

**EPHRATA BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES  
REORGANIZATION – JANUARY 4, 2016**

Ephrata Borough Council met on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall.

**OATHS OF OFFICE**

Mayor Mowen administered the Oaths of Office to Council Members Dale Hertzog, Linda Martin, Ricky Ressler, and Melvin Weiler.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mowen.

In attendance were Council Members Tim Barr, Dale Hertzog, Linda Martin, Thomas Reinhold, Ricky Ressler, Victor Richard, Susan Rowe, Melvin Weiler, and Mayor Ralph Mowen.

Also in attendance were Borough Manager D. Robert Thompson, Police Chief William Harvey, Recording Secretary Kathy Holzinger, and Borough Solicitor James R. McManus, III, Esq.

Attending for the press was Gary Klinger of The Ephrata Review. The following visitors were present:

Dennis Rowe, 214 East Main Street, Ephrata  
Jean Lausch, 950 Hammon Avenue, Ephrata  
George DiIlio, 30 Kings Court, Ephrata  
Joanne Ressler, 245 Mason Drive, Ephrata  
Tim Auker, 542 North State Street, Ephrata  
Tom Matteson, Diehm & Sons  
Greg Martin, 1304 Marilyn Avenue, Ephrata

Reverend Walter Carter, First United Methodist Church offered the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Mowen said the next order of business is the election of officers for Borough Council.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mayor Mowen opened the nominations for the position of Council President.

**Election of Council President**

It was moved by Mr. Hertzog, seconded by Mr. Weiler to nominate Susan Rowe as President.

There were no other nominations for the position of President.

It was moved by Mr. Hertzog, seconded by Mr. Barr to close the nominations.

There being one nomination, Mr. Thompson as Secretary cast the unanimous ballot in favor of Susan Rowe as President of Borough Council.

**Election of Council Vice President**

It was moved by Mrs. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Barr to nominate Thomas Reinhold as Vice President.

There were no other nominations for the position of Vice President.

It was moved by Mr. Hertzog, seconded by Mr. Barr to close nominations. Motion passed unanimously.

There being one nomination, Mr. Thompson as Secretary cast the unanimous ballot in favor of Thomas Reinhold as Vice President of Borough Council.

**Election of President Pro Tem**

It was moved by Mrs. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Barr to nominate Melvin Weiler as President Pro Tem.

There were no other nominations for the position of President Pro Tem.

It was moved by Mr. Hertzog, seconded by Mrs. Martin to close nominations. Motion passed unanimously.

There being one nomination, Mr. Thompson as Secretary cast the unanimous ballot in favor of Melvin Weiler as President Pro Tem of Borough Council.

**PASSING OF GAVEL TO ELECTED COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Mayor Mowen passed the gavel to President Rowe.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

There were no comments or questions from attendees.

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Mr. Hertzog, seconded by Mr. Barr to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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D. Robert Thompson, Secretary