

**EPHRATA BOROUGH COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 2, 2018**

Oaths of Office

The Honorable Magisterial District Judge Tony Russell read the “Oath of Office” swearing in Ralph E. Mowen as Mayor.

Mayor Ralph E. Mowen read the “Oath of Office” swearing in the following members of Borough Council: Gregory S. Zimmerman, Thomas G. Reinhold, Tim L. Barr, Victor E. Richard, and Susan E. Rowe.

Call To Order

The Ephrata Borough Council Reorganization Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ralph Mowen on January 2, 2018, in the Council Chambers of the Borough Office, 124 South State Street. All Council Members were in attendance.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nominations

A motion was made to nominate Sue Rowe for President. Mayor Mowen asked for additional nominations. A motion was made, and seconded, for the nominations to be closed. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to nominate Thomas Reinhold for Vice President. Mayor Mowen asked for additional nominations. A motion was made, and seconded, for the nominations to be closed. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to nominate Melvin Weiler as President Pro Tem. Mayor Mowen asked for additional nominations. A motion was made, and seconded, for the nominations to be closed. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Mowen casted a unanimous vote for the slate of officers electing Sue Rowe as President, Tom Reinhold as Vice President and Melvin Weiler as President Pro Tem.

Mayor Mowen passed the gavel to Sue Rowe, President.

Opportunity for Citizens to be Heard

There were no comments or remarks from attendees.

Discussion and Announcements

Mr. Barr thanked the public for the opportunity to serve on council and advised he is looking forward to working this coming year with everyone.

Mr. Ressler congratulated all of the re-elected council persons and officers stating all have done a fine job during the period of time he has been on council and is proud to serve with all.

Mrs. Martin congratulated the officers who were re-elected and is looking forward to another great year.

Mr. Zimmerman advised he looks forward to working with the council members in the upcoming year.

Mr. Reinhold advised he is excited to serve the community for another four years and is humbled by fellow council members to have elected him to serve as Vice President.

Mayor Mowen stated he is looking forward to working with fellow council and slate of officers for the coming year and looking forward to '18 being a fantastic year.

Mrs. Rowe provided a copy of the proposed committee schedule advising some committee times did change.

Mrs. Rowe advised she has proposed committee assignments which have not been finalized. Mrs. Rowe stated after the Work Session, council members can see which committees they have been assigned to. Mrs. Rowe advised any issues with committee assignments can be brought to her attention and she will consider rearranging committee members.

Adjournment

A motion was made, and seconded to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Robert Thompson, Secretary