

PHOENIXVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

7:00 PM

MINUTES

(Minutes approved by Borough Council on January 9, 2018)

- I. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
 - Mr. Kovaleski, President Present
 - Mr. Burckley Present
 - Mr. Dalton Absent
 - Ms. Doherty Present
 - Ms. Dugan Present
 - Mr. Ewald, Vice President Present
 - Mr. Kirkner Present
 - Mr. Soto Present
 - Mayor Urscheler Present
 - Mr. Krack, Borough Manager Present
 - Chief Sjostrom Present
 - Solicitor Garner Present
- III. Consider Approval of the December 12, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes and January 2, 2018 Reorganization Meeting.

Mr. Ewald made a Motion to approve the December 12, 2017 and the January 2, 2018 Reorganization Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Soto.

Motion Approved 7-0.
- IV. Presentations
 - A. None.
- V. Public Participation
 - None
- VI. Appointments/Public Resolutions
 - A. Consider approval of a Resolution acknowledging Michael J. Speck for his four years of service as Mayor of Phoenixville Borough.

Mr. Kirkner made a Motion to approve a Resolution acknowledging Michael J. Speck for his four years of service as Mayor of Phoenixville Borough. Seconded by Mr. Ewald.

On the Question:

Mr. Kovaleski read aloud the Resolution.

Motion Approved 7-0.

- B Consider approval of a Resolution acknowledging Michael Kuznar for his four years of service on Borough Council.

Ms. Burckley made a Motion to approve a Resolution acknowledging Michael Kuznar for his four years of service on Borough Council. Seconded by Mr. Soto.

On the Question:

Mr. Kovaleski read aloud the Resolution.

Motion Approved 7-0.

- C. Consider approval of a Resolution acknowledging Yvonne Brownlee for her eight years of service to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. Soto made a Motion to approve a Resolution acknowledging Yvonne Brownlee for her eight years of service to the Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Mr. Kirkner.

On the Question:

Mr. Kovaleski read aloud the Resolution.

Motion Approved 7-0.

- D. Call for Residents interested in being appointed to various Boards and Commissions.

Mr. Kovaleski reminded the public there are openings for residents interested in applying for our various Boards and Commissions. Interested applicants should contact the Borough for more information.

- E. Consider approval of a Resolution reappointing Matthew Ruth to the Zoning Hearing Board for a new five year term.

Mr. Soto made a Motion to approve a Resolution reappointing Matthew Ruth to the Zoning Hearing Board for a new five year term. Seconded by Mr. Ewald.

Motion Approved 7-0.

VII. Communications/Council Participation

Ms. Doherty stated she received information from the Citizens Advocacy of Chester County on the Peace Vigil being held at St. Peters Episcopal Church on January 14, 2018 at 3:30 pm. She encouraged the community to attend.

Mr. Soto stated he received an email from Phoenixville Area Positive Alternatives announcing a free after school program. The Mr. Cool Club is for teen males ages 10-14. Please contact Dolores Winston or the Recreation Department for more details.

VIII. Mayor's Report

Mayor Urscheler stated the Police Department is hosting a free Narcan training for the public here in Council Chambers on January 18, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Mayor Urscheler asked the public to continue to pray for the family of Jayson Ortiz-Cameron as they come to terms with his loss.

X. New Business

- A. Consider scheduling and advertising a Public Hearing to consider a Resolution approving the transfer of Eating Place Retail Dispenser License No. E-2812 for PAD FLITE, LLC into Phoenixville Borough from West Whiteland Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Ewald made a Motion to schedule and advertise a Public Hearing to consider a Resolution approving the transfer of Eating Place Retail Dispenser License No. E-2812 for PAD FLITE, LLC into Phoenixville Borough from West Whiteland Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. Seconded by Mr. Soto.

On the Motion:

Mr. Kirkner asked for clarification on the location of the establishment.

Mr. Krack stated the restaurant would be moving into the end commercial space of Phoenix Village at 131 Bridge Street.

Ms. Doherty asked if the liquor license was the deciding factor for the restaurant to occupy the space.

Mr. Krack stated he did not have that information available.

Motion Approved 6-0-1. Mr. Kovaleski abstained. His law firm represents the building owner.

XI. Resolutions

- A. Consider a Resolution authorizing the submission of a Round 30 Municipal Grant Program Application to the Chester County Commissioners.

Mr. Soto made a Motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of a Round 30 Municipal Grant Program Application to the Chester County Commissioners. Seconded by Mr. Ewald.

On the Question:

Mr. Krack provided the background on the grant which is a request for funding for the All Abilities Playground at Reeves Park.

Motion Approved 6-0-1. Ms. Burckley abstained. She is the chair of the Jaycees committee for the project.

- B. Consider a Resolution authorizing the submission of a Solar Energy Program Grant Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

Mr. Ewald made a Motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of a Solar Energy Program Grant Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. Seconded by Mr. Soto.

On the Question:

Mr. Krack provided the background on the grant which is a request for funding for Solar Panels on the new Recreation Center.

Motion Approved 7-0.

XII. Public Hearings

- A. None

XIII. Reports of Committees, Boards, and Commissions

- A. Planning Commission – (**Ewald**)

1. No Action to Report.

- B. Historical Architectural Review Board – (**Dugan**)

Ms. Dugan made a Motion to have the sign requests from 4 Gay Street and 106 Bridge Street added to tonight's agenda. Seconded by Mr. Ewald.

Motion Approved 7-0.

1. Consider approval of the Sign Request for 4 Gay Street.
2. Consider approval of the Sign Request for 106 Bridge Street.

Ms. Dugan made a Motion to approve items 1 & 2. Seconded by Mr. Soto.

Public Participation

None

Motion Approved 7-0.

C. Regional Planning Committee – **(Ewald)**

Mr. Ewald stated the next meeting is on January 31, 2018 at 7pm at the Schuylkill Township Building.

D. Recreation Board – **(Dugan)**

Ms. Dugan reported on the current programs available at the Recreation Department including Men and Women's Basketball, Power Volleyball and Family Night Out on January 26, 2018. More information can be obtained at the Civic Center or on the Borough's website.

E. Beautification Advisory Commission – **(Soto)**

Mr. Soto reported work has begun on the design for a pocket park adjacent to Vecchia Pizza and that posters of the mural located on the first floor of Borough Hall are available for sale at Teresa Haag's studio at 26 Gay Street.

XIV. Council Action referred from Council Committees

A. Parks and Recreation Committee – **(Soto, Dugan, and Kovaleski)**

1. No Action to Report.

B. Policy Committee – **(Dalton, Doherty, Kirkner, and Soto)**

1. No Action to Report.

C. Police and Personnel Committee – **(Burckley, Dalton, and Ewald)**

Mr. Krack explained that since no meeting was held on Monday there is an item up for consideration by Council that is time sensitive to one of our employees. He stated the Chief provided a request from one of his officers to take the Corporal's test on February 17, 2018. He presented Council with the timeline and options for this request.

Mr. Ewald made a Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:35 pm to discuss Personnel. Seconded by Ms. Burckley.

Motion Approved 7-0.

Mr. Kovaleski reconvened at 7:40.

Ms. Burckley made a Motion to add a Resolution consideration to the Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Soto.

Motion Approved 7-0.

1. Consider a Resolution authorizing Officer Peter Karpovich to take the Corporal's Test in accordance with section 311(a) of the Borough of Phoenixville Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Ms. Burckley made a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing Officer Peter Karpovich to take the Corporal's Test in accordance with section 311(a) of the Borough of Phoenixville Civil Service Rules and Regulations. Seconded by Mr. Ewald.

Public Participation

None

Motion Approved 7-0.

2. Mr. Kovaleski stated that Mr. Dalton can no longer participate on this committee and asked if someone could replace him.

Ms. Doherty agreed to take his place.

Mr. Kovaleski appointed Ms. Doherty to the Police, Personnel and Public Safety Committee.

D. Infrastructure Committee – (**Ewald**, Burckley, Dalton, and Kovaleski)

1. No Action to Report.

E. Finance Committee – (**Dugan**, Doherty, Kirkner, and Kovaleski)

1. No Action to Report.

XV. Public Participation

None

XVI. Staff Reports

- A. Manager
- B. Assistant Manager
- C. Police Chief
- D. Fire Chief
- E. Planning and Codes
- F. Public Works
- G. Finance
- H. Human Resources

XVII. Old Business

XVIII. Executive Session

XIX. Adjournment 7:43pm. Ms. Burckley made a Motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Kirkner.

E. Jean Krack
Borough Manager

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