

**Langhorne Borough Council Re-organization Meeting  
January 2, 2024**

A Re-organization Meeting of the Langhorne Borough Council was held at Council Chambers on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Vice President Mason called the session to order at 7:39 p.m. and invited those in attendance to pledge allegiance to the Flag.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Vice President Rich Mason; Councilpersons Tony Marfia, Nancy Culleton, Kathleen Horwatt, Scott Haldeman, and Kristen Farry; Councilperson Elect Bob Cumming; Councilperson Elect Tim Harris; Mayor Joe Taylor; Solicitor Barbara Kirk; Police Chief John Godzieba; Treasurer Ellyn Schoen; Manager Steve Bradshaw; Clerk Gabe Tenaglia

**ABSENT:** President Paul Murdock

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** Mayor Taylor took over for Vice President Mason and administered the Oath of Office to Councilperson Horwatt and new Councilmembers Timothy Harris and Robert Cumming. President Murdock and Vice President Mason were officially relieved of their duties.

**NAMING NEW COUNCIL PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT:** Councilperson Farry nominated Councilperson Culleton as the new President of Langhorne Borough Council, Councilperson Horwatt seconded, and Councilperson Culleton accepted the nomination. Councilperson Culleton nominated Councilperson Horwatt as the new Vice President of Langhorne Borough Council, Councilperson Haldeman seconded, and Councilperson Horwatt accepted the nomination. Council voted unanimously to elect Councilperson Culleton President and Councilperson Horwatt Vice President.

President Culleton invited Councilperson Harris and Councilperson Cumming to join for the remainder of the meeting, and thanked former President Murdock and former Vice President Mason for their service to the Council. She read and presented a certificate of appreciation to former Vice President Mason and noted that a certificate would be given to former President Murdock as well.

**MOTION:** On motion of Vice President Horwatt, seconded by Councilperson Cumming, Council voted unanimously to approve the following officers and professionals: Borough Manager/Secretary, Steve Bradshaw; Open Records Officer, Steve Bradshaw; Treasurer, Ellyn Schoen; Solicitor, Hill Wallack; Engineer, CKS, Code Enforcement, Keystone Municipal Services; Zoning and Inspections, Keystone Municipal Services.

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:** President Culleton presented the following Board Chair assignments: Paul Schneider for Planning Commission, term ending 2026; Chris Blaydon for Shade Tree Commission, term ending 2024; Trish Gorman for Recreation Board, term ending 2026; Betsy Carr for Chair of the Zoning Hearing Board, term ending 2024. Rich Mason agreed to continue as chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee until a replacement can be found. Vice President Horwatt nominated Robert Wharton as Chair of the Historic Architectural Review Board.

**MOTION:** On motion of Councilperson Marfia, seconded by Councilperson Cumming, Council voted unanimously to approve the Board and Committee assignments.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:** President Culleton told Council that she would reach out to everyone regarding current and new assignments. She also said that she intends to set up an orientation session at the January 25<sup>th</sup> Council Work Session that will give the new Councilmembers and the public a tour of the workings of the Borough. Treasurer Schoen said that new check signers needed to be appointed. Councilperson Haldeman agreed to stay on as a signer, and Vice President Horwatt and President Culleton volunteered to be signers as well.

**MOTION:** On motion of Councilperson Cumming, seconded by Councilperson Farry, Council voted unanimously to approve Vice President Horwatt and Councilperson Haldeman as primary signers, and President Culleton as the backup.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:** Councilperson Haldeman asked President Culleton if she wanted to take on more responsibility by being a signer. Solicitor Kirk suggested designating Vice President Horwatt and Councilperson Haldeman as primary signers, and President Culleton as the backup in case they are not available.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Vice President Horwatt informed Council that there was significant damage to one of the pillars at the Mayor's Playground, but the police were able to apprehend the person responsible and are following up with insurance. The cost to repair the damage to the pillar, the fencing, and the turf will be approximately \$9,000.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor Taylor thanked former President Murdock and former Vice President Mason, and welcomed the new Councilmembers Cumming and Harris.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION:** Councilperson Horwatt asked Chief Godzieba if it was true that a car had been stolen on West Richardson. He said that the car was stolen at 2:30 in the morning and recovered by state police. He reported that there was an attempted theft as well.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no other business, on motion of Councilperson Marfia, seconded by Councilperson Cumming, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Bradshaw, Borough Manager / Secretary