

\REORGINIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2022, AT 5:00 PM
LEWISTOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The meeting opened at 5:00 PM with Mayor Bargo presiding.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Steele, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Searer, Ms. Shade, Mr. A Wilson, and Mr. B Wilson were present.

Mayor Bargo took the opportunity to announce that all newly elected council members and both re-elected council members had been sworn into office prior to the meeting. Mayor Bargo then thanked Mr. Hammond and Mr. Steele for their willingness to give of their time and talents to the borough and to Mr. B Wilson and Mr. Searer on being re-elected.

Nomination and Election Council President

Mayor Bargo asked for nominations of President of Borough Council. Mr. Steele nominated Larry Searer for Council President.

Mayor Bargo asked for a roll call vote for Larry Searer for Borough Council President.

Roll call

Jim Steele	Yea
Bobby Hammond	Yea
Venus Shade	Yea
Larry Searer	Abstain
Aaron Wilson	Yea
Bill Wilson	Yea

On a vote of 5-0 with Mr. Searer abstaining, Council approved to elect Larry Searer as President of the Borough Council.

Nomination and Election of Council Vice-President

Mayor Bargo asked for nominations of Vice-President of Borough Council. Ms. Shade nominated Aaron Wilson and Mr. B Wilson nominated Jim Steele.

Mayor Bargo asked for a roll call vote for Aaron Wilson for Borough Council Vice-President.

Roll call for Aaron Wilson nomination

Jim Steele	Nay
Bobby Hammond	Nay
Venus Shade	Yea
Larry Searer	Nay
Aaron Wilson	Abstain
Bill Wilson	Nay

On a vote of 4-1 with Aaron Wilson abstaining, Borough Council votes against Aaron Wilson for Borough Council Vice-President.

Mayor Bargo asked for a roll call vote for Jim Steele for Borough Council Vice-President.

Roll call for Jim Steele nomination

Jim Steele	Abstain
Bobby Hammond	Yea
Venus Shade	Nay
Larry Searer	Yea
Aaron Wilson	Nay
Bill Wilson	Yea

On a vote of 3-2 with Jim Steele abstaining, Council approved to elect Jim Steele as Vice-President of Borough Council.

Mayor Bargo then handed the meeting over to Borough Council President Larry Searer.

Nomination for the 7th Council Member

Mr. Searer asked for nominations for the 7th member of council. Mr. Steele nominated Nelson Rieffannacht, Venus Shade nominated Matt Moore, and Aaron Wilson nominated Cassandra Goss.

Roll call vote for Nelson Rieffannacht to be seated as the 7th council member.

Jim Steele	Yea
Bobby Hammond	Yea
Venus Shade	Nay
Larry Searer	Yea
Aaron Wilson	Nay
Bill Wilson	Yea

On a vote of 4-2, Council approved Nelson Rieffannacht to be the 7th member of Council.

No vote needed or taken for Matt Moore or Cassandra Goss.

Mayor Bargo proceeded to then take Mr. Rieffannacht out of the council meeting to swear him in as a member of council.

Mr. Searer stated he is not ready to name the members of each committee. Mr. Searer stated he would have that available for the January 12th meeting. Mr. Searer then asked if any of the council members wanted to be on any specific committee.

Mr. Steele stated he wanted to be on the finance committee.

Mr. Hammond stated he would be on the finance committee.

Mr. A Wilson stated he would like to be on the fire committee.

Mr. B Wilson stated he would like to be on the streets committee.

Mr. Zimmerman stated the Calendar Year 2022 Budget was approved by council on December 30, 2021. Mr. Zimmerman stated the current council had the option to re-open the budget up and make changes if they desire. The budget would need to be closed then no later than February 15, 2022.

Mr. Zimmerman then brought up the Calendar Year 2022 Tax Resolution. Mr. Zimmerman stated this resolution was resolved at the December 30th meeting.

Mr. Zimmerman stated the AFSCME contract is still open. The next meeting is scheduled for January 27th at Noon. They have not offered a counter proposal.

Mr. Zimmerman stated the Wage & Salary Resolution draft is prepared but cannot be finalized until the AFSCME contract is completed.

Mr. Zimmerman stated the Cost & Fees Schedule will be discussed at the finance meeting. Mr. Zimmerman stated there are areas that need to be discussed like the cost for street excavation permits and increasing the gaming fees. Mr. Searer also asked about creating a third purchase level for refuse tags.

Mr. Zimmerman stated the sewer analysis is complete and rates will be going up a small amount. Mr. Zimmerman stated that would all be discussed at the finance meeting on January 27th.

Public Comments

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 PM.

(Vice) President, Lewistown Borough Council

(Seal)
ATTEST:

(Assistant) Borough Secretary

