

MINUTES OF THE CORNWALL BOROUGH COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022, AT 6 P.M.
IN THE CORNWALL BOROUGH GARAGE

Mayor Mark Thomas called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT

John Karinch, Ron Ricard, Bruce Conrad, Al Brandt, Thomas Burton, Bruce Harris, Beth Yocum and Mayor Mark Thomas

ALSO PRESENT

Borough Manager Cody Rhoads and Borough Engineer Steve Dellinger

PUBLIC

Meeting attendance sheet is attached hereto.

SWEARING IN ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Mark Thomas was sworn in for his term as Mayor by Magisterial District Judge Anthony Verna on December 30th, 2021.

Mayor Thomas swore in council members Al Brandt, Bruce Conrad, Bruce Harris and Beth Yocum.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor Thomas asked for nominations for Council President. John Karinch nominated Bruce Harris. Al Brandt seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Nomination passed 7-0.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Mayor Thomas asked for nominations for Council Vice President. Al Brandt nominated Bruce Conrad. There were no other nominations. Nomination passed 7-0.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL PRO TEM

Bruce Harris nominated Ron Ricard as Pro Tem. John Karinch seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Nomination passed 7-0.

AUTHORIZE RESOLUTION 2022-1 (ACQUISITION OF LAND)

Resolution 2022-1 authorizes the acquisition of land by condemnation or deed in lieu of condemnation. This resolution facilitates the purchase of two acres of the Krall property for the upcoming MS4 project.

Thomas Burton asked what the final terms were. The agreement was for \$31,000 and a 10-year reprieve from a stormwater fee if one is implemented.

John Karinch made the motion, seconded by Bruce Conrad, to authorize Resolution 2022-1. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Al Brandt made the motion, seconded by Beth Yocum, to appoint John Karinch to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term ending December 31, 2026.

APPOINTMENT TO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Bruce Conrad made the motion, seconded by Thomas Burton, to appoint Harold Kreiser to the Civil Service Commission with a term ending December 31, 2027. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Mohn, 5 Willow Street, read a statement about how he has been impacted by the Cornwall Junction development. Mr. Mohn's first issue was that some of the trees on his property were trimmed without his consent. Mr. Mohn also faced a hardship when Landmark struck the water line in front of his house and caused a boil water advisory, which lasted two weeks. Mr. Mohn was disappointed in the lack of communication from Landmark and the borough. Landmark also cut into his sidewalk to make it handicap accessible without his permission. Mr. Mohn's final concern was that Landmark parks their equipment directly behind his driveway, making it difficult to exit.

Bruce Conrad suggested the water and sewer committee discuss this issue with Barb Henry and report back to council.

Chad Smith, Steckbeck Engineering, said that he is part of that project, and he will relay some of the concerns to Landmark.

APPOINTMENT OF ENGINEER

John Karinch said that since council is reorganizing, he is making a motion to appoint Steckbeck Engineering as the borough engineer effective January 6th. Thomas Burton questioned why. Mr. Karinch said that they did a great job, and they were fired unjustly. He said the borough can replace a solicitor or engineer for any reason, and Steckbeck was unjustly fired so he would like to see them brought back. Beth Yocum asked what would be done if there was a conflict of interest. Mr. Karinch suggested Josh Weaber be brought on as conflict engineer.

Ron Ricard asked to table the motion and discussion until next Monday's meeting to get further information. Stan Alekna, 732 Aspen Lane, said Steckbeck was fired on the spot for personal reasons. He did not think there was a need for a discussion to bring back a tried-and-true professional of 40 years.

Al Brandt seconded the motion. Bruce Harris called for a roll call vote. Thomas Burton "nay", Al Brandt "yay", John Karinch "yay", Ron Ricard "nay", Bruce Conrad "yay", Beth Yocum "yay", Bruce Harris "yay". Motion passed 5-2.

Bruce Conrad made a motion, seconded by Al Brandt, to contact Josh Weaber to serve as conflict engineer. Motion passed.

COMMENTS

Mayor Thomas thanked Doug Stump, Lebanon Daily News, for always providing fair and honest coverage of the borough.

Bruce Harris would like council to consider having meetings out in the community. He suggested having one at Cornwall Manor, one at Alden Place and one in Spring Hill Acres.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, John Karinch made the motion, seconded by Al Brandt, to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m. Motion passed.

Cody Rhoads
Secretary