

**WEST MIDDLESEX BOROUGH
RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Present: Robert F. Lark, Cynthia Gilkey, Melissa Merchant-Calvert and Ron Preston. Mayor Debra LaRouche was on conference call.

Others Present: Judge Mary Odem, Elected Official Eric Lucich, Solicitor Robert Tesone, Secretary/Treasurer Sandra DeSantis, Street Department Laborer Scott Haddox, Fire Chief Don Hoover, Tim Webster, Ray Lucich, John Horgos and Janet Horgos.

Swearing in of Council: Judge Mary Odem conducted the swearing in of Council's Oaths of Office for: Eric Lucich and Robert F. Lark. Mayor Debra LaRouche will be sworn in at a later date due to not being physically present. Solicitor Tesone stated that the swearing in must be conducted within thirty (30) days. Mayor LaRouche said she would comply accordingly.

Nomination and Election of Council President: Mr. Preston made a motion to retain Robert F. Lark as Council President. Mr. Lark asked if there was a second to the nomination. No one responded. Mr. Lark seconded the nomination. No one responded. Mr. Lark then asked if there were any other nominations. Eric Lucich made a motion to nominate Cynthia Gilkey as Council President, seconded by Mrs. Calvert. Mr. Lark asked if there were any other nominations. Mr. Lark said there will be a roll call vote. Mr. Preston voted for Mr. Lark, Mrs. Calvert voted for Cynthia Gilkey, Mr. Lark voted for himself, Ms. Gilkey voted for herself and Mr. Lucich voted for Ms. Gilkey.

Nomination and Election of Vice-President: President Cynthia Gilkey conducted the meeting and asked if there were any nominations for Vice-President. Eric Lucich nominated Mrs. Calvert who declined based on the fact she may not be with the Borough for an extended period of time. Mrs. Calvert nominated Robert Lark as Vice-President who declined the nomination. Ms. Gilkey nominated Eric Lucich as Vice-President, seconded by Mrs. Calvert. Roll Call: Mr. Preston – yes, Mr. Lark – yes, Ms. Gilkey – yes, Mrs. Calvert – yes, and Eric Lucich – yes.

Nomination and Election of Pro Tem: President Gilkey nominated Robert Lark who declined. Ms. Gilkey then nominated Ronald Preston who accepted, seconded by Mrs. Calvert. Roll Call: Mr. Preston-yes, Mrs. Calvert- yes, Mr. Lark- yes, Ms. Gilkey-yes and Vice-President Eric Lucich-yes.

Appointments of Committees & Board: President Gilkey and Solicitor Tesone discussed the time frames to Appoint Committees and Boards. Solicitor Tesone suggested tabling this issue until the meeting on January 21, 2020 for further discussions among council members on areas of interest.

Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. Engineers for 2020: Mr. Preston made a motion to accept, seconded by Mr. Lark with all in favor.

Black, Bashor & Porsch Auditors for 2020: Mr. Lark made a motion to accept, seconded by Mr. Preston with all in favor.

Solicitor Robert Tesone for 2020: Mrs. Calvert made a motion to accept, seconded by Mr. Lucich with all in favor.

President Gilkey asked if there was any other business, no one responded.

Adjournment @ 6:15 p.m.