

Council of the Municipality of Murrysville held its Reorganizational Meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building and via Zoom. Present at the meeting were Council member Carl Stepanovich and Chief Administrator, James Morrison. Attending via Zoom were Council members Toni Brockway, Dayne Dice, Loren Kase, Jamie Lee Korn, Mac McKenna, and Tony Spadaro, along with Mayor Regis Synan, and Solicitor, George Kotjarapoglus.

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Synan called to order the Reorganizational Meeting of Monday, January 4, 2021.

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. Dice, Mr. Spadaro, Mr. Kase, Ms. Brockway, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Stepanovich, Dr. Lee Korn (joined the meeting after Item 4.A), and Mayor Synan.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS:

4.A. Election of President of Council:

Mr. Kase nominated Dayne Dice for President of Council. Hearing no further nominations, Mayor Synan closed the nominations.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Dice – yes, Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mr. Kase – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, Mr. McKenna – yes, and Mr. Stepanovich – yes. Dayne Dice was elected President of Council for the Municipality of Murrysville for the Year 2021.

4.B. Election of Vice-President of Council:

Ms. Brockway nominated Loren Kase for Vice-President of Council. Hearing no further nominations, Mayor Synan closed the nominations.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Dice – yes, Mr. Spadaro – yes, Mr. Kase – yes, Ms. Brockway – yes, Mr. McKenna – yes, Mr. Stepanovich – yes, and Dr. Lee Korn – yes. Loren Kase was elected Vice-President of Council for the Municipality of Murrysville for the Year 2021.

4.C. Presentation of the Gavel:

Mayor Synan presented the gavel to Council President Dayne Dice who then took control of the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNLISTED AMENDMENTS: None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

7.A. December 16, 2020, Council Meeting Minutes

Mr. Stepanovich moved to approve the Consent Calendar Items. Ms. Brockway seconded. All those present voted aye. Motion approved.

COMMUNITY INPUT: None

COMMENTS BY MAYOR SYNAN: Mayor Synan stated that the million dollar question right now is, “When can I get my shot (vaccine)?” Our information is very limited. Hospitals at this time are only giving shots to their high priority staff and emergency services personnel. The State is supposed to issue news on Wednesday, January 6th, as to what the next stage will be. The PA Department of Health is in charge of this operation and we will let you know as soon as we hear something.

COMMENTS BY THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR: Mr. Morrison stated that in following up with the Mayor’s comments, there have been five police officers who had COVID-19. All have recovered and are back on the job. There have been five public works employees who tested positive for COVID. Two are still off. The Municipality is trying to prioritize in getting the police vaccinated.

Dr. Lee Kornis asked if it was going to be required that police and other personnel get the vaccine or just strongly encouraged. Mr. Morrison stated that we would strongly encourage them to get the vaccine once the local pharmacies like CVS or Walgreens receives the vaccine for distribution. The National Labor Relations Board has not issued a statement yet on where they stand on this issue, so it is wide open at this point. It would come down to personal liberty issues versus mandate from the employer. No decision has been made and this will be brought to Council when the time comes for their input.

11.A. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Environmental Advisory Council (2 slots for 3 years): Mr. Stepanovich moved to appoint Graham Brown to the EAC. Mr. McKenna seconded. All present voted aye. Appointment approved. Mr. Morrison noted that another application was received for the EAC and will be brought back at a future meeting.

Franklin Township Municipal Sanitary Authority (1 slot for 5 years): Mr. McKenna moved to appoint William Bell to FTMSA. Mr. Spadaro seconded. All present voted aye. Appointment approved.

Library Board (3 slots for 3 years): Dr. Lee Kornis moved to appoint Susan Long, Theo van de Venne, and Charles Greenberg to the Library Board. Ms. Brockway seconded. All present voted aye. Appointments approved.

Parks and Recreation Commission (2 slots for 3 years and 1 slot for 1 year): Mr. McKenna moved to appoint Michael Caruso and Dave Metzgar for three year terms and Herb Yingling (FRSD) for one year. Mr. Stepanovich seconded. All present voted aye. Appointments approved.

Pension Plan Investment Management Committee (2 members 1 year): Dr. Lee Kornis moved to reappoint Larry Schultz and Mark Miller to the Pension Plan and Investment Committee. Mr. Spadaro seconded. All present voted aye. Appointments approved.

Personnel Board (1 slot for 3 years): Dr. Lee Kornis moved to reappoint James Drnjevic to the Personnel Board. Mr. Spadaro seconded. All present voted aye. Appointment approved.

Planning Commission (1 slot for 4 years): Dr. Lee Kornis moved to appoint Robert Mitall to the Planning Commission. Mr. Kase seconded. All present voted aye. Appointment approved.

12.A. Mayor's Appointments: Mayor Synan read his appointments for 2021.

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. Assistant Finance Director – Jacie Milchak
6. Director of Public Works and Parks – Bill Paiano
7. Director of Community Development – James Morrison
8. Director of Recreation – Carly Greene
9. Chief of Police – Thomas Seefeld
10. Engineer – KU Resources

BUSINESS BEFORE COUNCIL:

13.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. Assistant Finance Director – Jacie Milchak
6. Director of Public Works and Parks – Bill Paiano
7. Director of Community Development – James Morrison
8. Director of Recreation – Carly Greene
9. Chief of Police – Thomas Seefeld
10. Engineer – KU Resources

Mr. Kase moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments as listed. Mr. McKenna seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

13.B. Council Appointments

1. Chief Zoning Officer – David Jobe
2. Zoning Officer – David Jobe
3. Sewage Enforcement Officer – Dave Jobe
4. Fire Code Official – Dave Jobe
5. Building Code Official – Dave Jobe
6. Official Newspaper Designation – Penn-Franklin News - Primary Official Newspaper and Tribune-Review - Alternate Official Newspaper
7. Solicitors
 - a. Municipal – George Kotjarapoglus
 - b. Zoning Hearing Board – Geary & Loperfito, LLC
8. Confirm State Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator – Charles Tappe
9. Confirm Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators – Joseph Paiano and Matt Stromberg
10. Tax Appeal Officer – James Morrison
11. Legal Counsel for Labor Issues – Campbell, Durrant & Beatty
12. Emergency Services (Police, Fire, and Ambulance) Chaplain – Pastor Daniel Lawrence

Dr. Lee Kornis moved to approve the appointments of Council as listed under 13.B. Items 1 through 12. Ms. Brockway seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

13.C. Establish Council Meeting Dates and Times

Mr. McKenna moved to set 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. Ms. Brockway seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

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

Mr. Spadaro moved to approve Dollar Bank, First Commonwealth Bank, National City Bank, PLGIT, PNC Bank, S&T Bank, and Standard Bank as the Designated Official Depositories. Ms. Brockway seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

13.E. Reaffirm Bank Account Resolutions

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BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

AT JANUARY 1, 2021

<u>BANK:</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME:</u>
<u>General Fund</u>	
S & T Bank	Clearing Account
S & T Bank	General Checking
S & T Bank	Greenplan Savings
PLGIT	General Fund PLGIT/PRIME
S & T Bank	Police Charitable Gift Account
PLGIT	Pension Reserve
<u>Recreation Fund</u>	
S & T Bank	Concert in the Park
<u>State Fund</u>	
PLGIT	State Funds
PLGIT	Road Improvement Tax
<u>Capital Reserve</u>	
S & T Bank	Checking Account
S & T Bank	Construction Checking
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
PLGIT	Route 22 Project Reserve
PLGIT	Evans Road Waterline Account
PLGIT	Emergency Equipment PLGIT PRIME
S & T Bank	Emergency Equipment Repair Checking
PLGIT	Facility Reserve
PLGIT	Central Recreation

<u>BANK:</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME:</u>
PLGIT	Murrysville Community Library
PLGIT	Murrysville Medic One
PLGIT	Traffic Impact Fee
<u>Debt Service</u>	
S & T Bank	Checking
PLGIT	Savings
<u>Hydrant Fund</u>	
S & T Bank	Checking with Interest
S & T Bank	Hydrant Savings
<u>Bond Sinking</u>	
Standard Bank	2017 Borrowing
<u>Pension Fund</u>	
S & T Bank	Pension Clearing Account (Retirees)

Mr. Stepanovich moved to reaffirm the bank account resolutions. Mr. Spadaro seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

13.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. Assistant Finance Director - \$100,000.00
7. All other Council Members and municipal employees – blanket bond of \$50,000.00.

Mr. McKenna moved to reaffirm the bonding of Officials in the amounts as listed in item 13.F. 1 through 7. Ms. Brockway seconded. Mr. Dice abstained, because he is listed as being bonded. All others present voted aye. Motion approved.

ADMINISTRATION:

14.A. Reaffirm the Police Captain’s Agreement Between the Municipality of Murrysville and Captain Charles Tappe

Dr. Lee Kornis moved to approve the Police Captain’s Agreement between the Municipality of Murrysville and Captain Charles Tappe. Mr. Kase seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

14.B. Accept the resignation of Terry Black from the Parks and Recreation Commission

Mr. Spadaro moved to accept the resignation of Terry Black from the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Kase seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved. Mr. Dice stated that she should be sent a thank you letter for her services.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Dice noted that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss matters of litigation.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Kase made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Stepanovich seconded. All those present voted aye. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 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.