

COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MURRYSVILLE
RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
January 7, 2008

Council of the Municipality of Murrysville held their Re-organizational Meeting on Monday, January 7, 2008, at 7:04 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Present at the meeting were Council members Rege Synan, Jeffrey Franke, Joan Kearns, Nancy Kacin, Lawrence J. Nicolette, Dennis Pavlik, and Theo van de Venne. Also present were Mayor Joyce K. Somers, Chief Administrator John Barrett and Solicitor George A. Kotjarapoglus.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Somers called to order the Re-organizational Meeting of Monday, January 7, 2008.

DETERMINATION OF VOTING ORDER – ROLL CALL: Kim Blauvelt determined the voting order and called the roll: Mr. Pavlik, Mr. Franke, Mrs. Kacin, Mr. Synan, Mr. Nicolette, Mrs. Kearns, and Mr. van de Venne.

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

Mayor Somers began the meeting with the following opening comments: The Mayor expressed her enthusiasm to begin the new year with the hopes of finishing old projects and expectations of beginning new ones. Mayor Somers expressed her gratitude for continued support in the past six years and looks forward to her next two years as the Mayor of Murrysville. Some of the projects that the Mayor hopes to see completed in 2008 are the Route 22 construction project, obtaining sponsors for the beautification areas of the BO2 section of Route 22, completion of the “Welcome to Murrysville” sign on the Eastern side of Murrysville, the waterline project on Old William Penn Highway, the reconstruction of Remaley Road, and the Streetscape project in downtown Murrysville.

Mayor Somers continued by saying that the Municipality has numerous enhancements to look forward to in Murrysville Community Park. Projects at the park include: the Dog Park which will be constructed with funds generously donated by the Brooks family, the park entry sign which will be made possible thanks to a donation from the DeCesare family and, as a result of grant money from Representative Markosek, a Tot Lot will be built and the Sears House will be reconstructed; the Murrysville – Export Rotary is raising funds to build a one-of-a-kind sports field for special needs children and adults; reconstruction to Wiestertown Road leading to the park entrance, bringing sewage and water to the park; and the construction of additional fields.

Mayor Somers concluded by saying that the Municipality of Murrysville, like all communities in Pennsylvania, continues to struggle with increased costs and budget deficits. In the coming year, representatives from Council and the Finance Committee plan to meet to address some of these issues. Although the remedies may not be popular with Murrysville residents, it would be prudent if this committee provided solutions that were not just “band-aids” to an ongoing problem.

It is the sincere hope of Mayor Somers that Council and staff can hold a planning and visioning session early in 2008 to prioritize projects for the coming year. This cooperative planning effort could lead to a more efficient government in 2008.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS:

4A. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:

Mr. Nicolette nominated Mrs. Kacin for President of Council.
Mr. van de Venne nominated Mrs. Kearns for President of Council.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Pavlik – Mrs. Kearns, Mr. Franke – Mrs. Kacin, Mrs. Kacin – Mrs. Kacin, Mr. Synan – Mrs. Kacin, Mr. Nicolette – Mrs. Kacin, Mrs. Kearns – Mrs. Kearns, Mr. van de Venne – Mrs. Kearns. Mrs. Kacin was elected President of Council for the Year 2008.

4B. ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:

Mrs. Kacin nominated Mr. Nicolette for Vice-President of Council.
Mr. Pavlik nominated Mrs. Kearns for Vice-President of Council.

Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Pavlik – Mrs. Kearns, Mr. Franke – Mr. Nicolette, Mrs. Kacin – Mr. Nicolette, Mr. Synan – Mr. Nicolette, Mr. Nicolette – Mr. Nicolette, Mrs. Kearns – Mrs. Kearns, Mr. van de Venne – Mr. Nicolette. Mr. Nicolette was elected Vice-President of Council for Year 2008.

4C. PRESENTATION OF THE GAVEL:

Mayor Joyce Somers presented the gavel to Council President Nancy Kacin.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNLISTED AMENDMENTS:

None.

Mrs. Kearns moved to accept the Agenda. Mr. Nicolette seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

None.

COMMUNITY INPUT:

None.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR SOMERS:

Mayor Somers announced that the Parks and Recreation Department has reported that 61 deer have been culled this year in the Murrysville parks.

COMMENTS BY THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR:

Mr. Barrett reported that there will be some renovations done to the Municipal offices in the coming weeks. This construction project is made possible from a grant obtained by Representative Markosek. Plans will be coming before Council in the near future.

Mr. Barrett also reported that the new mechanic's bay in the Public Works building is now completed and will be a helpful asset to the mechanic and the Public Works personnel.

Mr. Barrett reiterated Mayor Somers' discussion regarding financial concerns of the Municipality and reported that the Fiscal Sustainability Committee will be meeting this week and their first topic of discussion will involve future road improvements and projects.

BUSINESS BEFORE COUNCIL:

12A. Confirmation of Appointments:

1. Chief Administrator – John Barrett
2. Municipal Secretary – John Barrett
3. Director of Finance and Taxation/Treasurer – Diane Heming
4. Assistant Treasurer – John Barrett
5. Director of Engineering, Public Works, and Parks – Richard Connors
6. Director of Community Development – Christopher Rearick
7. Director of Recreation – Michele Clarke
8. Chief of Police – Thomas Seefeld

Mr. Pavlik moved to confirm the appointments as listed. Mrs. Kearns seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

12B. Council Appointments:

1. Zoning Officers – Select Three (3)
Christopher Rearick was appointed as the Primary Zoning Officer for the Municipality and David Jobe and Thomas McGuire were appointed as Assistant Zoning Officers.
2. Sewage Enforcement Officers – Select One (1) Primary, and Two (2) Alternates
David Jobe was appointed as the Primary Sewage Enforcement Officer. Thomas McGuire and Mark Haugh were appointed as Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officers.
3. Fire Code Official – Select One (1)
Thomas McGuire was appointed as the Fire Code Official.
4. Building Code Official – Select One (1)
David Jobe was appointed as the Building Code Official.

Mr. Pavlik moved to approve the aforementioned appointments. Mrs. Kearns seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

5. Official Newspaper Designation – Select One (1) Primary, and One (1) Alternate
Mrs. Kearns moved to designate the Penn-Franklin News as the Primary Official Newspaper and Tribune-Review as the Alternate Official Newspaper. Mr. Nicolette seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

6. Solicitors
 - a. Municipal – Select One (1)
Cassidy, Kotjarapoglus & Pohland, P.C., represented by George A. Kotjarapoglus, was appointed as the Municipal Solicitor.

 - b. Zoning Hearing Board – Select One (1)
Timothy J. Geary was appointed as the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor.

- Mr. Nicolette moved to approve the above appointments. Mr. Synan seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

7. Confirm State Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator – Select One (1)
William Yant was confirmed as the State Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator.

8. Confirm Deputy Management Coordinators – Select Two (2)
Rich McDade and Joseph Paiano were confirmed as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators.

Mr. Synan moved to confirm State Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator and the Deputy Management Coordinators. Mrs. Kearns seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

9. Tax Appeal Officer – Select One (1)
John Barrett was appointed as Tax Appeal Officer.

10. Legal Counsel for Labor Issues – Select One (1)
Campbell, Durrant & Beatty, P.C. was appointed as Legal Counsel for Labor Issues.

11. Tax Collector – Select One (1)
Keystone Municipal Collections was appointed as Tax Collector.

12. Emergency Services (Police, Fire, and Ambulance) Chaplain – Select One (1)
Pastor Daniel Lawrence was appointed as Emergency Services (Police, Fire, and Ambulance) Chaplain.

Mr. Nicolette moved to approve the above appointments. Mrs. Kearns seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

12C. Establish Council Meeting Dates and Times

Mrs. Kearns moved to continue to hold the Council meetings the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Nicolette seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

The next Council Meeting will be Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

12D. Designate Official Depository – First Commonwealth, PLGIT, Citizens’ Bank, S &T Bank, Standard Bank, PNC Bank, US Bank, National City Bank, Fifth Third Bank, and Dollar Bank.

Mrs. Kearns moved to accept the banks listed above as the official depository as listed in the agenda. Mr. Nicolette seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Pavlik – yes, Mr. Franke – yes, Mrs. Kacin – yes, Mr. Synan – yes, Mr. Nicolette – abstain, due to a potential conflict of interest, Mrs. Kearns – yes, Mr. van de Venne – yes. Motion approved.

12E. Reaffirm Bank Account Resolutions

**MUNICIPALITY OF MURRYSVILLE
BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS
AS OF JANUARY 1, 2008**

<u>BANK</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>
General Fund	
S& T Bank	Checking - Sweep
S& T Bank	Payroll Checking
S& T Bank	Greenplan Savings
PLGIT	General Investment
Recreation Fund	
S&T Bank	Recreation Checking
S&T Bank	Community Day
State Fund	
PLGIT	State Fund Investment
PLGIT	Road Improvements
Capital Reserve	
First Commonwealth	Construction Checking
S&T Bank	Capital Reserve Checking
	Capital Reserve Greenplan
S&T Bank	Savings
S&T Bank	Clearing Account
S&T Bank	Emergency Repair
S&T Bank	Facility Reserve - Greenplan
S&T Bank	Fee in Lieu - Greenplan

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S&T Bank	Route 22 Project Reserve
S&T Bank	Tot Lot Grant
S&T Bank	Traffic Impact Fee - Savings
PLGIT	Central Recreation
PLGIT	Emergency Equip. - Investment
PLGIT	Capital Reserve Investment

Debt Service

First Commonwealth	Debt Service Checking
PLGIT	Debt Service Investment

Hydrant Fund

S&T Bank	Hydrant Checking
S&T Bank	Hydrant Greenplan Savings

Police Fund

S&T Bank	Police Forfeiture Checking
	Police Forfeiture Greenplan
S&T Bank	Savings
S&T Bank	Police Charitable Gift Checking

Mrs. Kearns moved to reaffirm the bank account resolutions per Agenda Item 12E. Mr. Franke seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Pavlik – yes, Mr. Franke – yes, Mrs. Kacin – yes, Mr. Synan - yes, Mr. Nicolette – abstain, due to a potential conflict of interest, Mrs. Kearns – yes, Mr. van de Venne – yes. Motion approved. **Account numbers have not been included in the official minutes for security reasons.**

12F. 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. Nicolette moved to approve bonding of officials. Mrs. Kearns seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

12G. Council made the following Board, Commission, and Committees appointments:

Donation and Gifting Committee

Carolyn Roberts 2-year term

Mr. Nicolette nominated Carolyn Roberts for a 2-year term on the Donation and Gifting Committee. There were no other nominations. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

Environmental Advisory Council

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Fred Baldassare	3-year term
Gary McClosky	3-year term

Mrs. Kearns nominated Fred Baldassare for a 3-year term on the Environmental Advisory Council. Mr. van de Venne nominated Gary McClosky for a 3-year term on the Environmental Advisory Council. There were no other nominations. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

Finance Committee

Gerald Segner	No term limit
Ron Summerhill	No term limit

Mrs. Kearns nominated Gerald Segner for the Finance Committee. Mr. Synan nominated Mr. Summerhill for the Finance Committee. There were no other nominations. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

Franklin Township Municipal Sanitary Authority

Robert Klingensmith	5-year term
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Mr. Nicolette nominated Mr. Klingensmith for a 5-year term on the Franklin Township Municipal Sanitary Authority Board. There were no other nominations. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

Library Board

Sharlene Emerson	3-year term
Janet Swearingen	3-year term

Dennis Pavlik nominated Sharlene Emerson for a 3-year term on the Library Board. Mr. Franke nominated Janet Swearingen for a 3-year term on the Library Board. There were no other nominations. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Betsy Aiken	3-year term
Ben Sampson	3-year term

Mrs. Kearns nominated Betsy Aiken for a 3-year term on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Franke nominated Ben Sampson for a 3-year term on the Parks and Recreation Commission. There were no other nominations. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

Mr. van de Venne nominated Herb Yingling as the liaison from the Franklin Regional School Board to the Parks and Recreation Commission for the Year 2008. There were no other nominations. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

Pension Plan Investment Management Committee

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John Cardwell	1-year term
Mark Miller	1-year term

Mr. Nicolette nominated Mark Miller for a 1-year term on the Pension Plan Investment Management Committee. Mr. Franke nominated John Cardwell for a 1-year term on the Pension Plan Investment Management Committee. There were no other nominations. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

Personnel Board

Barbara VanKirk	3-year term
Jennifer Lunden	3-year term

Mr. Nicolette nominated Barbara VanKirk for a 3-year term on the Personnel Board. Mr. Franke nominated Jennifer Lunden for a 3-year term on the Personnel Board. There were no other nominations. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

Planning Commission

Jayne Hoy	4-year term
Ed Patrick	2-year term

Mr. Pavlik nominated Jayne Hoy for 4-year term on the Planning Commission. There were no other nominations. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

Mr. Nicolette nominated Tracy Zinn for a 2-year term on the Planning Commission. Mr. Synan nominated Ed Patrick for a 2-year term on the Planning Commission. Mrs. Kearns nominated Ron O'Toole for a 2-year term on the Planning Commission. There were no other nominations. Upon a roll call vote: Mr. Pavlik – Ed Patrick, Mr. Franke – Ron O'Toole, Mrs. Kacin – Tracy Zinn, Mr. Synan – Ed Patrick, Mr. Nicolette – Tracy Zinn, Mrs. Kearns – Ron O'Toole, Mr. van de Venne – Tracy Zinn. There was no majority vote.

Upon a second roll call vote: Mr. Pavlik – Ed Patrick, Mr. Franke – Ed Patrick, Mrs. Kacin – Ed Patrick, Mr. Synan – Ed Patrick, Mr. Nicolette – Tracy Zinn, Mrs. Kearns – Ed Patrick, Mr. van de Venne – Tracy Zinn. Mr. Patrick was selected for a 2-year term on the Planning Commission.

Traffic Impact Fee Advisory Committee

Susan Reese-Hartzell	4-year term
J. Dino DePaulo	4-year term

Mr. Nicolette nominated Susan Reese-Hartzell for a 4-year term on the Traffic Impact Fee Advisory Committee. Mrs. Kearns nominated J. Dino DePaulo for a 4-year term on the Traffic Impact Fee Advisory Committee. There were no other nominations. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals

Bruce Corna	4-year term
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Mrs. Kearns nominated Bruce Corna for a 4-year term on the Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals. There were no other nominations. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

Zoning Hearing Board

Patricia Lindauer	3-year term
Gregory Taddonio	5-year term

Mr. Pavlik nominated Patricia Lindauer for a 3-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board. There were no other nominations. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

Mrs. Kearns nominated Gregory Taddonio for a 5-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board. There were no other nominations. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

12H. Liaison Appointments

Council tabled until the January 16, 2008, Council Meeting, the selection of Council Liaisons to the Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

ADMINISTRATION:

13A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 759-07 AMENDING THE MURRYSVILLE CODE 45-10 C (1) ESTABLISHING AND DESCRIBING A PENSION PLAN FOR THE FULL-TIME POLICE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MURRYSVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008. Mr. Nicolette moved to approve. Mr. Franke seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

13B. REAFFIRM THE POLICE CAPTAIN'S AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MURRYSVILLE AND CAPTAIN ROB LIERMANN: Mr. van de Venne moved to approve. Mrs. Kearns seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

13C. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 528-08, A RESOLUTION APPLYING FOR A DCNR COMMUNITY PARK ENHANCEMENTS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,000. Mrs. Kearns moved to approve. Mr. Franke seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

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Mayor Somers thanked Captain Liermann for his continued efforts in filling in for Chief Seefeld who is on medical leave.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Time: 8:04 p.m.

Mr. Pavlik moved to adjourn. Mr. Nicolette seconded. All present voted aye. Motion approved.

JOHN M. BARRETT
CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR

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cc: Mayor
Council
Community Development
Finance

Police
Public Works
Solicitor
Front Office/Library