Reorganization Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2014

Mayor Paul Farkas called the meeting to order. All members were present. Mr. Farkas reported that all residency affidavits had been received and the Oath of Office could now be administered to newly elected council members. Mr. Tom DeLuca, Mr. Bill Heaton and Mrs. Michelle McNeely were sworn in as council members.
Mayor Farkas requested nominations for President. Mr. Tate moved to nominate Tom DeLuca as President and was seconded by Ms. Harker. There were no other nominations. A roll-call vote passed the motion as follows: Mr. Bostek – yes; Mrs. McNeely – yes; Ms. Harker – yes; Mr. Little – yes; Mr. Heaton – yes; Mr. Tate – yes; Mr. DeLuca – yes.
Mayor Farkas requested nominations for Vice President. Ms. Harker moved to nominate Mr. Heaton, seconded by Mr. Little and Mr. DeLuca moved to nominate Mr. Bostek, seconded by Mr. Tate. A roll-call vote for Mr. Heaton's nomination results as followed: Mr. Bostek – no; Mrs. McNeely – yes; Ms. Harker – yes; Mr. Heaton – yes; Mr. Tate – no; Mr. DeLuca – no. Mr. Heaton was named Vice President of Council. Mayor Farkas congratulated the new officers and the meeting was then turned over to President-elect DeLuca.

Mr. DeLuca requested re-appointments to various positions. Ms. Harker moved to re-appoint Mrs. Lansberry as Borough Secretary and was seconded by Mr. Little. The motion passed unanimously.
Mr. Heaton moved to re-appoint Mr. Eakles and Mr. McNeely as street department employees and was seconded by Mr. Tate. A unanimous vote passed the motion.
Mr. Tate moved to re-appoint Cottrill Arbutina as the borough's auditing firm and was seconded by Mr. Little. The motion passed all in favor.
Mr. Bostek moved to re-appoint Widmer Engineering and was seconded by Mr. Tate. The motion passed all in favor.
Mr. Heaton moved to re-appoint Dawna Pella as code enforcement officer and was seconded by Ms. Harker. A unanimous vote passed the motion.
Mr. Tate moved to re-appoint Mr. Heaton as emergency management coordinator. Mr. Bostek seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.
Council members were given copies of the borough committee list and asked to indicate which committee they would be interested in serving. Mr. DeLuca and Mr. Heaton will assign the committees and have them ready for the next meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by a Little/Bostek motion. Mrs. Lansberry reported that the financial reports were not complete because the bank statements had not yet been received; but she could give an abbreviated report. Council opted to defer the December 2013 financial report to the February meeting so that the report would be complete.

Mr. Kevin Farkas gave a brief report on the status of the borough website and reminded council that pictures would be taken at the February meeting.

Old Business

Mr. Bostek – There has not been any action taken on the cable being placed across the dump site on Rock Avenue to prevent any further illegal dumping. We will get something together soon to solve this issue.

Mrs. McNeely – none
Ms. Harker – none
Mr. Little - none

Mr. Heaton – there has still been no response from Beaver Falls regarding the $1000.00 emergency management fee due to the Emergency Management fund. Mr. Heaton spoke with Mark Stowe and it will be taken care of. Mr. Heaton asked about the name change of Project Road. His suggestion is to keep with the current addressing and re-name it West 10th Avenue. Unfinished projects from last year were discussed and will be taken care of by various members.

Mayor Farkas – none
Mr. Tate – none
Mr. DeLuca - none

New Business

Mr. Bostek discussed the vandalism that occurred throughout the borough sometime around Christmas Eve. He has heard nothing from Beaver Falls. He reported that he learned of a group (Beaver County Crime Solvers) that offers rewards for information leading to arrests and will pursue that avenue if nothing is turned up by the police department.

Mrs. McNeely is planning to meet with Representative Marshall to learn about grant-writing so that the borough can apply for available money.

Ms. Harker – none

Mr. Little reported that on December 18th he received a call about sewage smell from a resident at 4708 West 5th Avenue. The fire department and borough employees flushed the lines and found no problem. The resident rents the property and was told to contact her landlord because the problem was not on borough property. He had talked with Ray Evans and learned that there is a hose with a cutting nozzle that would be quite beneficial. He will get some prices and bring them to the next meeting. There is still a parking problem on Jean Street.

Mr. Heaton reported that he and the street department employees are working on a sign list so that compliancy with state regulations can be met. The borough has approximately 85 signs and as they need replaced, the required specifications will be met. He will come up with a schedule.

Mr. Farkas received a complaint from a resident about a neighbor infringing upon her privacy. She was told to report that to the police.

Mr. Tate reported that a new modem was installed on the computer by Comcast.

Mr. DeLuca had a complaint from the West Mayfield Vets Club that the road was not being salted. Employees will take care of that.

Mr. McNeely asked if the borough insurance carrier could be contacted to see if the bucket truck would be covered under borough insurance if something happened. Mrs. Lansberry will look into that.

Motion to pay bills Little/Tate carried.
Motion to ratify purchases made by committees Little/Harker carried.

Ms. Harker moved to enter executive session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. Mr. Tate seconded the motion that was approved unanimously.

Following the executive session, Ms. Harker moved for adjournment at 8:05 pm and was seconded by Mr. Tate. The motion passed all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lansberry
Secretary