

Council of the Municipality of Murrysville held its Reorganizational Meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Present at the meeting were Council members Toni Brockway, Dayne Dice, Loren Kase, Joshua Lorenz, Tony Spadaro, and Carl Stepanovich. Also present were Mayor Regis Synan, Chief Administrator, James Morrison, Solicitor, George Kotjarapoglus, Finance Director, Diane Heming, and Public Works and Parks Director, Bill Paiano. Jamie Lee Kornis arrived at 7:10 p.m. and Mr. Stepanovich excused himself from the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

### **REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Synan called to order the Reorganizational Meeting of Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Synan led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DETERMINATION OF VOTING ORDER – ROLL CALL:** Verdale Price determined the voting order and called the roll: Mr. Lorenz, Mr. Spadaro, Mrs. Lee Kornis (arrived at 7:10 p.m.), Mr. Dice, Mr. Stepanovich, Ms. Brockway, Mr. Kase and Mayor Synan.

#### **ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS:**

##### **4.A. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:**

Mr. Stepanovich nominated Josh Lorenz for President of Council. Hearing no further nominations, Mayor Synan closed the nominations. Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Lorenz – abstained, Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mr. Dice – yes, Mr. Stepanovich – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, and Mr. Kase – yes. Motion approved.

Mr. Lorenz was elected President of Council for the Municipality of Murrysville for the Year 2019.

##### **4.B. ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:**

Mr. Lorenz nominated Loren Kase for Vice-President of Council. Hearing no further nominations, Mayor Synan closed the nominations. Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Lorenz – yes, Mr. Dice – yes, Mr. Stepanovich – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, and Mr. Kase – abstained. Motion approved, Mr. Spadaro – yes.

Mr. Kase was elected Vice-President of Council for the Municipality of Murrysville for the Year 2019.

##### **4.C. PRESENTATION OF THE GAVEL:**

Mayor Synan presented the gavel to Council President Josh Lorenz who then took control of the meeting.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNLISTED AMENDMENTS:**

Mr. Lorenz noted that an Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue will be added as #19 and to move Adjournment to #20.

Ms. Brockway moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Kase seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

**7.A. December 19, 2018, Council Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Stepanovich noted that the sub-committee working on the polling precincts was indicated as Mrs. Lee Korn and Mr. Spadaro. It was actually Mr. Stepanovich. Also, Item 13.C. indicated that the largest source of revenues for the Municipality is real estate taxes and Mr. Stepanovich verified with Mr. Morrison that it is from earned income taxes. Mr. Morrison indicated that those two changes will be made.

Mr. Spadaro moved to approve the December 19, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes with the mentioned amendments. Ms. Brockway seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

**COMMUNITY INPUT:**

**Dick Kearns**, 4997 Longview Court: Mr. Kearns stated that he went to a meeting at FTMSA July of last year. He learned that the sewage module for the Sloan project was approved by FTMSA and the FTMSA Board knew nothing about it. That caused him some concern. The Board approved to go forward with a \$10 million bond issue for the purpose of funding a Corrective Action Program, which was negotiated with the DEP. Mr. Kearns stated that he went to another meeting last month and found out that the Municipality is not backing the bond issue – which is what FTMSA is saying. Mr. Kerns is concerned about the interest rate if the Municipality doesn't back the bond issue and he is also concerned about tap allocations. FTMSA is going to request that the DEP add 466 more taps to the system in 2019. There is nothing in the CAP that addresses investigating and fixing the FTMSA pipes. The \$10 million is being used for re-engineering of the system and doesn't address the current problem. Mr. Kearns stated that he hopes the new members appointed to the FTMSA Board tonight will do a better job of management than what was experienced in the past.

**COMMENTS BY MAYOR SYNAN:** Mayor Synan stated that he just wanted to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year. When the inevitable snow starts to fly, slow down and drive a little bit slower.

**COMMENTS BY THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR:** Mr. Morrison stated that he didn't realize how important the recycling schedule was to the residents of the community. The updated schedule is posted on the Municipality website [www.murrysville.com](http://www.murrysville.com).

Mrs. Lee Korn joined the Council meeting.

**11.A. Make Appointments to Boards and Commissions:**

Environmental Advisory Council

Mr. Kase nominated Alan Halperin and Shelly Tichy for a 3-year term on the EAC. Mrs. Lee Korn seconded. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Lorenz closed the nominations. Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Lorenz – yes, Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mrs. Lee Korn – yes, Mr. Dice – yes, Mr. Stepanovich – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, and Mr. Kase – yes. Appointments approved.

Franklin Township Municipal Sanitary Authority

Mr. Dice nominated James Rumbaugh to the 5-year term to FTMSA. Ms. Brockway seconded. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Lorenz closed the nominations. Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Lorenz – yes, Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mrs. Lee Kornis – yes, Mr. Dice – yes, Mr. Stepanovich – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, and Mr. Kase – yes. Appointment approved.

Mrs. Lee Kornis nominated Robert Mitall to the 4-year term to FTMSA. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Lorenz closed the nominations. Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Lorenz – yes, Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mrs. Lee Kornis – yes, Mr. Dice – yes, Mr. Stepanovich – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, and Mr. Kase – yes. Appointment approved.

Mr. Spadaro nominated William Bell to the 2-year term to FTMSA. Mr. Stepanovich seconded. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Lorenz closed the nominations. Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Lorenz – yes, Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mrs. Lee Kornis – yes, Mr. Dice – yes, Mr. Stepanovich – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, and Mr. Kase – yes. Appointment approved.

Mr. Stepanovich excused himself from the meeting.

Library Board

Mrs. Lee Kornis nominated Janet Swearingen and Richard Kacin. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Lorenz closed the nominations. Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Lorenz – yes, Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mrs. Lee Kornis – yes, Mr. Dice – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, and Mr. Kase – yes. Appointments approved.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Mr. Spadaro nominated Scott Kelsey to the 3-year term on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Lorenz closed the nominations. Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Lorenz – yes, Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mrs. Lee Kornis – yes, Mr. Dice – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, and Mr. Kase – yes. Appointment approved.

Pension Plan Investment Management Committee

No appointments were made at this time.

Personnel Board

No appointments were made at this time.

Planning Commission

Mr. Spadaro nominated Jayne Hoy for a 4-year term on the Planning Commission. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Lorenz closed the nominations. Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Lorenz – yes, Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mrs. Lee Kornis – yes, Mr. Dice – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, and Mr. Kase – yes. Appointment approved.

Mrs. Lee Kornis nominated Bill Yant, Jr. for a 4-year term on the Planning Commission. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Lorenz closed the nominations. Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Lorenz – yes, Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mrs. Lee Kornis – yes, Mr. Dice – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, and Mr. Kase – yes. Appointment approved.

Mr. Dice nominated John Bosetti for a 4-year term on the Planning Commission which expires 12/31/2020. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Lorenz closed the nominations. Upon a roll

call vote: Mr. Lorenz – yes, Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mrs. Lee Kornis – yes, Mr. Dice – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, and Mr. Kase – yes. Appointment approved.

Zoning Hearing Board

No appointments were made at this time.

Mr. Lorenz noted that there is still one spot open on the Zoning Hearing Board and one open spot on the Personnel Board. If anyone is interested in serving on either of these Boards, please fill out an application on the Murrysville website.

**12.A. Swearing in of FTMSA Board Members**

Mayor Synan swore in Franklin Township Municipal Sanitary Authority Board Members James Rumbaugh and William Bell. Robert Mitall could not be here this evening and will be sworn in tomorrow.

**13.A. Mayor's Appointments:**

1. Chief Administrator – James Morrison
2. Municipal Secretary – James Morrison
3. Director of Finance and Taxation/Treasurer – Diane Heming
4. Assistant Treasurer – James Morrison
5. Director of Public Works and Parks – William Paiano
6. Director of Community Development – James Morrison
7. Director of Recreation – Carly Greene
8. Chief of Police – Thomas Seefeld
9. Engineer – Scott Hilty

**BUSINESS BEFORE COUNCIL:**

**14.A. Confirmation of Mayor's Appointments:**

1. Chief Administrator – James Morrison
2. Municipal Secretary – James Morrison
3. Director of Finance and Taxation/Treasurer – Diane Heming
4. Assistant Treasurer – James Morrison
5. Director of Public Works and Parks – William Paiano
6. Director of Community Development – James Morrison
7. Director of Recreation – Carly Greene
8. Chief of Police – Thomas Seefeld
9. Engineer – Scott Hilty

Mr. Dice moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments. Mr. Spadaro seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

**14.B. Council Appointments:**

1. Chief Zoning Officer – Select One (1)  
David Jobe

2. Zoning Officers – Select Two (2)  
Dave Jobe – Primary  
Mark Pisone – Assistant
3. Sewage Enforcement Officers – Select One (1) Primary, and One (1) Alternate  
Dave Jobe – Primary  
Mark Pisone – Alternate
4. Fire Code Official – Select One (1)  
Dave Jobe
5. Building Code Official – Select One (1)  
Dave Jobe
6. Official Newspaper Designation – Select One (1) Primary, and One (1) Alternate  
Penn-Franklin News - Primary Official Newspaper  
Tribune-Review - Alternate Official Newspaper
7. Solicitors
  - a. Municipal – Select One (1)  
George Kotjarapoglus
  - b. Zoning Hearing Board – Select One (1)  
Larry Loperfито – Geary & Loperfито, LLC
8. Confirm State Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator – Select One (1)  
Charles Tappe
9. Confirm Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators – Select Two (2)  
Joseph Paiano  
Richard Rupnik
10. Tax Appeal Officer – Select One (1)  
James Morrison
11. Legal Counsel for Labor Issues – Select One (1)  
Campbell, Beatty & Durant
13. Emergency Services (Police, Fire, and Ambulance) Chaplain – Select One (1)  
Pastor Daniel Lawrence

Mr. Spadaro moved to approve Council’s appointments. Mrs. Lee Korn seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

**14.C. Establish Council Meeting Dates and Times**

Ms. Brockway moved to approve the Council meeting dates and times, with Council Meetings to be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month, with the Regular Business Meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. Public Hearings will begin at 7:00 p.m., with the Regular Voting Meeting immediately

following the Public Hearings. Note that Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. will be the second Regular Business Meeting in January. Mrs. Lee Kornes seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

**14.D. Designate Official Depository – Dollar Bank, First Commonwealth, National City Bank, PLGIT, PNC Bank, S&T Bank, and Standard Bank**

Mrs. Lee Kornes moved to approve Designate Official Depository – Dollar Bank, First Commonwealth, National City Bank, PLGIT, PNC Bank, S&T Bank, and Standard Bank. Mr. Kase seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

**14.E. Reaffirm Bank Account Resolutions**

**MUNICIPALITY OF MURRYSVILLE  
 BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS  
 AS OF JANUARY 1, 2019**

<u>BANK</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>
<b><u>General Fund</u></b>	
S & T Bank	Clearing Account
S & T Bank	General Checking
S & T Bank	Greenplan Savings
PLGIT	General Fund PLGIT
PLGIT	General Fund PLGIT/ <b>PRIME</b>
S & T Bank	PennDOT Letter of Credit
S & T Bank	Police Charitable Gift Account
S & T Bank	Pension Reserve
<b><u>Recreation Fund</u></b>	
S & T Bank	Recreation Checking
S & T Bank	Concert in the Park
<b><u>State Fund</u></b>	
PLGIT	State Funds
S & T Bank	State Savings
S & T Bank	State Savings CD
S & T Bank	Road Improvement Tax
<b><u>Capital Reserve</u></b>	
S & T Bank	Checking Account
S & T Bank	Construction Checking
S & T Bank	Traffic Impact Fee CD
S & T Bank	Route 22 Project Reserve CD
S & T Bank	Fee in Lieu Savings
S & T Bank	Money Market
S & T Bank	Greenplan Savings
PLGIT	Capital Reserve PLGIT PRIME
PLGIT	Marcellus Shale Savings
S & T Bank	Route 22 Project Reserve
S & T Bank	Facility Reserve CD
PLGIT	Evans Road Waterline Account

PLGIT	Emergency Equipment PLGIT PRIME
S & T Bank	Emergency Equipment Savings
PLGIT	Central Recreation
S & T Bank	Central Recreation
Standard Bank	Traffic Impact Fee (Consolidated)
PLGIT	Traffic Impact Fee
<b><u>Debt Service</u></b>	
S & T Bank	Checking
PLGIT	Savings
<b><u>Hydrant Fund</u></b>	
S & T Bank	Checking with Interest
Standard Bank	Hydrant Savings
S & T Bank	Hydrant Savings
<b><u>Bond Sinking</u></b>	
Standard Bank	2017 Borrowing
<b><u>Other</u></b>	
S & T Bank	Gas Well at MCP for Comm. PA

Mrs. Lee Kornis moved to reaffirm bank account resolutions. Ms. Brockway seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

**14.F. Reaffirm Bonding of Officials**

1. Director of Finance and Taxation/Treasurer - \$750,000.00
2. Mayor - \$100,000.00
3. Tax Collector – Bonded by Westmoreland County Policy for Real Estate Taxes; Bonded by Municipality of Murrysville for Act 511 - \$850,000.00
4. Chief Administrator - \$250,000.00
5. President of Council - \$100,000.00
6. All other Council Members and municipal employees – blanket bond of \$50,000.00.

Mr. Kase moved to reaffirm the bonding of officials. Mr. Spadaro seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**15.A. REAFFIRM THE POLICE CAPTAIN'S AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MURRYSVILLE AND CAPTAIN CHARLES TAPPE**

Ms. Brockway moved to approve the police captain's agreement between the Municipality of Murrysville and Captain Charles Tappe. Mrs. Lee Kornis seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Council adjourned to an Executive Session at 7:43 p.m. regarding a personnel issue. There was no action anticipated coming out of this session.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

*The Reorganizational Meeting was broadcast on local government Channel 19. A true and correct copy of the Council Meeting DVD is available for the public to purchase from the Municipality of Murrysville and is in the Murrysville Public Library for review.*