

January 7, 2008, Reorganization Meeting

The bi-annual Reorganization Meeting for Clarion Borough Council was held on Monday, January 7, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Clarion Free Library. Mayor Stroup called the meeting to order.

Mayor Stroup was presented Certificates of Election from Mr. Zerfoss, Ms. Vavrek, and Mr. Hopkins whereupon the Mayor administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor Stroup then called for nominations for President of Council. Ms. Leonard nominated Ms. Moore for President; Mr. Zerfoss nominated Mr. Wilshire. Mr. Herman moved that the nominations be closed. The following are the results of the roll call vote:

Mr. Zerfoss- Mr. Wilshire
Mr. Herman- Mr. Wilshire
Ms. Leonard- Ms. Moore
Ms. Vavrek- Ms. Moore
Ms. Moore- Ms. Moore
Mr. Hopkins- Mr. Wilshire
Mr. Wilshire- Mr. Wilshire

Mayor Stroup next called for nominations for Vice-President. Mr. Herman nominated Ms. Moore. Mr. Zerfoss called for nominations to be closed. Ms. Moore was unanimously elected following a roll-call vote.

The Mayor then turned the meeting over to President Wilshire. President Wilshire called for nominations for President Pro Tem. Ms. Moore nominated Ms. Vavrek for the office. Mr. Zerfoss called for the nominations to be closed. Following a roll-call vote, Ms. Vavrek was unanimously elected to the office of President Pro Tem.

President Wilshire then stated that there were openings on the Vacancy Board. This Board acts when there is a vacancy created on Council and Council fails to fill that vacancy within 30 days. The Vacancy Board then meets and its selection is confirmed by the Court of Common Pleas. Mr. Zerfoss moved to reappoint Mr. Orv Lerch which was seconded by Ms. Vavrek. The motion carried unanimously.

President Wilshire then discussed the appointment of a Solicitor. He indicated that a local attorney was desired. President Wilshire stated that he obtained a quote from one firm. Mr. Zerfoss stated his desire for a local attorney. Mr. Hopkins also prefers a local attorney. Mr. Zerfoss made a motion for Council to engage the firm of Alexander, Alexander & Troese. The motion died for lack of a second.

Ms. Vavrek stated that she was unaware that a change was being sought. She indicated that she needed time to consider the matter. Ms. Vavrek would like to know which firms are being considered. She also stated that Attorney French did a good job on zoning issues.

Mr. Hopkins suggested that Attorney French continue as Solicitor until proposals from interested firms could be obtained. President Wilshire called for a special meeting next week to select a Solicitor.

Three separate motions were made by Ms. Vavrek and seconded by Ms. Leonard to reappoint Ms. Freenock as Borough Manager, Secretary, and Treasurer. The motions carried unanimously.

Ms. Vavrek made a motion to reappoint Ms. LaVan as Assistant Borough Secretary. The motion was seconded by Ms. Leonard and was unanimously approved.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon a motion made by Mr. Herman and seconded by Mr. Zerfoss, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy K. Freenock
Secretary of the Meeting