

Forty Fort Borough

Council Reorganization Meeting

January 6, 2014

The Reorganization meeting of the Forty Fort Borough Council was held on Monday, January 6, 2014 at the Forty Fort Borough Bldg., 1271 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, PA beginning at 7:30 PM.

Council members present were Dorothy Craig, Robert Craig, Karen Martinelli, Charles Rick Kamus, Frank Michaels, Jeff McLaughlin & Deborah Troy. Also present were Mayor Andy Tuzinski, Chief Dan Hunsinger, Manager Barbara Fairchild & Secretary Bonnie Arnone. Mike Lombardo was present as a representative from Quad 3 Group Engineers.

Rev. Lukish began the meeting with a prayer after which Mayor Tuzinski led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Tuzinski made the appointment of Barbara Fairchild as Secretary for the Reorganization meeting.

Motion by Mr. Michaels to appoint Robert Craig as President of Council.

Motion by Mrs. Craig to appoint Jeff McLaughlin as President of Council.

Roll call voted showed the following:

Robert Craig voted for Jeff McLaughlin  
Dorothy Craig voted for Jeff McLaughlin  
Karen Martinelli voted for Jeff McLaughlin  
Deborah Troy voted for Jeff McLaughlin  
Jeff McLaughlin voted for Jeff McLaughlin

Rick Kamus voted for Rob Craig  
Frank Michales voted for Rob Craig

With five (5) votes for Jeff McLaughlin and two (2) votes for Mr. Craig, Mr. McLaughlin was appointed the President of Council.

Motion by Ms. Martinelli to nominate Rob Craig as Vice President of Council. There were no other nominations for this position. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Craig to nominate Karen Martinelli as President Pro-Tem. It was explained that this person would conduct council meetings in the absence of the President & Vice President providing there was a quorum. Roll call vote showed the following:

YES: Mr. Craig, Mrs. Craig, Mr. Michaels, Mr. McLaughlin, Ms. Martinelli & Ms. Troy

NO: Mr. Kamus

Motion passed 6-1.

At this point, Mayor Tuzinski turned the meeting over to President McLaughlin. Mr. McLaughlin thanked council and everyone for the privilege of serving the residents of Forty Fort in this position.

Motion by Mr. Craig to nominate Rose Richie as the Vacancy Board Chair. Second by Ms. Martinelli. On the question: It was explained that this person would be in charge if there was a vacancy on council. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Craig to remove Atty. Sam Falcone as the Solicitor for the borough. Second by Mrs. Craig. On the question: It was asked if any discussion had been held on this top prior to the reorganization meeting. Roll call vote showed the following:

YES: Mr. Craig, Mrs. Craig, Ms. Martinelli, Mr. McLaughlin

NO: Mr. Kamus & Mr. Michaels.

ABSTAIN: Ms. Troy due to her unfamiliarity with Atty. Falcone.

Motion passed 4-2.

Motion by Mrs. Craig to allow Atty. Falcone complete all work that has began in preparation of the 2014 Tax Anticipation Note and pay his for all his work for this. Second by Mr. Craig. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Craig to appoint Atty. John Haley as Solicitor for the Forty Fort Borough. Second by Ms. Martinelli. Roll call vote showed the following:

YES: Mr. Craig, Mrs. Craig, Ms. Martinelli, Mr. McLaughlin

NO: Mr. Kamus

ABSTAIN: Mr. Michaels & Ms. Troy due to unfamiliarity with the candidate.

Motion passed 4-1.

At this point, Atty. Haley took the seat as Solicitor and thanked council for the opportunity to serve them. He gave a brief background of his experience.

Motion by Mr. Craig to appoint Quad 3 Group as the Borough Engineers. Second by Ms. Martinelli. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Mrs. Craig to appoint Barbara Fairchild as Borough Manager. Second by Mr. Craig. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Craig to appoint Bonnie Arnone as Assistant Secretary. Second by Ms. Martinelli. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Craig to appoint Atty. Jack Gill as Zoning Solicitor. Second by Mrs. Craig. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Craig to appoint Alan Brezinski as Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer. Second by Ms. Martinelli. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Mrs. Craig to appoint James Shedlarski as Fire Chief. Second by Mr. Craig. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Craig to appoint James Sgarlat as Assistant Fire Chief. Second by Ms. Martinelli. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Craig to appoint Bob Smith as Deputy Fire Chief. Second by Ms. Martinelli. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Craig to appoint Adam Michaels as Fire Captain. Second by Ms. Martinelli. All council was in favor of this motion with the exception of Mr. Michaels who abstained due to his relationship with Adam Michaels. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Craig to appoint Bob Smith as Fire Marshall. Second by Mrs. Craig. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Mrs. Craig to appoint Eleanor Babonis as Health Officer. Second by Ms. Martinelli. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Craig to appoint Andy Tuzinski as Deputy Health Officer. Second by Ms. Martinelli. On the question: It was noted that Mr. Tuzinski is often on the scene of circumstances that would require the presence of the Health Officer. He will not receive any compensation for this position. Serving in this capacity, he will be better able to assist Mrs. Babonis in her duties. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Craig to appoint Franklin Security Bank as depository for all borough funds. Second by Ms. Martinelli. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Craig to continue the Employee Bond. Second by Mrs. Craig. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Craig to hold council meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 PM with the codicil that if this date falls on a legal holiday, the meeting will take place the following day. Second by Ms. Martinelli. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Mrs. Craig to hold Work Sessions on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 PM with the codicil that if this date falls on a legal holiday, the meeting will take place the following day. Second by Mr. Craig. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Craig to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise all meeting dates for the years 2014 & 2015 in the legal section of the newspaper. Second by Ms. Martinelli. All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Mr. McLaughlin announced the Appointment of the following council members to their respective committees:

Fire & Police:

Rob Craig, Chair  
Dottie Craig  
Karen Martinelli

Law & Ordinance:

Karen Martinelli, Chair  
Deborah Troy  
Frank Michaels

Recreation:

Dottie Craig, Chair  
Karen Martinelli  
Frank Michaels

Revenue Enhancement:

Frank Michaels, Chair  
Debbie Troy  
Rick Kamus

Public Works:

Rick Kamus, Chair  
Rob Craig  
Dottie Craig

Special Projects:

Deborah Troy, Chair  
Rick Kamus  
Rob Craig

Finances Committee:

Rob Craig, Chair  
Frank Michaels  
Karen Martinelli

Motion by Mr. Craig to adjourn the reorganization meeting at 8:05 PM. Second by Mrs. Craig.  
All council was in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Arnone  
Secretary

