



**Luzerne County Council
Voting Session
October 26, 2021
Council Meeting Room
Luzerne County Courthouse
200 N. River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701
AND
Video/Teleconference via ZOOM**

Minutes

Call to Order

The Luzerne County Council convened for a Voting Session in the Council Meeting Room of the Luzerne County Courthouse on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 6:12 PM. The meeting was called to order by Chair Tim McGinley.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Roll Call

Present

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

Also Present

Romilda P. Crocamo, Esq., Acting County Manager (virtually)
Vito DeLuca, Esq., Assistant Solicitor (virtually)
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

Absent

Shannon Crake Lapsansky, Esq., Acting Chief County Solicitor

Atty. Vito DeLuca commented on the Executive Session. He stated Council met in Executive Session from 5PM until approximately 6:05PM and received a report from Children and Youth, discussed personnel matters and received an update on the litigation of Gans Multimedia vs Luzerne County.

Recognitions/Ceremonial Proclamations

Mr. McGinley read a proclamation for the Miners Mills Triangle Club 75th Anniversary.

Mr. McGinley announced the retirements of:

- William John Fumanti, Corrections Officer, LCCF
- Cathy J Stamets, Caseworker Supervisor, C&Y
- Lamotte G Stiles, Lieutenant, Minimal Offenders Unit
- Theodore B. Wampole, Jr., Director Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Mary-Lou Zerfoss, Volunteer Resource Coordinator 1, Area Agency on Aging
- Eugenia A. Galli, Program Specialist 2, MHDS
- Joann Johnson, Clerk Typist 1, Licensing
- Gail A. Stredny, Casework Manager 2, MHDS

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

Additions to/Deletions from Voting Session Agenda

NONE

Adoption of Voting Session Agenda

Motion to Adopt Voting Session Agenda by: Ms. Houck

Second: Ms. McDermott

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

The Voting Session Agenda is Adopted

Public Comment on Agenda Items

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NONE

Motion to adopt minutes of the October 12, 2021 Voting Session

Motion by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Schnee

Vote:

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

Two (2) Nays by Mr. Griffith and Mr. SJ Urban

Motion Passed (9-2)

The October 12, 2021 Voting Session Minutes are Adopted

Old Business

NONE

Agenda Items

1. Motion to adopt ordinance Amending the 2021 Fiscal Year Budgets for Luzerne County (ERA)

Motion by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Mr. SJ Urban

Roll Call Vote:

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

One (1) Abstention by Mr. Haas

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

Ordinance is Adopted

2. Motion to adopt resolution Requesting a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation

Motion by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Mr. Perry

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. SJ Urban

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

Resolution is Adopted

3. Motion to adopt resolution Authorizing the County Manager to Execute a License to Utilize Premises Agreement with UGI Utilities, Inc.

Motion by: Ms. Saidman

Second: Ms. Houck

Roll Call Vote:

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

Two (2) No by Mr. Griffith and Ms. Saidman

One (1) Abstention by Mr. SJ Urban

Motion Passed (8-2) with (1) Abstention

Resolution is Adopted

4. Nominations and Appointments to Boards and Commissions:

4a. Luzerne County Bureau of Elections and Registration (1 opening) Republican to complete a term ending 12/31/23

Motion to Open Nominations by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. SJ Urban

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Open

Ms. McDermott nominated: Patrick Castellani

Second: Mr. Schnee

Ms. Houck nominated: Candice Chilek

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Second: Ms. Saidman

Mr. Haas nominated: Alyssa Fusaro

Second: Mr. SJ Urban

Motion to Close Nominations by: Ms. Houck

Second: Ms. McDermott

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Closed

Roll Call Vote (1 name):

Mr. Griffith: Abstained

Mr. Haas: Fusaro

Ms. Houck: Chilek

Ms. McDermott: Castellani

Mr. McGinley: Castellani

Mr. Perry: Castellani

Ms. Radle: Castellani

Ms. Saidman: Castellani

Mr. Schnee: Castellani

Mr. Stephen J. Urban: Fusaro

Mr. Vough: Castellani

Results:

Castellani 7

Fusaro 2

Chilek 1

Abstentions 1

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Patrick Castellani to the Luzerne County Board of Elections by: Ms. Houck

Second: Ms. McDermott

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) Abstentions by Mr. Griffith and Mr. SJ Urban

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

Resolution is Adopted

5. Motion to adopt resolution Approving a Budget Transfer to Allot Funds to Special Legal Services

Motion by: Mr. Griffith

Second: Mr. Perry

Roll Call Vote:

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

One (1) No by Ms. Houck

Motion Passed (10-1)

Resolution is Adopted

6. Motion to introduce ordinance Amending the Capital Plan Budget for Luzerne County

Motion by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Mr. Perry

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) No by Mr. SJ Urban

Motion Passed (10-1)

Ordinance is Introduced

7. Motions regarding CCAP Fall Conference

7a. Motion to allow Sheila Saidman to attend the CCAP Fall Conference

Motion by: Mr. Haas

Second: Ms. McDermott

Ms. Saidman stated she would like to wait for the Election Results to determine if she will or will not be attending. Ms. Houck suggested changing the Motion to reflect “a Council Member” so that if Ms. Saidman does not go the approval is there for another council member to attend.

Motion to Amend “Sheila Saidman” to “a Council Member” by: Ms. Houck

Second: Mr. Schnee

Vote to Amend Motion:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion is Amended

Roll Call Vote to approve Amended Motion:

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. SJ Urban

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

7b. Motion to adopt resolution Approving a Budget Transfer to Cover the Expenses Associated with Attendance at the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania Fall Conference

Motion by: Mr. Schnee

Second: Mr. Perry

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. SJ Urban

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

Resolution is Adopted

8. Motion to adopt resolution Approving the Settlement of Pending Litigation in the Matter of Gans Multimedia Partnership v. Luzerne County

Motion by: Mr. Perry

Second: Ms. Houck

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. SJ Urban

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

Resolution is Adopted

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Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Schnee

Second: Ms. McDermott

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned at 6:42 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Lawrence
Clerk of Council

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