

Swearing In Ceremony

U. S. District Court Judge, the Honorable Cynthia Rufe conducted the swearing-in-ceremony and administered the Oath of Office to Tax Collector, Judith S. Musto and Councillors Elect, Gerard J. O'Malley, Michael T. Sellers and Julia W. Woldorf. Councillors then took their seat at the table.

Mayor Hains called the Re-Organization Meeting of Newtown Borough Council to Order at 7:20 p.m. on Monday, January 7, 2008.

Present: Councillors Craig, O'Malley, Sellers, Walker and Woldorf and Mayor Glenn D. Hains. Councillor Jaslow was excused. A list of guests is attached.

Mayor Hains entertained nominations for President of Council. A motion was duly made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Sellers, nominating Mark A. Craig for President. Mayor Hains called for further nominations. There being none, the nominations for President were closed. Mayor Hains called for a voice vote and announced that Mark A. Craig received a unanimous vote and thereby the Presidency.

Mayor Hains entertained nominations for Vice-President of Council. A motion was made by Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Walker, nominating Julia W. Woldorf for Vice-President. Mayor Hains called for further nominations. There being none, the nominations for Vice-President were closed. Mayor Hains called for a voice vote and announced that Julia W. Woldorf received a unanimous vote and thereby the Vice-Presidency.

Mayor Hains called for a vote to fill a seat on the Vacancy Board. A motion was duly made by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Craig to appoint J. Eric Johnson as Chairperson for the Vacancy Board. A second motion was duly made by Councillor Sellers and seconded by Councillor O'Malley, to appoint Mary Jane Leonard as Chairperson for the Vacancy Board. Councillors Walker and Craig voted to appoint Eric Johnson and Councillors O'Malley, Sellers and Woldorf voted to appoint Mary Jane Leonard. Ms. Leonard was appointed for a 2 year term through December 31, 2009, as Chairperson for the Vacancy Board.

Mayor Hains then vacated the position of chairman and turned the meeting over to the newly elected President of Council, Mark A. Craig.

Remarks from Councillors

President Craig asked Council members if they wished to address the public at this time. Councillor Sellers thanked all those in attendance for their support. He reminded the public of the need to consider involvement in the community by volunteering for the various boards and committees. Councillor O'Malley also thanked his family, Judge Rufe and the community for their attendance. He felt that a clear message was sent for change during the recent election and he is excited about effecting

those changes. Councillor Woldorf noted that there is much to preserve and yet many challenges ahead to meet the demands of the future. Discussion is healthy and she looks forward to hearing the input from residents and working with this board. Councillor Walker commented that the public should be patient as the new Council members find their way to best serve the Newtown. He asked for the public's help, noting that it doesn't happen by itself. Mayor Hains noted that it is an exciting time for everyone and congratulated the new President. President Craig pointed out that Newtown Borough is unique in the way it has governed itself through the years. The Council has historically worked well together, especially given the fact that there is no Borough Manager and yet the transition from Council to Council has kept the Borough operations running smoothly.

Council re-affirmed:

Council discussed the question raised by Councillor Sellers of changing the starting time for Council Work Session. It was decided to move the Work Session to 5 P.M. Councillor Woldorf then asked about changing the Council Meeting time. The audience was then asked for input on a proposed 7:30 or 8:00 P.M. start time for Council Meeting. There were no comments from the public and Council decided to maintain the 7 P.M. start time. The following reaffirmations were then made:

Council meets the Wednesday prior to the second Tuesday for Work Session at 5:00 P.M. in Council Chambers. Unless otherwise advertised, all regular semi-monthly meetings of Council will be held on the second Tuesday and (where applicable) the fourth Thursday in the auditorium of the Chancellor Center, 30 North Chancellor Street, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

All regular meetings of Boards, Commissions and Committees of Council have been advertised and *will be held in the Council Chambers* unless otherwise advertised.

A motion was duly made by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Sellers, and carried unanimously to name as official newspaper(s) for legal notices and employment advertising, the Inter-County Newspapers (The Advance); Bucks County Courier Times; and if needed, The Intelligencer and/or the Philadelphia Inquirer.

A motion was duly made by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, carried unanimously to name the following financial institutions as depositories for the Borough of Newtown: The First National Bank & Trust of Newtown and Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT).

A motion was duly made by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Sellers, and carried unanimously to adopt mileage reimbursement, when authorized by supervisor and/or President of Council for employees and elected officials at the rate of 50.5 cents a mile as set by the IRS.

A motion was duly made by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Sellers, and carried unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing designated officials to execute documents and sign checks for First National Bank and the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust.

Re-appointments for those that serve, at will or at the pleasure of the Council, for a two-year term through December 31, 2009 are as follows:

A motion was duly made by Councillor Sellers, seconded by Councillor Walker, and carried unanimously, to re-appoint Marcia M. Scull to serve as Secretary.

A motion was duly made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Walker, and carried unanimously, to re-appoint Patricia A. Ours to serve as Treasurer.

A motion was duly made by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, and carried unanimously, to re-appoint the firm of Gilmore & Associates, Inc. to serve as Engineer.

A motion was duly made by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, and carried unanimously to re-appoint Keystone Municipal Services, LLC to serve as Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer, HARB Administrator and Zoning Officer, in accordance with the proposal of Keystone dated January 2, 2008, and subject to review by the Borough Solicitor for legal compliance.

It was noted that no Solicitor is being appointed at this time, but interviews will be scheduled. There is no legal requirement to advertise and since 8 letters of interest have been received, Council agreed that there was no need to advertise for applications.

- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Woldorf, and carried unanimously to hold a Special Council Meeting in Executive Session on January 15, 2008, at 2:00 P.M. for the purpose of interviewing Solicitor candidates.

Discussion to Re-Open the Budget

- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor Sellers, seconded by Councillor Woldorf, and approved with Councillor Walker voting nay, to re-open the 2008 Budget.

Discussion on the budget will be held at the January 24, 2008, Council Meeting. Any/all questions should be addressed or raised by January 17, 2008.

HARB Certificates of Appropriateness

- ❖ **A motion was duly made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Walker to follow the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board and direct President of Council to sign the following Certificates of Appropriateness, thereby approving the historical appropriateness of the application, with final approval by the Code Enforcement Officer. Councillor Sellers abstained from voting on COA 2007-066H.**

COA 2007-062-H – Applicant William Manning, 139 N. State Street, The Comcast Bldg.

The applicant was seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a single new satin black iron hand rail, with one vertical support in the center of the 8' span.

COA 2007-063-H – Resident Cathy Triverio, 117 N. Chancellor Street

The applicant was seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of a one story 20' x 26' rear addition, siding to be wood and windows to be wood 2 over 2 divided lites, noting the mullions separating the windows on the north elevation would be 5/4 x 6 that will continue to vertical boards.

COA 2007-064-H – Applicant Tiffany Costello, 110 S. State Street, New Age Astrology Readings

The applicant was seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of two 3” x 24” aluminum directory sign plaques, with brown lettering less than 2” high on ivory background.

COA 2007-065-H – Applicant Martin Wade, 130 S. Chancellor Street

The applicant is seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of three exterior light fixtures: 2 ceiling mounted porch lights and 1 wall mounted light.

COA 2007-066-H – Applicant Gudrun Frank, 24 N. State Street, LYJ Love Your Jeans

The applicant was seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a 22” x 22” white alumalite sign, to be mounted below existing sign; planter to be set under sign to prevent pedestrians from walking into sign. The approval was for a temporary sign design for a period of 6 months until June 2008 or until final approval of a permanent sign, whichever occurs first.

COA 2007-067-H – Resident Wayne Heacock, 194 N. Chancellor Street

The applicant was seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of new carriage style wooden garage doors to replace existing traditional panel doors.

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COA 2006-011-H, 06-012-H, 06-013-H – Applicant Toll Brothers for Newtown Station

The applicants were seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for amendments to the previously approved COA’s to revise garage plans to bring structures into compliance with maximum allowable height of an ancillary structure, noting that the window on the front elevation of the Lot 2 garage would be changed to a double hung 9 over 6.

- ❖ **A motion was duly made by Councillor Woldorf, seconded by Councillor Walker to follow the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board and direct President of Council to sign the following Certificate of Appropriateness, thereby approving the historical appropriateness of the application, with final approval by the Code Enforcement Officer.**

COA 2007-061-H – Applicant Newtown Fire Association, 14 Liberty Street

The applicant was seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for the modification of the link between the old north building and south addition; and the alteration of the east elevation of the northern section to include arched doors and entrance and noting that the brick would be matched as closely as possible.

Public to be Heard

Paul Salvatore, 148 N. Elm Avenue, asked about the process and discussion at public meetings on the re-opened budget. President Craig explained that the budget would be re-advertised and available for review, if changes are made at the January 24, 2008, meeting. One member of the audience asked about the 2008 budget being placed on the website. Diana Bowen, of The Advance, asked why the budget was being re-opened, as this was the first time she had seen this occur. Councillor Sellers did not specify particulars, but indicated that this is the only chance Council has to re-open the budget for review and that was his explanation.

Michael Jones, 422 Edgeboro Drive, asked if the public agenda could include the HARB recommendations for each application, not just the basic application description.

Christine Edmonds suggested that the Borough website include links to volunteer opportunities and felt it might be especially helpful when looking for individuals to assist with events. Caroline Bennett also commented on expanding the information that is currently available on the Borough website and Councillor O'Malley noted that he had spoken with webmaster Dennis O'Brien about updating the website.

Councillor Sellers asked about having the microphones turned on for the meetings. Secretary Scull explained that in discussion with Council Rock, a technician must be available to plug in, monitor and remove the microphones, as they are in a locked communications room. Councillor Sellers suggested taking responsibility for the microphones and wished to speak to Superintendent Klein in that regard.

- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor Sellers, seconded by Councillor Walker and carried whereby this portion of the Re-Organization Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by

Marcia M. Scull, Secretary

In Attendance:

Diana Bowen, The Advance	
Jim McAuliffe	545 E. Centre Avenue
Sally Thompson	Chancellor Street
Michael Jones	422 Edgeboro Drive
Christine Edmonds	Lincoln Avenue
Bill & Susan Heinneman	35 N. Chancellor Street
Caroline Bennett	Liberty Street
Bauman Family	Washington Avenue
David Graham	Chancellor Street
Neel & Bobbie Poppel	
Patricia Czarnecki	
Paul Salvatore	148 N. Elm Avenue
Chris Ortwein	JDNC
Patti Lovi	151 N. State Street

Mary Alice Hagan
Stefani, Adrienne & Lia Sellers
Bill Foster
Maggie Dewitt
Dan Ross
Warren Dallas
Nancy Freundenthal
Deb Donofry
Bob King
Warren Woldorf

Washington Avenue
210 S. Chancellor Street
524 Penn Street
515 E. Centre Avenue
Toll Brothers
Newtown Fire Association
314 E. Washington Avenue
16 S. Norwood Avenue
242 S. Chancellor Street
440 E. Washington Avenue