



Luzerne County Council
September 24, 2019
Luzerne County Community College
Campus Center
1333 S. Prospect Street
Nanticoke, PA 18634

Minutes
September 24, 2019 Voting Session

Call to Order

The Luzerne County Council convened for a Voting Session in the Campus Center of the Luzerne County Community College on Tuesday, September 24, 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
Harry Haas (arrived at 6:14PM)
Linda McClosky Houck
Tim McGinley
Rick Morelli
Chris Perry
Sheila Saidman, Esq.
Robert Schnee
Matthew Vough
Jane Walsh Waitkus

Also Present

C. David Pedri, Esq., County Manager
Romilda P. Crocamo, Chief County Solicitor
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

Absent

Stephen A. Urban

Recognitions/Ceremonial Proclamations

Mr. McGinley announced there will be a Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation presented at The Empty Place at the Table Ceremony to be held on October 3rd in the Courthouse Rotunda.

Mr. McGinley read and presented a proclamation to Kevin Rea, President of Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School, in recognition of their 175th Anniversary. After accepting the proclamation, Mr. Rea spoke briefly about the school, faculty and students.

Mr. McGinley announced the retirements of:

Dennis Dobinick, Chief Deputy Coroner, Coroners' Office

Janice Evanchick, Clerk 2, Sheriffs' Office

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

Additions to/Deletions from Voting Session Agenda

Mr. Vough would like to add an agenda item for County Council to approve a Letter of Support for New Roots Recovery Center.

Motion by: Mr. Vough

Second: Ms. Waitkus

Vote:

Nine (9) Ayes – Unanimous

Mr. Haas had not arrived yet.

Letter of Support is Added to the Agenda (9-0)

Mr. McGinley stated it will be Item 7 on the Voting Session Agenda.

Adoption of Voting Session Agenda

Motion to Adopt: Mr. Schnee

Second: Ms. Waitkus

Vote:

Nine (9) Ayes – Unanimous

Mr. Haas had not arrived yet.

The Voting Session Agenda is Adopted (9-0)

Public Comment on Voting Session Agenda Items

Walter Griffith (Trucksville) commented on the Borrowing Ordinance. Mr. Griffith feels the Ordinance is vague and there needs to be more information. He requested Council to vote no to introduce the Ordinance.

Old Business

None

New Business

Motion to adopt minutes of the September 10, 2019 Voting Meeting

Motion by: Ms. Saidman

Second: Mr. Morelli

Vote:

Nine (9) Ayes – Unanimous

Mr. Haas had not arrived yet.

Motion Passed (9-0)

The September 10, 2019 Voting Meeting Minutes are Adopted

1. PFM Presentation

Scott Shearer handed out a presentation to Council titled “Luzerne County Annual Debt Overview” and also projected it on the screen. He reviewed the presentation and answered questions from Council.

2. Introduction of Ordinance Authorizing the Incurrence of Non Electoral Indebtedness of the County of Luzerne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by the Issuance of a General Obligation Note, Series of 2019, in the Principal Amount of \$34,705,000 for and Toward Financing a Capital Improvement Program, a Current Refunding Program and Paying the Costs of Issuing the Note; Fixing the Form, Date, Interest, and Maturity of the Note; Making a Covenant for the Payment of the Debt Service on the Note; Providing for the Filing of the Required Documents; Providing for the Appointment of a Sinking Fund Depository for the Note; Authorizing the Execution, Sale and Delivery thereof and Authorizing Other Necessary Action

Motion by: Ms. Saidman

Second: Mr. Perry

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Ordinance is Introduced

3. Motion to adopt resolution approving the sales of certain parcels of property held in repository by Northeast Revenue Services, LLC acting as the Luzerne County Tax Claim Bureau

Motion by: Ms. Waitkus

Second: Mr. Vough

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

4. Motion to adopt resolution Approving the Dedication of County Road 38 to the Borough of Conyngham for Public Use

Motion by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Mr. Bilbow

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

5. Motion to adopt resolution Approving the Process in which Luzerne County's Act 13 Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund Monies are Awarded for Remediation Related to Damage Caused by Wood Boring Insects

Motion by: Ms. Waitkus

Second: Mr. Vough

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

6. Motion to adopt resolution declaring a vacancy on the Luzerne County Transportation Authority due to the resignation of a member

Motion by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Ms. Saidman

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

7. Motion to approve Letter of Support for New Roots Recovery Center

Motion by: Mr. Bilbow

Second: Mr. Vough

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Letter of Support is Approved.

Public Comment

Mary Conrad (Wilkes-Barre) spoke about the opioid epidemic and her son's death.

Greg Griffin (Swoyersville) gave Council an update on his committee and the opioid epidemic.

Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Saidman

Second: Mr. Morelli

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned at 6:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Lawrence

Clerk of Council

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