

Borough of Ben Avon
7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, Pennsylvania, 15202
Council Reorganization Meeting – January 2, 2024

Call to Order

Mayor Hughes-Holcomb called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Oath of Office

Magistrate Tara Smith administered the oath of office to Council Members Ken Opiery, Kara Roggenkamp, and Rick Wagner, all of whom then signed the oath to be filed of record.

Council Members Present

Jennifer Bett, Russell Kuehner, Ken Opiery, Kara Roggenkamp, Rick Wagner, Tavia Washington

Council Members Absent

Jim Thornton

Others Present

Mayor Melanie Hughes-Holcomb
Terrie Patsch, Borough Secretary

Election of Officers

Mayor Hughes-Holcomb called for nominations for the office of Council President. Ms. Bett nominated Mr. Wagner.

Motion: Ms. Bett; **Second:** Mr. Kuehner; **Motion carried** by unanimous voice vote to elect Rick Wagner to the office of President of Council.

Mr. Wagner called for nominations for the office of Council Vice President. Mr. Kuehner nominated Mrs. Bett.

Motion: Mr. Kuehner; **Second:** Ms. Roggenkamp; **Motion carried** by unanimous voice vote to elect Mrs. Bett to the office of Vice President of Council.

Mr. Wagner called for nominations for the office of President Pro Tempore. Mr. Kuehner nominated Mr. Opiery.

Motion: Mr. Kuehner; **Second:** Ms. Bett; **Motion carried** by unanimous voice vote to elect Mr. Opipery to the office of President Pro Tempore.

Appointments

Motion: Mr. Opipery; **Second:** Mr. Kuehner; **Motion carried** by unanimous voice vote to appoint Tucker Arensberg as the Borough solicitor.

Motion: Mr. Opipery; **Second:** Ms. Washington; **Motion carried** by unanimous voice vote to appoint Gateway Engineers as the engineering firm for the Borough.

Motion: Mr. Kuehner; **Second:** Mr. Opipery; **Motion carried** by unanimous voice vote to appoint Terrie Patsch, Borough Secretary, as the tax collector for the Borough.

Other Board/Commission Appointments

The Borough Council reappointed the New Pittsburgh Courier as the official newspaper for legal advertisements.

The Borough Council reappointed Dollar Bank as the depository of funds for the Borough.

Committee Assignments

Mr. Wagner stated the Council Committees would remain largely unchanged; however Mr. Kuehner will be added to the Administration Committee.

- Administration – Jennifer Bett, Tavia Washington, Russell Kuehner
- Public Affairs/Communication – Jennifer Bett, Russell Kuehner
- Finance – Ken Opipery, Russell Kuehner
- Public Works – Ken Opipery, Kara Roggenkamp
- Public Safety/Code Enforcement – Rick Wagner, Jim Thornton
- Sustainability – Kara Roggenkamp, Jim Thornton
- Community of Governments – Rick Wagner, Tavia Washington

Adjournment

Motion: Ms. Roggenkamp; **Second:** Mr. Kuehner; **Motion carried** by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrie Patsch

Borough Secretary