

## BOROUGH OF SLATINGTON

The Re-Organization Meeting of Council was held on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers, 125 S. Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080.

\*Note: The following were sworn in and the Oath of Office administered by Magistrate Beck prior to the Re-Organization Meeting: Daniel Stevens – Councilman, Bryon Reed– Councilman, Jon Rinker – Councilman and Walter Niedermeyer- Mayor.

Presiding: Mayor Niedermeyer

Reverend Schnaars led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Prayer

Recording Secretary: Bryon Reed

Mayor Niedermeyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and requested the Roll be taken

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Jon Rinker

Daniel Stevens

Bryon Reed

Galen Freed

Gwyneth A. Neff

David R. Schnaars

Bob Steets

OTHERS PRESENT

Mayor Niedermeyer

Attorney Healy

VISITORS

Kris Burek

George Moyer

Carol Gildner

William A. Stein

Robert Herzog Jr.

Melvin Gildner

**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR** (Agenda and Non-Agenda Items) – No Visitors addressed Council/Mayor

### **ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS**

**Election of President** – Mayor Niedermeyer asked for nominations three (3) times. The following were nominated for President: Daniel Stevens. Since there were no other nominations for President, Mayor Niedermeyer declared Daniel Stevens as President of Council for 2014/2015.

**Election of Vice-President** – Mayor Niedermeyer called for nominations three (3) times for Vice-President of Council. Bryon Reed was nominated for Vice-President, Bryon Reed declined the nomination. Gwyneth Neff was nominated for Vice President. Mayor Niedermeyer declared Gwyneth Neff as Vice-President of Council for 2014/2015. Mayor Niedermeyer called for nominations three (3) times for President Pro-Tem. Bryon Reed was nominated. Mayor Niedermeyer called for his election by acclamation. The Mayor declared Bryon Reed President Pro-Tem of Council for 2013/2014.

Mayor Niedermeyer turned over the Chair to President Stevens.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

President Stevens asked for a motion to appoint the Borough Solicitor. Councilor Freed made a motion seconded Councilor Reed to appoint Steckel & Stopp as Borough Solicitor for 2014/2015. President Stevens declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>		<u>NAY</u>
	Gwyneth Neff	Daniel Stevens	None
	Bryon Reed	Galen Freed	
	David Schnaars	Bob Steets	
	Jon Rinker		

President Stevens asked for a motion to appoint the Borough Engineer. Vice President Neff made a motion seconded Councilor Freed to appoint Lehigh Engineering as Borough Engineer for 2014/2015. President Stevens declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>		<u>NAY</u>
	Gwyneth Neff	Daniel Stevens	None
	Bryon Reed	Galen Freed	
	David Schnaars	Bob Steets	
	Jon Rinker		

President Stevens asked for a motion to appoint the Fire Chief. Councilor Rinker made a motion seconded by Councilor Steets to appoint Keith Weaver for a 2 year term as Fire Chief. President Stevens declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>		<u>NAY</u>
	Daniel Stevens	Bob Steets	Galen Freed
	Bryon Reed		Gwyneth Neff
	David Schnaars		
	Jon Rinker		

President Stevens asked for a motion to appoint the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor. Councilor Reed made a motion seconded by Councilor Freed to appoint Broughal & DeVito for a 2 year term as Zoning Hearing Solicitor. President Stevens declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>		<u>NAY</u>
	Gwyneth Neff	Daniel Stevens	None
	Bryon Reed	Galen Freed	
	David Schnaars	Bob Steets	
	Jon Rinker		

President Stevens asked for a motion to appoint the Chief of Police. Councilor Rinker made a motion seconded by Councilor Freed to appoint David Rachman for a 2 year term as Chief of Police. President Stevens declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>		<u>NAY</u>
	Gwyneth Neff	Daniel Stevens	None
	Bryon Reed	Galen Freed	
	David Schnaars	Bob Steets	
	Jon Rinker		

President Stevens asked for a motion to appoint the Zoning Officer and Municipal Building Code Official. Councilor Freed made a motion seconded by Councilor Schnaars to appoint Duane Dellecker for a 2 year term as Zoning Officer. President Stevens declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>		<u>NAY</u>
	Gwyneth Neff	Daniel Stevens	None
	Bryon Reed	Galen Freed	
	David Schnaars	Bob Steets	
	Jon Rinker		

President Stevens asked for a motion to appoint the Ordinance Enforcement Officer. Councilor Schnaars made a motion seconded by Vice President Neff to appoint Linda Nails for a 2 year term as Ordinance Enforcement Officer. President Stevens declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>		<u>NAY</u>
	Gwyneth Neff	Daniel Stevens	None
	Bryon Reed	Galen Freed	
	David Schnaars	Bob Steets	
	Jon Rinker		

President Stevens asked for a motion to appoint the Animal Control Officer. Councilor Freed made a motion seconded by Vice President Neff to appoint Linda Steets for a 2 year term as Animal Control Officer. President Stevens declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>		<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
	Gwyneth Neff	Daniel Stevens	None	Bob Steets
	Bryon Reed	Galen Freed		
	David			
	Jon Rinker			

Councilor Steets abstained because Linda Steets is his wife.

President Stevens asked for a motion to appoint the Emergency Management Director. Councilor Rinker made a motion seconded by Councilor Reed to appoint Ronald Hausman for a 2 year term as Emergency Management Director. President Stevens declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>		<u>NAY</u>
	Gwyneth Neff	Daniel Stevens	None
	Bryon Reed	Galen Freed	
	David Schnaars	Bob Steets	
	Jon Rinker		

President Stevens asked for a motion to appoint the Council Chaplain. Vice President Neff made a motion seconded by Councilor Steets to appoint Councilor Schnaars. President Stevens declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>		<u>NAY</u>
	Gwyneth Neff	Daniel Stevens	None
	Bryon Reed	Galen Freed	
	David Schnaars	Bob Steets	
	Jon Rinker		

President Stevens asked for a motion to approve the Borough Depositories. Vice President Neff made a motion seconded by Councilor Schnaars to approve the following: 1<sup>st</sup> Niagara Financial Group, Wells Fargo Advisors (CD's), National Penn Investors Trust (Pensions), and Huntington National Bank (Bonds). President Stevens declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>		<u>NAY</u>
	Gwyneth Neff	Daniel Stevens	None
	Bryon Reed	Galen Freed	
	David Schnaars	Bob Steets	
	Jon Rinker		

Appointment of Sewer Enforcement Officer, who is traditionally the Engineer– President Stevens, asked for a motion to appoint the Sewage Enforcement Officer. Vice President Neff made a motion seconded Councilor Reed to appoint Lehigh Engineering as Sewage Enforcement Officer for a 2 year term. President Stevens declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>		<u>NAY</u>
	Gwyneth Neff	Daniel Stevens	None
	Bryon Reed	Galen Freed	
	David Schnaars	Bob Steets	
	Jon Rinker		

President Stevens asked for a motion to approve the reappointments to the Board of Health. Councilor Schnaars made a motion seconded by Councilor Reed to reappoint Dr. Sally Rex for a 5 year term to the Board of Health, and also recognizing that there are 2 vacancies. President Stevens declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>		<u>NAY</u>
	Gwyneth Neff	Daniel Stevens	None
	Bryon Reed	Galen Freed	
	David Schnaars	Bob Steets	
	Jon Rinker		

President Stevens asked for a motion to approve the reappointment to the Slatington Borough Authority. Councilor Freed made a motion seconded by Councilor Reed to reappoint Scott Schuckert for a 5 year term on the Slatington Borough Authority. President Stevens declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>		<u>NAY</u>
	Gwyneth Neff	Daniel Stevens	None
	Bryon Reed	Galen Freed	
	David Schnaars	Bob Steets	
	Jon Rinker		

President Stevens asked for a motion to approve the reappointment to the Zoning Hearing Board. Vice-President Neff made a motion seconded by Councilor Freed to reappoint Lee Andreas for a 3 year term to the Zoning Hearing Board. President Stevens declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

ROLL CALL	<u>AYE</u>		<u>NAY</u>
	Jon Rinker	Daniel Stevens	None
	Bryon Reed	Galen Freed	
	David Schnaars	Bob Steets	

Gwyneth Neff

President Stevens asked for a motion to approve the reappointments to the Parks & Recreation Commission – Vice President Neff made a motion seconded by Councilor Reed to reappoint Dave Schnaars, Bill Stein and Jon Rinker for a 3 year term to the Parks & Recreation Commission, and also recognizing that there is 1 vacancy. President Stevens declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Gwyneth Neff	Daniel Stevens	None	David Schnaars
Bryon Reed	Galen Freed		Jon Rinker
Bob Steets			

Both Councilor Rinker and Schnaars abstained because they were being re-elected.

President Stevens asked for a motion to approve the reappointment to the Civil Service Commission. Councilor Freed made a motion seconded by Vice President Neff to reappoint Edward Bechtel for a 6 year term to the Civil Service Commission. President Stevens declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Jon Rinker	Daniel Stevens	None
Bryon Reed	Galen Freed	
David Schnaars	Bob Steets	
Gwyneth Neff		

President Stevens asked for a motion to approve the appointments to the Police Pension Committee. Councilor Schnaars made a motion seconded by Councilor Rinker to appoint Russell Hallman as the public appointee and Karen Gill (Assistant Secretary/Treasurer) to the Police Pension Committee for a 2 year term. President Stevens will appoint a Council member to the committee. President Stevens declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Jon Rinker	Daniel Stevens	None	Gwyneth Neff
Bryon Reed	Galen Freed		
David Schnaars	Bob Steets		

Vice President Neff abstained because she lives with Mr. Hallman.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – President Stevens recessed the Re-Organization Meeting at 7:32 and called for an Executive Session. At 8:15 P.M. he reconvened the Regular Meeting. In executive session matters of personnel were discussed.

President Stevens asked for a motion to appoint the Secretary/Treasurer. Councilor Schnaars made a motion seconded by Vice-President Neff to appoint Joan Cheesbrough until she retires, as Borough Secretary/Treasurer. President Stevens declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Gwyneth Neff	Daniel Stevens	None
Bryon Reed	Galen Freed	
David Schnaars	Bob Steets	
Jon Rinker		

President Stevens asked for a motion to appoint the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Vice President Neff made a motion seconded by Councilor Reed to appoint Karen Gill for a 2 year term as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. President Stevens declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>AYE</u>		<u>NAY</u>
	Gwyneth Neff	Daniel Stevens	None
	Bryon Reed	Galen Freed	
	David Schnaars	Bob Steets	
	Jon Rinker		

President Stevens called a recess and asked Councilmen Freed and Reed to join him in the Council Meeting Room so the Committee on Committies could select committee members for 2014/2015. At 8:15 P.M. Councilor Freed announced the following committee assignments:

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Public Safety: Jon Rinker-Chair, Gwyneth Neff & David Schnaars

Finance/Planning/Zoning: Gwyneth Neff-Chair, Jon Rinker & David Schnaars

Human/Community Services: David Schnaars-Chair, Jon Rinker & Gwyneth Neff

Highway: Galen Freed-Chair, Byron Reed & Bob Steets

Sewer: Bob Steets-Chair, Byron Reed & Galen Freed

Water: Bryon Reed-Chair, Galen Freed & Bob Steets

President Schnaars made a motion seconded by Vice President Neff to advertise the vacancies that were noted along with any others to be over seen by the President. President Stevens declared the motion passed following a Roll Call, voting as follows:

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>AYE</u>		<u>NAY</u>
	Gwyneth Neff	Daniel Stevens	None
	Bryon Reed	Galen Freed	
	David Schnaars	Bob Steets	
	Jon Rinker		

Councilor Schnaars made a motion to adjourn at 8:21 P.M.

Karen Gill  
Assistant Borough Secretary

