

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION PRESENTED

Borough Solicitor Megan Turnbull called for the Certificates of Election and Affidavits of Residency of all those elected to office November 2017. Borough Manager Lisa Jensen stated that the Certificates of Election and Affidavits of Residency from Carrie DelRosso, Patricia Friday, Justin Lokay, Leah Powers, and Christopher Whaley for four-year terms of office had been handed over to her or will be shortly and appeared to be in order.

SWEARING IN

Those newly elected to Oakmont Borough Council were asked to come forward and be sworn in. Solicitor Turnbull administered the Oath of Office to Carrie DelRosso, Patricia Friday, Justin Lokay, Leah Powers, and Christopher Whaley.

CALL TO ORDER

The Reorganization Meeting of Oakmont Borough Council was called to order at 7:07 PM by Mayor Christopher Whaley in the Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Whaley then asked Ms. Moore to call the Roll.

Present: Councilmembers Benusa, Coulter, DelRosso, Favo, Friday, Lokay, and Powers; Mayor Whaley; Solicitor Turnbull and Borough Manager Jensen

Visitors: Christian Baker, Sal Colella, Heather Copenhaver, Deidre Costello, Domenic DelRosso, Marc DelRosso, Mia DelRosso, Vincent DelRosso, Carl Hasselman, Nathan Hunsaker, Patty Hunsaker, Karcher Immekus, Krue Immekus, Chip Jenkins, Julie Krisinski, Tom Krusinski, Rosalie Krusinski, Jane Miller, Julia Mullen, Cole Quinio, Ben Rathfon, Jeremy Powers, Virginia Powers, Zachary Powers, and Wanda Young

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mayor Whaley announced that the floor was now open to accept nominations for the election of President of Oakmont Borough Council.

Mr. Favo nominated William Benusa for the office of Council President.

There being no other nominations for Council President, Mayor Whaley closed the nominations.

Mr. Favo offered a motion to nominate William Benusa for the office of Council President. Mrs. Friday seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

Mr. Benusa was elected Council President.

Next, Mayor Whaley announced that the floor was open to accept nominations for the office of Vice President of Oakmont Borough Council.

Mr. Lokay nominated Patricia Friday for the office of Vice President.

There being no other nominations for Council Vice President, Mayor Whaley closed the nominations.

Mr. Lokay offered a motion to nominate Patricia Friday for the office of Council Vice-President. Mr. Coulter seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

Mrs. Friday was elected Vice President of Council.

Council decided not to elect a President Pro Tempore of Council.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mayor Whaley handed the gavel over to President Benusa.

President Benusa thanked the other members of Council for their support.

REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Solicitor Reappointment – Mr. Favo offered a motion to reappoint the law firm of Goehring, Rutter & Boehm, Megan M. Turnbull as Borough Solicitor.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion. Mr. Lokay wanted to amend reappointment to state, for the term of two years or until replaced.

The motion passed 7 to 0, as amended.

Engineer Reappointment – Mr. Favo offered a motion to reappoint Senate Engineering and Amber Yon, P.E. as Borough Engineer for the term of two years or until replaced.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

Borough Treasurer – Mr. Coulter offered a motion to retain Mr. Fred Favo as Borough Treasurer for the term of two years or until replaced.

Mr. Lokay seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

Mrs. Friday offered a motion to confirm the reappointment of Borough Manager and Ex-Officio Borough Secretary, Lisa Jensen.

Mr. Lokay seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

Mr. Lokay offered a motion to confirm the reappointment of the Assistant Borough Manager and Assistant Secretary, Carol Moore.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

Resolution No. R1-2018, Extending By-Laws – Mr. Coulter offered Resolution No. R1-2018, and moved for its adoption, a resolution readopting and extending the by-laws and approval and adoption thereof.

Mrs. Friday seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

President Benusa declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 81, as **Resolution No. R1-2018**.

Resolution No. R2-2018, Executing Vouchers – Mr. Favio offered Resolution No. R2-2018, and moved for its adoption, a resolution authorizing the proper officers to execute checks, vouchers, drafts or warrants.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

President Benusa declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 82, as **Resolution No. R2-2018**.

Resolution No. R3-2018, Approval of Warrants – Mrs. Friday offered Resolution No. R3-2018, and moved for its adoption, a resolution authorizing the approval of warrants prior to or between Regular Meetings.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

President Benusa declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 83, as **Resolution No. R3-2018**.

Resolution No. R4-2018, Official Publications – Mrs. DelRosso offered Resolution No. R4-2018, and moved for its adoption, a resolution designating The Valley News Dispatch, The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review and The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette as the official organs for publication of all required notices for the Borough of Oakmont.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

President Benusa declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 84, as **Resolution No. R4-2018**.

Resolution No. R5-2018, Appointing Depositories – Mr. Lokay offered Resolution No. R5-2018, and moved for its adoption, a resolution appointing PNC Bank, N. A. and the Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania, as the depositories for the funds of the Borough of Oakmont, for the term expiring on the First Monday of January 2019, and continuing thereafter until their successor or successors are duly appointed and qualified, and making other provisions relative thereto.

Mr. Coulter seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

President Benusa declared the resolution adopted. Recorded in Ordinance Book Volume 33, Page 85, as **Resolution No. R5-2018**.

Manager Jensen read aloud the Chapter 33, Article IV, Section 33-20 of *The Code of the Borough of Oakmont* to clarify the earlier motions of reappointment.

STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

President Benusa assigned Council Liaison positions to current Council members as follows:

- Public Works liaison was assigned to Mr. Favo.
- Public Safety liaison was assigned to Mr. Coulter.
- Planning and Administration liaison was assigned to Mrs. Friday.
- Finance and Technology liaison was assigned to Mr. Lokay.
- Education and Culture liaison was assigned to Mrs. DelRosso.
- Environment and Parks was assigned to Mrs. Powers.

Mr. Lokay pointed out a possible conflict of interest issue regarding Mrs. DelRosso and her position as the Marketing Consultant for Riverview School District. He was concerned Mrs. DelRosso had a professional relationship with Riverview School District for public relations work and it would be a conflict as the Council liaison.

Solicitor Turnbull said she would assist Mrs. DelRosso with any conflict issues as they arise.

Cedar Way – Mr. Lokay addressed Council with a new proposal to alleviate traffic issues along Cedar Way.

President Benusa believed that Wooster and Associates, who will be performing the traffic study of the area for the Borough, should be aware of Mr. Lokay's proposal. President Benusa wanted Manager Jensen to arrange for Wooster and Associates to appear as Registered Speakers and add the motion of Mr. Lokay's Cedar Way proposal for the January 15th Regular Meeting Agenda.

Mr. Lokay inquired into the \$30,000 allotted for the Creekside parking lot in the 2018 Budget. Mr. Benusa clarified that this would be used for possible drainage issues and not actual paving.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Cedar Way – Mr. Ben Rathfon was encouraged by Mr. Lokay's Cedar Way proposal. He also wanted to see the data produced by the traffic study.

Mr. Sal Colella wanted Council to be aware of any consequences to any more changes to Cedar Way traffic pattern.

MISCELLANEOUS

President Benusa said that Council would adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct that evening, Mr. Coulter moved to adjourn. Mrs. Friday seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Moore
Assistant Borough Manager