2022

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Haas

Second: Ms. Radle

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Ms. Houck nominated: Liza Behrens, Dr. Stephen Broskoske, James Sernak, Deborah Walsh, David Yonki and Joseph Yozviak

Second: Mr. Schnee

Motion to Close Nominations by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Vough

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Liza Behrens to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Schnee

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Dr. Stephen Broskoske to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Perry

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution appointing James Sernak to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board by: Ms. Houck

Second: Ms. Radle

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Deborah Walsh to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Perry

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution appointing David Yonki to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Schnee

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Joseph Yozviak to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Perry

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

6l. Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Drug and Alcohol Executive Commission (1) term to 12/31/2022

Motion to Open Nominations by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Haas

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Mr. Schnee nominated: Eric Bieski

Second: Ms. Houck

Motion to Close Nominations by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Haas

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Eric Bieski to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Drug and Alcohol Executive Commission by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Ms. Houck

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

**6m. Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Mental Health and Developmental Services Program
Advisory Board (2 Physician) terms to 12/31/2022**

Motion to Open Nominations by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Schnee

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Mr. Schnee nominated: Chelsea Graziano

Second: Ms. Houck

Ms. Houck nominated: Melissa Littleton

Second: Mr. Schnee

Motion to Close Nominations by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Haas

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Chelsea Graziano to the Luzerne/Wyoming
Counties Mental Health and Developmental Services Program Advisory Board by:**

Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Stephen J. Urban

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Melissa Littleton to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties
Mental Health and Developmental Services Program Advisory Board by:**

Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Schnee

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

7. Council Nominations and Appointments to:

7a. Northeast Behavioral Health Care Consortium

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Mr. Vough

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Mr. Schnee nominated: Stephen J. Urban

Second: Mr. Vough

Mr. Stephen J. Urban declined the Nomination

Mr. Perry nominated: Sheila Saidman

Second: Mr. Vough

Motion to Close Nominations by: Mr. Haas

Second: Ms. Radle

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Sheila Saidman to the Northeast Behavioral Health Care Consortium by: Mr. Vough

Second: Ms. Radle

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

7b. Greater Hazleton CAN DO Board of Directors

Motion to Open Nominations by: Ms. Saidman

Second: Mr. Schnee

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Mr. Schnee nominated: Chris Perry

Second: Mr. Haas

Ms. Saidman nominated: Robert Schnee

Mr. Schnee declined the nomination.

Motion to Close Nominations by: Ms. Radle

Second: Ms. Saidman

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Chris Perry to the Greater Hazleton CAN DO Board of Directors by: Mr. Vough

Second: Ms. Radle

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Public Comment:

Richard Manta (Back Mountain) spoke about the “Rain Tax” and petitions.

Greg Griffin (Swyersville) updated Council on the opioid crisis and his committee.

Mark Rabo (Hazleton) thanked Council for his appointment to the Redevelopment Authority.

Mr. Stephen J. Urban spoke about keeping processes clean and Oaths filed in the Prothonotary Office.

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Schnee

Second: Ms. Houck

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned at 12:13AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Lawrence

Clerk of Council

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