



**Luzerne County Council**

July 24, 2018  
Dallas EMA Building  
Route 118  
Dallas, PA 18612  
Council Meeting Room

**Minutes  
Voting Session**

**Call to Order**

The Luzerne County Council convened for a Voting Session in the Dallas EMA Building, Route 118, Dallas, PA on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 6:01 PM. The meeting was called to order by Chair Tim McGinley.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

**Roll Call**

**Present**

Edward A. Brominski (via phone)  
Harry Haas  
Linda McClosky Houck (via phone)  
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  
Mark Makowski, Esq., Assistant County Solicitor  
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

**Mr. McGinley announced Ms. Houck is on the phone and will be participating in the meeting by phone.**

**Mr. McGinley announced Mr. Brominski is on the phone and is calling in to the meeting due to a health issue. Due to the number of times Mr. Brominski has called in to date, the Bylaws require a vote by Council to allow him to participate in the Meeting.**

**Motion to allow Mr. Brominski to participate in the meeting by phone**

**Motion by:** Ms. Houck

**Second:** Mr. Vough

**Roll Call Vote:**

Nine (9) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (9-0)**

**Mr. Brominski is present and will participate in the meeting by phone.**

**Recognitions/Ceremonial Proclamations**

Mr. McGinley announced the retirements of:

Jeffrey Feldmann, Probation Officer 1, Probation

Marita Morreale, Probation Officer 1, Probation

Sandra Trocki, Fiscal Tech, Probation

Karl E Blight, Jr., Restitution Officer, Probation

Sandra Longo, Case Aide 2, Aging

John Kosloski, Caseworker Supervisor, Children & Youth

Marilyn King, Executive Secretary, District

Letters of thanks and congratulations will be sent out to each of them from Council.

**Additions to/Deletions from Voting Session Agenda**

None

**Adoption of Voting Session Agenda**

**Motion to Adopt:** Mr. Kelleher

**Second:** Mr. Schnee

**Vote:**

Ten (10) Ayes – Unanimous

**The Voting Session Agenda is adopted (10-0)**

**Public Comment on Voting Session Agenda Items**

**Brian Shiner (Kingston)** commented on the sale of County owned property by auction.

Mr. Shiner would like the entire auction process detailed and made part of the resolution.

Mr. Shiner also pointed out that per the resolution, any unsold properties will be disposed of in an alternate manor determined by the County Manager. They should be disposed of by County Council per the Charter.

**Charles Olah (Kingston)** commented on Old Business. Mr. Olah questioned the salvage value of three trucks and the County treatment of it.

## **Old Business**

Mr. O'Neill spoke about the Records Retention Building and Mr. Pedri announced there will be a grand opening of the Records Retention Building on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. O'Neill addressed the truck question from Mr. Olah. He stated the new trucks have not been delivered yet and once they are, the old trucks will be auctioned off.

## **New Business**

### **Motion to adopt minutes of the July 10, 2018 Voting Meeting**

**Motion by:** Ms. Waitkus

**Second:** Mr. Schnee

**Vote:**

Nine (9) Ayes by Mr. Brominski, Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Mr. Kelleher, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Mr. Schnee, Mr. Vough and Ms. Waitkus

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

**Motion Passed (9-1)**

**The July 10, 2018 Voting Meeting Minutes are Adopted**

### **1. Motion to adopt resolution authorizing the County Manager to execute the sale of County-Owned Property by Auction**

**Motion by:** Mr. Kelleher

**Second:** Ms. Waitkus

**Mr. Haas would like to amend the resolution contingent on a vote on each unsold parcel by County Council.**

**Motion to Amend by:** Mr. Haas

**Second:** Mr. Stephen A. Urban

**Roll Call Vote on Amendment:**

Ten (10) Yes - Unanimous

**Resolution is Amended (10-0)**

**Roll Call Vote to Adopt Amended Resolution:**

Ten (10) Yes - Unanimous

**Resolution is Adopted (10-0)**

### **2. Motion to adopt resolution approving the financing by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Hospital and Education Authority of certain projects for the benefit of UMH NY Corp., UMH PA Corp., United Methodist Homes Foundation, and UMH Management Services Corp., each a not-for-profit corporation or trust; declaring that it is desirable for the health, safety and welfare of the people of the County of Luzerne, Pennsylvania, and the area served by UMH NY Corp., UMH PA Corp., United Methodist Homes Foundation, and UMH Management Services Corp. to have the projects provided by and financed through the authority; and authorizing other necessary and appropriate action**

**Motion by:** Mr. Schnee

**Second:** Mr. Stephen A. Urban

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

**Resolution is Adopted (10-0)**

**3. Motion to adopt ordinance amending the Luzerne County Personnel Code**

**Motion by:** Mr. Schnee

**Second:** Ms. Waitkus

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ten (10) Yes - Unanimous

**Ordinance is Adopted (10-0)**

**4. Motion to introduce ordinance amending the Administrative Code (Monthly Budget Reports Format)**

**Motion by:** Ms. Houck

**Second:** Mr. Haas

**Roll Call Vote:**

Nine (9) Yes by Mr. Brominski, Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Mr. Schnee, Mr. Stephen A. Urban, Mr. Vough and Ms. Waitkus

One (1) No by Mr. Kelleher

**Ordinance is Introduced (9-1)**

**5. Motion to adopt resolution depositing \$1,176,011.59 into the (TBD) Fund/Account (TIF money)**

**Motion to deposit money into the Reserve Account by:** Mr. Stephen A. Urban

**Second:** Mr. Kelleher

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ten (10) Yes - Unanimous

**Motion to Adopt Resolution by:** Mr. Haas

**Second:** Mr. Schnee

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ten (10) Yes - Unanimous

**Resolution is Adopted (10-0)**

**Mr. McGinley announced Council will break for a short Executive Session.**

**Mr. McGinley reconvened the Meeting.**

**Mr. Makowski announced the Executive Session was for informational purposes and potential litigation.**

**6. Authorities, Boards, & Commissions nominations and appointments to: Convention Center Authority**

**Motion to open nominations by:** Mr. Kelleher

**Second:** Mr. Schnee

**Vote:**

Ten (10) Ayes – Unanimous

**Nominations Open**

**Mr. Schnee nominated:** Neal DeAngelo

**Second:** Ms. Waitkus

**Mr. Kelleher nominated:** James Reino

**Second:** Mr. Haas

**Motion to close nominations by:** Mr. Kelleher

**Second:** Mr. Schnee

**Vote:**

Ten (10) Ayes – Unanimous

**Nominations Closed**

**Roll Call Vote (1 name) to complete a term expiring 12/31/2021:**

**Mr. Brominski:** Reino

**Mr. Haas:** Reino

**Ms. Houck:** Reino

**Mr. Kelleher:** Reino

**Mr. McGinley:** DeAngelo

**Mr. Perry:** DeAngelo

**Mr. Schnee:** DeAngelo

**Mr. Stephen A. Urban:** Reino

**Mr. Vough:** DeAngelo

**Ms. Waitkus:** DeAngelo

**Results:**

Reino 5

DeAngelo 5

**Resolution Failed (5-5)**

**Public Comment**

**Mr. McGinley thanked the Back Mountain EMA for providing their facility to the Luzerne County Council for the Council Meetings tonight.**

**Motion to adjourn:** Mr, Kelleher

**Second:** Mr. Haas

**Vote:**

Ten (10) Ayes – Unanimous

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:54 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](mailto:sharon.lawrence@luzernecounty.org)