



Luzerne County Council
July 09, 2019
Luzerne County Court House
Council Meeting Room
200 N. River Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18711

Minutes
July 09, 2019 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 Tuesday, July 09, 2019, at 6:01 PM. The meeting was called to order by Chair Tim McGinley.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Roll Call

Present

Patrick M. Bilbow
Linda McClosky Houck
Eugene Kelleher
Tim McGinley
Chris Perry
Sheila Saidman, Esq.
Robert Schnee
Stephen A. Urban
Matthew Vough
Jane Walsh Waitkus

Also Present

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

Absent

Harry Haas

Recognitions/Ceremonial Proclamations

Mr. McGinley reviewed Proclamations from Council:

- Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council 125th Anniversary
- Northeastern Pennsylvania Building and Construction Trades Council 120th Anniversary

Mr. McGinley reviewed a proclamation request from Sean Duesler for Brian Lyons. Brian will be recognized on Friday, July 12th, and Mr. Duesler has requested the day be named Brian Lyons Day in Luzerne County. Mr. McGinley noted in the past Council has paid tribute but did not name a day. He stated there are two versions in the agenda packet, one paying tribute and one naming the day.

Mr. McGinley asked Council which one they would prefer to do.

Motion to name July 12th as Brian Lyons' Day in Luzerne County by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Vough

Vote: Ten (10) Ayes – Unanimous

The Proclamation will be for Brian Lyons' Day in Luzerne County July 12, 2019.

Mr. McGinley read the proclamation.

Additions to/Deletions from Voting Session Agenda

None

Adoption of Voting Session Agenda

Motion to Adopt: Mr. Schnee

Second: Ms. Saidman

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes – Unanimous

The Voting Session Agenda is adopted (10-0)

Public Comment on Voting Session Agenda Items

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Motion to adopt minutes of the June 25, 2019 Voting Meeting

Motion by: Ms. Saidman

Second: Mr. Vough

Vote:

Eight (8) Ayes by Mr. Bilbow, Ms. Houck, Mr. Kelleher, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry
Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee, and Mr. Vough

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

One (1) Abstention by Ms. Waitkus

Motion Passed (8-1) with (1) Abstention

The June 25, 2019 Voting Meeting Minutes are Adopted

1. Motion to introduce ordinance entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Butler Township for the repair and dedication of roads in accordance with the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Law, Act 177 of 1996, previously adopted as Act 180 of 1972

Motion by: Mr. Kelleher

Second: Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes - Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Ordinance is Introduced

2. CCAP Voting Delegate Designations

Motion to Open Nominations by: Ms. Waitkus

Second: Mr. Schnee

Vote: Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Ms. Waitkus nominated: Sheila Saidman

Second: Mr. Vough

Mr. Schnee nominated: Chris Perry

Second: Mr. Kelleher

Mr. Perry nominated: Matt Vough

Second: Mr. Bilbow

Ms. Waitkus nominated: Tim McGinley

Second: Mr. Schnee

Mr. Kelleher nominated: Linda Houck

Second: Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Mr. Schnee nominated: Patrick Bilbow

Second: Ms. Saidman

Motion to Close Nominations by: Mr. Kelleher

Second: Ms. Saidman

Vote: Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Roll Call Vote (5 names):

Mr. Bilbow: Saidman, Perry, Vough, McGinley, Bilbow

Ms. Houck: Saidman, Perry, Vough, McGinley, Houck

Mr. Kelleher: Saidman, Perry, Vough, McGinley, Houck

Mr. McGinley: Saidman, Perry, Vough, McGinley, Bilbow

Mr. Perry: Saidman, Perry, Vough, McGinley, Houck

Ms. Saidman: Saidman, Perry, Vough, McGinley, Houck

Mr. Schnee: Saidman, Perry, Vough, McGinley, Bilbow

Mr. Stephen A. Urban: Houck

Mr. Vough: Saidman, Perry, McGinley, Houck, Bilbow

Ms. Waitkus: Saidman, Perry, Vough, McGinley, Bilbow

Results:

Saidman 9

Perry 9

Vough 8

McGinley 9

Houck 6

Bilbow 5

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Sheila Saidman as a CCAP Voting Delegate:

Motion by: Ms. Waitkus

Second: Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Chris Perry as a CCAP Voting Delegate:

Motion by: Mr. Vough

Second: Mr. Schnee

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Matt Vough as a CCAP Voting Delegate:

Motion by: Ms. Waitkus

Second: Mr. Schnee

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Tim McGinley as a CCAP Voting Delegate:

Motion by: Mr. Vough

Second: Mr. Schnee

Roll Call Vote:

Nine (9) Yes by Mr. Bilbow, Ms. Houck, Mr. Kelleher, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee, Mr. Vough, and Ms. Waitkus

One (1) No by Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Motion Passed (9-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Linda Houck as a CCAP Voting Delegate:

Motion by: Mr. Vough

Second: Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

3. Motion to adopt resolution declaring a vacancy on the Luzerne County Housing Authority (Adams)

Motion by: Mr. Kelleher

Second: Ms. Saidman

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes - Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

4. Motion to adopt resolution declaring a vacancy on the Luzerne County Convention Center Authority Board

Motion by: Mr. Kelleher

Second: Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes - Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

5. ABC Eligibility List

6. Authorities Nominations and Appointments to:

6a. Luzerne County Housing Authority (1) to complete a term to 12/31/2022

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Mr. Vough

Vote: Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Mr. Schnee nominated: Rose Yarmel

Second: Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Motion to Close Nominations by: Mr. Vough

Second: Mr. Kelleher

Vote: Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Roll Call Vote to adopt a resolution appointing Rose Yarmel to the Luzerne County Housing Authority:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Resolution is Adopted (10-0)

7. Boards and Commissions Nominations and Appointments to:

7a. Luzerne County Board of Elections and Registration (1) Democrat to complete a term to 01/24/2020

Motion to Open Nominations by: Ms. Waitkus

Second: Mr. Schnee

Vote: Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Mr. Kelleher nominated: Audrey Serniak
Second: Mr. Schnee
Mr. Stephen A. Urban nominated: John Chernesky
Second: Ms. Houck
Motion to Close Nominations by: Mr. Kelleher
Second: Ms. Saidman
Vote: Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Roll Call Vote (1 name):

Mr. Bilbow: Serniak
Ms. Houck: Chernesky
Mr. Kelleher: Serniak
Mr. McGinley: Serniak
Mr. Perry: Serniak
Ms. Saidman: Serniak
Mr. Schnee: Serniak
Mr. Stephen A. Urban: Chernesky
Mr. Vough: Chernesky
Ms. Waitkus: Serniak

Results:

Serniak 7
Chernesky 3

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

Motion by: Mr. Kelleher
Second: Ms. Waitkus

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

7b. Luzerne County Farmland Preservation Board (1) term to 12/31/2021

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Ms. Waitkus

Vote: Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Matthew Balliet to the Luzerne County Farmland Preservation Board:

Motion by: Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Second: Ms. Saidman

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

7c. Luzerne County Forty-Fort Airport Advisory Board (3) terms to 12/31/2021

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Kelleher

Second: Mr. Perry

Vote: Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Mr. Schnee nominated all (3) applicants: John Baum, Ronald Gitkos, Patrick Pribula

Second: Ms. Houck

Motion to Close Nominations by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Kelleher

Vote: Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt a resolution appointing John Baum to the Luzerne County Forty-Fort

Airport Advisory Board:

Motion by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Schnee

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt a resolution appointing Ronald Gitkos to the Luzerne County Forty-Fort

Airport Advisory Board:

Motion by: Mr. Bilbow

Second: Mr. Schnee

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt a resolution appointing Patrick Pribula to the Luzerne County Forty-Fort

Airport Advisory Board:

Motion by: Ms. Saidman

Second: Mr. Vough

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

7d. Luzerne County Planning Commission (1) to complete a term to 12/31/2020

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Kelleher

Second: Ms. Saidman

Vote: Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Motion to adopt a resolution appointing Carl Naessig to the Luzerne County Planning

Commission:

Motion by: Mr. Kelleher

Second: Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Motion to Close Nominations by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Vote: Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

7e. Luzerne County Zoning Hearing Board (1) term 12/31/2021

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Vote: Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Ms. Houck nominated: Leon Schuster

Second: Mr. Kelleher

Motion to Close Nominations by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Vough

Vote: Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt a resolution appointing Leon Schuster to the Luzerne County Zoning Hearing Board:

Motion by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Kelleher

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

7f. Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Investment Board (5) terms to 06/30/2023

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

Second: Mr. Schnee

Vote: Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Open

Ms. Houck nominated all (5) applicants: Jane Ashton, Gregory Koons, Mary Malone, Heather Nelson, Michael Saporito

Second: Ms. Saidman

Motion to Close Nominations by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Kelleher

Vote: Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt a resolution appointing Jane Ashton to the Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Investment Board:

Motion by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Vough

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt a resolution appointing Gregory Koons to the Luzerne/Schuylkill

Workforce Investment Board:

Motion by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Vough

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt a resolution appointing Mary Malone to the Luzerne/Schuylkill

Workforce Investment Board:

Motion by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Mr. Perry

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt a resolution appointing Heather Nelson to the Luzerne/Schuylkill

Workforce Investment Board:

Motion by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Mr. Vough

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt a resolution appointing Michael Saporito to the Luzerne/Schuylkill

Workforce Investment Board:

Motion by: Mr. Bilbow

Second: Mr. Schnee

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Public Comment

Walter Griffith (Trucksville) spoke about contracts that are already submitted and recommended the contracts for ES&S and Northeast Revenue Service be pulled based on recent issues. Mr. Griffith feels all Professional Services should be bid. He stated he was disappointed in the Governor's veto of the 9M dollars for voting machines. Mr. Griffith commented on straight voting.

Joe McCabe (Exeter) commented on the voting machines and funding. Mr. McCabe asked when the lobbyist group has a proposal will they come before Council for approval. Mr. Pedri responded regarding Maverick Solutions and funding.

Romilda Crocamo introduced the new full time Assistant Solicitor, Morgan Palermo. Ms. Crocamo gave a brief bio on Ms. Palermo and welcomed her.

Stephen A. Urban responded to Mr. Griffiths comments regarding Northeast Revenue.

Sheila Saidman, Esq. responded to Mr. Griffiths comments regarding Northeast Revenue.

Eugene Kelleher announced that this may be his last meeting depending on what happens with the closing on his house. Mr. Kelleher spoke about the work he has done and people he has met and worked with. He recognized Mr. Perry and Mr. Urban for their military service and thanked the members of Council.

Tim McGinley commended Mr. Kelleher, stated he will be missed, and wished him good luck and good health.

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Kelleher

Second: Mr. Stephen A. Urban

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned at 6:49 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