

January 7, 2008 Council Re-Organization Meeting Minutes

Manager/Clerk Terry E. Van Horne opened the reorganization meeting by asking the audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and to remain standing for a moment of silence in memory of Penn Hills No. 1 V.F.D. Firefighter Harvey Jordan who passed away in the line of duty today.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council and the audience stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence – Firefighter Harvey Jordan), Penn Hills No. 1 (Lincoln Park) Volunteer Fire Company, Line of Duty Death. Manager Van Horne announced that further information about the funeral arrangements will be available later in the week.

Call to Order

Manager Van Horne called the meeting to order and introduced two members of the bench who will conduct the swearing in ceremony this evening - Honorable Judge John Zottola of the Allegheny Court of Common Pleas and Honorable Leonard HRomyak of Magisterial District 05-02-06. Manager Van Horne then introduced special guests State Representative Tony DeLuca and County Councilman Nick Futules, both whom where in the audience.

Induction of Council Members

Judge Zottola stated that he was pleased and honored to be in Penn Hills this evening to conduct this swearing-in ceremony. He stated that he has administered the oath to Mr. DeLuca as a Council Member and on two occasions as Mayor. He feels the citizens have seen the hope and confidence of the Mayor and trusts that the Mayor will always do what is in the best interest of the community.

Honorable John A. Zottola of Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas administered the oath of office to Mayor Anthony L. DeLuca accompanied by his wife, Beth and sons, Nicholas, Zachary and Michael. Mayor DeLuca took his seat at the Council Table.

Honorable Leonard J. HRomyak of District Court 05-02-06 administered the oath of office to Council Member Joseph N. Palumbo accompanied by his wife, Nancy and daughter, Angela. Mr. Palumbo took his seat at the Council Table.

Honorable Leonard J. HRomyak of District Court 05-02-06 administered the oath of office to Council Member Gary N. Underwood accompanied by his wife, Elaine, daughters, Amy and Lisa and their families. Mr. Underwood took his seat at the Council Table.

Induction of Council Members (Continued)

Magisterial Judge HRomyak stated that he was pleased to in here to swear in the new members of Council. He congratulated the new officials and looks forward to them moving Penn Hills in the right direction.

Judge Zottola stated that he met Theresa this evening, but has learned some interesting facts about her. He remarked that this was her first time running for elective office, that she is actively involved in sports and other activities throughout the community. He congratulated her on her election victory and wished her well in her service to the community.

Honorable John A. Zottola of Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas administered the oath of office to Controller Theresa Sciulli accompanied by her husband, Frank, and sons, Franco and Anthony. Mrs. Sciulli took his seat at the Council Table.

Roll Call

Roll was called and the following members of Council responded:

Present: Dr. Kincaid
 Mrs. Kuhn
 Mr. Palumbo
 Mr. Underwood
 Mayor DeLuca

Also present where Manager Van Horne and Deputy Clerk Fitzhenry.

Mayor DeLuca thanked Judge Zottola for taking time to conduct the swearing in this evening. He thanked his wife, Beth; sons, Zach, Nick and Michael; his mother-in-law Mrs. Hill; his nephew, Anthony; sister Michelle and brother-in-law, Bud; and his mom and dad, for all their love and support. The Mayor expressed his gratitude to the community for support. He recounted the events of his first term - single-tax collector, economic development (Walgreen's, Wal-mart and Old Atlas Cement Plant), increased number of police officers, improved safety within the community and new franchise agreement with Verizon. He stated that he is rededicating himself to work together on the issues that matter including relief from the federal consent order on the sewer system, joint water/sewer bill collection and other issues to help the residents of Penn Hills. Mayor DeLuca expressed his desire to work diligently and honestly with the Council and Controller and for the taxpayers of Penn Hills.

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Mr. Palumbo thanked everyone in attendance with special thanks to his wife, Nancy and daughter, Angela. He thanked his friends and family who support him and worked the polls, especially his father, Angelo who worked the entire day.

Mr. Palumbo expressed his thanks to Erin Vecchio and the entire democratic committee for their hard work and support. He stated that it will be an honor to serve the residents of Penn Hills and he looks forward to working with the other members of Council, but that moving Penn Hills to new heights will take cooperation of Council and the residents.

Mr. Underwood thanked his wife, Elaine, daughters Lisa and Amy and their families for their love and support. He thanked the democratic committee, State Representative DeLuca, Mayor DeLuca, Council Members Kuhn and Kincaid for their support. Mr. Underwood pledged to watch the tax dollars and that this will take continued team work. He looks forward to continued growth, but stresses the need for patience. He again thanked all in attendance for their support.

Mrs. Sciulli expressed her thanks to all in attendance and specifically to her parents, in-laws, husband and two handsome sons, the democratic committee and all her friends who supported her throughout the election process. She stated that she was honored to serve the community and pledged to scrutinize every tax dollar. She also pledged her support to work with the Manger, Finance and Council to ensure adherence to the budget. Mrs. Sciulli thanked State Representative Tony DeLuca and all the members of Council for the support.

Mayor DeLuca welcomed all those in attendance to attend a post-meeting party at the Verona Moose.

Confirm Appointments per Charter

Mayor DeLuca nominated Mrs. Sara Kuhn as Deputy Mayor.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Adjournment

There being no further business this evening, the Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Underwood made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Adjournment (Continued)

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Diane Fitzhenry,
Deputy Clerk

These minutes approved by Mayor and Council on February 18, 2008.