

PAXTANG BOROUGH COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING
6:00 p.m., January 7th, 2008

A special meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m., on January 7, 2008 by Mayor Keldeen Stambaugh for the purpose of electing a Council President and Vice-President, to appoint various other officers for the Borough, and any other business to be brought before Council.

Mayor Stambaugh led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Stambaugh administered the oath of office to the following persons duly elected to the office of Council.

Sheilah A. Borne Fuller	4 year term
Deborah Seneca	4 year term
E. Denny Beaver	4 year term
Virginia S. Panza	4 year term

Virginia Panza requested to be excused from the reorganization meeting due to health reasons and therefore had the oath of office administered to her by Richard A. Lewis, President Judge on January 3, 2008.

The Council Members took their positions at the council table.

Mayor Stambaugh took the gavel at this time to chair the meeting until the organization of Council could be accomplished. Mayor Stambaugh called for nominations for the office of Council President.

*1) Councilman Rowe nominated John Ninosky for the Office of President. Motion seconded by Councilman Beaver. There being no further nominations, Councilman Rowe made a motion to close the nominations. Motion seconded by Councilman Beaver. Motion carried. Mayor Stambaugh stated the nominations for Council President were closed and directed the Secretary to call for the vote as follows:

Mr. Rowe	aye	Mrs. Panza	absent	Mrs. LaCour	aye	Ms. Seneca	aye
Mr. Beaver	aye	Mr. Ninosky	aye	Ms. Borne	aye		

Mayor Stambaugh directed the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot and declared Councilman John Ninosky elected to the office of President of Council.

Mayor Stambaugh called for nominations for the office of Council Vice-President.

*2) Councilman Rowe nominated Councilman Denny Beaver for the office of Vice-President. Motion seconded by Councilwoman LaCour. There being no further nominations, Councilman Rowe made a motion to close the nominations. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Borne. Motion carried. Mayor Stambaugh stated the nominations for Council Vice-President were closed and directed the Secretary to call for the vote as follows:

Mr. Rowe	aye	Mrs. Panza	absent	Mrs. LaCour	aye	Ms. Seneca	aye
Mr. Beaver	aye	Mr. Ninosky	aye	Ms. Borne	aye		

Mayor Stambaugh directed the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot and declared Councilman Denny Beaver elected to the office of Vice-President of Council.

At this time Mayor Stambaugh presented the gavel to President Ninosky, who assumed the chair. President Ninosky directed the Secretary to read the list of names, title and terms to be appointed and reappointed to their respective offices. Manager Beard asked President Ninosky if he may on behalf of the Secretary read the offices to be reappointed or appointed:

Faye A. Clark	Secretary/Treasurer	Indefinite term
Solicitor	James Stephen Feinour, Nauman Smith	2 year term
Engineer	Max Shradley, Rettew Associates	2 year term
Tim Folk	Plumbing Inspector	2 year term
Todd Zwigart	Fire Chief	3 year term
David S. Turner	Assistant Fire Chief	3 year term
Dawn Palmer	Board of Health	5 year term
Robert Greenwood	Zoning/Hearing Board – Chairman	3 year term
David Shade	Recreation Board	1 year term
Wes Bower	Recreation Board	1 year term
Warren Martin	Vacancy Board	1 year term
Edward Wenger	Building Codes/Zoning Officer	2 year term

President Ninosky called for a motion to appoint the aforementioned list of officials.

*3) Vice-President Beaver made the motion, seconded by Councilman Rowe. Motion carried.

President Ninosky called for a motion to appoint the Non-Uniform Pension Trustees. Manager Beard mentioned that previously the appointees have been the President and Vice-President of Council.

*4) Councilman Rowe made a motion to appoint President Ninosky and Vice-President Beaver. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Borne. Motion carried.

*5) President Ninosky called for a motion to reappoint Leon Feinerman as Broker of Record for 2008.

Councilman Rowe made a motion to reappoint Leon Feinerman as Broker of Record for 2008. Motion seconded by Vice-President Beaver. Motion carried.

President Ninosky called for a motion to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to pay bills for labor, contracted items and discount bearing accounts.

*6) Vice-President Beaver made a motion to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to pay bills for labor, contracted items and discount bearing accounts. Motion seconded by Councilman Rowe. Motion carried.

President Ninosky called for a motion to approve the Rules of Council for 2008 through 2010.

*7) Councilman Rowe made a motion to adopt the Rules of Council for 2008 through 2010. Motion seconded by Vice-President Beaver. Motion carried.

President Ninosky read the committee assignments for 2008 and are listed as follows:

Administration	Property & Recreation	Public Safety
Ms. Borne Fuller, Chair	Mr. Rowe, Chair	Mr. Beaver, Chair
Mr. Beaver	Mr. Beaver	Mr. Rowe
Mrs. LaCour	Ms. Borne Fuller	Ms. Seneca
Highway	Public Relations	Health & Sanitation
Ms. Seneca, Chair	Mrs. LaCour, Chair	Mrs. Panza, Chair
Mr. Rowe	Mrs. Panza	Mrs. LaCour
Mrs. Panza	Ms. Borne Fuller	Ms. Seneca

Consideration of Resolution 1-08, Naming Commerce Bank as Depository: Manager Beard advised Council that paragraph one should read January 7, 2008 and on page two the last paragraph should also read January 7, 2008. Manager Beard also advised that last year the signatories were the President and Vice-President of Council, Mr. Beaver, Ms. Clark and Mr. Flannery. With the election of Mr. Beaver, this opens up a slot for a signatory President Ninosky suggested naming Ms. Borne Fuller as she is on the Administration Committee. Manager Beard will include Ms. Borne Fuller as a signatory in the Resolution for presentation.

*8) Councilman Rowe made a motion to adopt **Resolution No 1-08** with the correction of the date and the

addition of Ms. Borne Fuller to the signature list. Motion seconded by Vice-President Beaver. Motion carried.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 613, Amendment to the Local Services Tax: Vice-President Beaver explained the need to amend our ordinance to incorporate the State mandated \$12,000.00 income exemption.

*9) Vice-President Beaver made a motion to approve **Ordinance No. 613**. Motion seconded by Councilman Rowe. Motion carried.

Consideration of Ordinance No. 612, The 2008 Budget Ordinance: Vice-President Beaver noted that even though the tax rate has not changed for 2008, an Ordinance was needed as a formality.

*10) Vice-President Beaver made a motion to approve Tax **Ordinance No. 612** for 2008. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Borne Fuller. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2-08, Appointment of Auditors:

*11) Councilman Rowe made a motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2-08**. Motion seconded by Vice-President Beaver. Motion carried.

At 6:14 President Ninosky announced that Council would retire to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

At 6:20 President Ninosky reconvened the Reorganization meeting acknowledging that discussion took regarding a personnel matter and was at this time willing to entertain any sort of a motion relative to disciplinary action regarding a Police Officer.

*12) Vice-President Beaver made a motion to discipline the Officer in question, Rod Zwigart, with a one day suspension. Motion seconded by Councilman Rowe. President Ninosky questioned Mayor Stambaugh if she was in support of this action even though she as not at liberty to cast a vote as this subject matter was in fact under her department. Mayor Stambaugh responded that she was in favor of the decision. A question was asked if this decision was in line with the contract to which President Ninosky advised that it was. There being no further discussion, motion carried.

*13) Councilman Rowe made a motion to adjourn the Reorganization meeting. Motion seconded by Vice-President Beaver. Motion carried.

President Ninosky adjourned the Reorganization meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Secretary

1. Appoint President
2. Appoint Vice-President.
3. Reappointments
4. Non Uniform Pension Trustees
5. Leon Feinerman Broker of Records
6. Secretary/Treasurer Pay Bills
7. Rules of Council
8. Res. 1-08 Commerce Bank Signatories
9. Ord. 613 Amend LST
10. Ord 612 Tax Rate
11. Res 2-08 Auditors
12. Discipline Officer
13. Adjourn