

Avis Borough Council held their reorganization meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020.

Mayor Harter swore in the newly elected council members: E. Christian, J. Raab and T. Gordon.

Mayor Harter led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor asked for roll call of Council members, Stover, Raab, Brooks, Gordon, Herman and Christian were present.

Mayor asked for nominations for the office of President of Council.

So moved by J. Raab to nominate Brian Stover as Council President, seconded by E. Christian. Mayor asked for any more nominations. There being none, so moved by J. Raab to close the nomination, seconded by E. Christian.

Mayor so declared Brian Stover as President of Council.

Mayor then asked for nominations for the office of Vice-President of Council.

So moved by E. Christian to nominate Jeff Raab as Vice-President of Council, seconded by A. Brooks. Mayor asked for any other nominations, there being none, so moved by E. Christian to close the nomination, seconded by M. Herman.

Mayor so declared Jeff Raab as Vice-President of Council.

Mayor turned meeting over to President Stover.

Stover entertained motions for various appointments:

Motion by J. Raab, 2nd A. Brooks for Appointment of Borough Solicitor: Coploff, Ryan, Welch & Houser.

Motion by A. Brooks, 2nd J. Raab for Appointment of Borough Engineer: Uhler & Associates.

Motion by J. Raab, 2nd by E. Christian for Appointment of Zoning Officer and Code Enforcement Officer: Kristian Barger.

Motion by J. Raab, 2nd by M. Herman for Appointment of Borough Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer Assistant: Ernest Harter, III

Motion by A. Brooks, 2nd by J. Raab for Appointment of Emergency Management Officer: Elmer Christian.

Motion by J. Raab, 2nd by E. Chrisitan for Appointment of Sewer Enforcement Officer: Dean Fishel.

Motion by A. Brooks, 2nd by J. Raab for Appointment of Construction Code Official: Codes, Inc., - Jim Matthews.

Motion by A. Brooks, 2nd by M. Herman for Appointment of Sewer Collector: Cheri Aungst

Motion by J. Raab, 2nd by M. Herman for Appointment of Tax Collector Cheri Aungst.

Motion by J. Raab, 2nd by E. Christian for Appointment of Chairman of Library Board: Elsie Parks.

Motion by J. Raab, 2nd by M. Herman for Appointment of Planning: Ernest Harter, III, Lewis Rhine and Lewis Myers.

Motion by A. Brooks, 2nd by M. Herman for Appointment of Zoning Hearing: Karen Stover, Darlene Kehoe and Craig Seasholtz.

Motion by A. Brooks, 2nd by J. Raab for Appointment of Accountant: Gregory W. Dwulet.

Motion by J. Raab, 2nd by A. Brooks for Appointment of Zoning Hearing Solicitor: Frank S. Miceli, Esquire.

Motion by A. Brooks, 2nd by E. Christian for Appointment of Dog Warden through the SPCA.

All Council voted in favor for all of the above appointments.

Motion by J. Raab to accept the minutes of the December 2, 2019 meeting, seconded by E. Chrisitan and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

Motion by A. Brooks to pay the bills as so presented, seconded by M. Herman and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

Alan Uhler, Borough Engineer was present. He told Council that they will wait on the go ahead for the next sewer project.

Mayor Harter stated that Council was not provided a police report for November and December, 2019.

Council received a letter from UGI regarding red tagging a property at 476 Cliff Street. K. Barger stated that this has been resolved. The issue was with the chimney. There were discussions regarding the property on Central Avenue across from the post office regarding

clearing the sidewalk during a snow storm. It was decided that barricades will be put up around the sidewalk and that no parking signs will be placed there. There was also a discussion regarding property at 219 E. Central Avenue and the rat issue from the property next door. This should get resolved as there will be a new owner of the next door property. K. Barger also stated that he has had several questions regarding the blue sign house numbers. Residents can obtain these from the fire company on Tuesday nights starting at 7:00 P.M.

E. Hughes, Supervisor asked Council for an updated list of the firemen in case he would need to contact someone from there. There was also a discussion regarding getting E. Hughes and B. Snook radios so that they can converse with the fire company. The radios would cost approximately \$300.00 each. This has been tabled until the next meeting so that more information can be obtained.

There are 13 residents that have past due sewer accounts,

A Brooks provided Council with a form that she drafted for employees to sign when they are eligible for a pension plan. This form indicates that the Borough has to put so much money upfront to get the plan started. The Borough contributes an amount annually to the pension plan so if the employee leaves prior to the upfront amount being used as the annual amount, the employee will need to pay the Borough back for the difference. The only suggested addition to the form was that the amount would need to be pro-rated accordingly. J. Raab made a motion to accept this form with the additional change with a second by M. Herman and so carried with all Council voting in favor.

T. Gordon indicated that he found a replacement to serve on the Lycoming County Tax Collection Committee to represent the Borough. D. Kay Truby was originally the representative for the Borough.

M. Herman indicated that there are a couple of cameras that are not working within the Borough and that he was going to contact Gary at CompuGen to get these fixed.

The winners of the Christmas Decorating contest were Josh Kunes, Kim and Kent Strunk and Debbie and Mike Herman.

Motion for adjournment by J. Raab with a second by M. Herman.