



Luzerne County Council
June 09, 2020 Meeting
Video/Teleconference via TEAMS
Minutes

Call to Order

The Luzerne County Council convened for a Voting Session on June 09, 2020 at 6:03 PM via TEAMS Video/Teleconference. 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
Romilda P. Crocamo, Chief County Solicitor
Vito DeLuca, Esq.
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

Vito DeLuca announced Council Held an Executive Session on Friday, June 5, 2020, via ZOOM at 11:00 AM to discuss matters related to litigation. The Executive Session was from 11:00 AM to approximately 12:40 PM.

Recognitions/Ceremonial Proclamations

None

Additions to/Deletions from Meeting Agenda

None

Adoption of Voting Session Agenda

Motion to Adopt Voting Session Agenda by: Mr. Griffith

Second: Ms. Radle

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

The Voting Session Agenda is Adopted

Motions

Motion to suspend Bylaws regarding the requirement a majority of those participating in the meeting must be physically present by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Griffith

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Motion to suspend Bylaws regarding the conduct of public meetings to the extent that the current format is inconsistent with the term of the Manager’s Emergency Declaration by: Ms. Radle

Second: Mr. Griffith

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Mark Rabo (Hazleton) commented Verbally on the motion suspending the Bylaws with regard to the conduct of public meetings and asked the Solicitor for an opinion on information from the Office of Open Records. Mr. McGinley stated that was not a voting agenda item and directed Mr. Rabo to hold his comments/questions until the public comment at the end of the Meeting.

Motion to adopt Minutes of the May 26, 2020 Voting Session

Motion by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Mr. Perry

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes by 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. SJ Urban

Motion Passed (10-1)

The May 26, 2020 Voting Session Minutes are Adopted

OLD BUSINESS

Walter Griffith addressed:

- Status of the Oaths of Office
- Bidding regarding the contract for the printing of applications and ballots
- Dominions charge for the paper ballots
- Contracts for cleaning of the Polling Places
- Asset Forfeiture
- River Commons damage
- Verizon phone bill for the Elections Bureau

Mr. Swetz and Ms. Crocamo responded

1. Motion to adopt resolution in Support of the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority's Grant Application for an Accelerated Levee System Evaluation Project

Motion by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Ms. Saidman

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

2. Motion to adopt resolution declaring a Vacancy on the Luzerne County Board of Elections and Registration

Motion by: Mr. SJ Urban

Second: Ms. Houck

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

3. Motion to adopt resolution Appointing a County Council Member to the County Cares Commission

Motion by: Ms. Saidman

Second: Mr. Haas

Mr. Vough provided an update on the County Cares Commission and stated the proposed Bylaws require three (3) members of Council and six (6) members of the public to be on the Commission.

Council asked questions and Mr. Vough responded. Further questions and discussion took place among Council Members.

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Griffith

Second: Mr. SJ Urban

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Ms. McDermott nominated: Matt Vough
Second: Ms. Houck
Mr. Griffith nominated: Stephen J. Urban
Second: Ms. Houck
Mr. Schnee nominated: Kendra Radle
Second: Mr. SJ Urban
Ms. Radle nominated: Chris Perry
Second: Ms. Saidman
Motion to Close Nominations by: Mr. Haas
Second: Mr. Griffith
Vote:
Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous
Nominations Closed

Mr. McGinley stated there are 4 nominations and 3 seats. Ms. Houck reviewed the process and that each seat needs to be voted on separately, one at a time.

SEAT 1

Roll Call Vote (1 name):

Mr. Griffith: Urban
Mr. Haas: Vough
Ms. Houck: Vough
Ms. McDermott: Vough
Mr. McGinley: Vough
Mr. Perry: Vough
Ms. Radle: Vough
Ms. Saidman: Vough
Mr. Schnee: Vough
Mr. Stephen J. Urban: Vough
Mr. Vough: Perry

Results:

Vough 9
Urban 1
Perry 1

Matt Vough is selected for SEAT 1

SEAT 2

Roll Call Vote (1 name):

Mr. Griffith: Urban
Mr. Haas: Radle
Ms. Houck: Radle
Ms. McDermott: Radle
Mr. McGinley: Radle
Mr. Perry: Radle
Ms. Radle: Radle
Ms. Saidman: Radle
Mr. Schnee: Radle
Mr. Stephen J. Urban: Radle
Mr. Vough: Radle

Results:

Radle 10

Urban 1

Kendra Radle is selected for SEAT 2

SEAT 3

Roll Call Vote (1 name):

Mr. Griffith: Urban

Mr. Haas: Urban

Ms. Houck: Urban

Ms. McDermott: Perry

Mr. McGinley: Perry

Mr. Perry: Urban

Ms. Radle: Perry

Ms. Saidman: Perry

Mr. Schnee: Perry

Mr. Stephen J. Urban: Urban

Mr. Vough: Perry

Results:

Perry 6

Urban 5

Chris Perry is selected for SEAT 3

Motion to adopt resolution Appointing Matt Vough to the County Cares

Commission by: Ms. Radle

Second: Ms. Saidman

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Resolution is Adopted (11-0)

Motion to adopt resolution Appointing Kendra Radle to the County Cares

Commission by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Ms. Saidman

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Resolution is Adopted (11-0)

Motion to adopt resolution Appointing Chris Perry to the County Cares

Commission by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Ms. Saidman

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Resolution is Adopted (11-0)

4. Motion to approve the new ABC Application (adding County Cares Commission)

Motion by: Ms. McDermott

Second: Mr. Perry

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Application is Approved

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Due to COVID-19 all meetings are currently held via Video/Teleconference.

WRITTEN comments are submitted electronically via EMAIL or TEAMS. A copy of the full written comment for each speaker is posted under the corresponding meeting agenda.

VERBAL comments, in their entirety, can be heard by accessing the public comment portion of the meeting recording posted next to the meeting agenda.

Mark Rabo (Hazleton) commented Verbally on the Office of Open Records guidance pertaining to the conduct of Meetings.

Brian Shiner (Kingston) commented Verbally on the Executive Session litigation.

Ron Knapp (Nanticoke) commented Verbally on the current meeting venue, ZOOM, and the Forty-Fort soccer fields rest room facilities.

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Griffith

Second: Ms. Radle

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned at 6:48 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