

**Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held January 4, 2016
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA**

The reorganization meeting of the Marietta Borough Council convened at 7:00 PM, Monday, January 4, 2016 in the Marietta Borough Council Chambers, 113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA 17547. In attendance were Council member Foreman and Mayor Vegso.

Mayor Vegso called the meeting to order and before we get the swearing in he announced that he swore in two new Fire Police Larry Smeal and Jaryid Maldonado and they play an important role. If anyone knows any other potential volunteers we always need more. We had a moment of silence and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Vegso stated that he hopes we have a good new year and if we choose to have a good new year we will, we are in charge. He is optimistic but also recognizes the realities and challenges that we face. We expect a variety of opinions and priorities amongst council members and expect the same from the public. We can all strive to be courteous, civil, respectful and professional when we discuss and argue on what needs to be done. Also he wanted to remind the citizens to get involved with their community.

Mayor Vegso administered the oath of office to the following Council members:

Sharon L. Renninger	Bridey Hannold	Glen Mazis
Marcus S. Snow	Harold V. Kulman	Leah Nagle

Mayor Vegso opened nominations from Council for Borough Council President. On a motion by Council member Snow, nominated Sharon Renninger. Mayor Vegso asked for a vote. Sharon Renninger was unanimously appointed as President of Borough Council.

Mayor Vegso opened nominations from Council for Borough Council Vice-President. On a motion by Council member Snow, nominated Harold Kulman. Council member Foreman, nominated Bridey Hannold. Mayor Vegso asked for a roll call vote for Harold Kulman. Harold Kulman was appointed by majority as Vice-President of Borough Council.

Council Member Foreman – nay	Council Member Snow – aye
Council Member Nagle – aye	Council Member Mazis – aye
Council Member Hannold – aye	Council Member Renninger - aye

Mayor Vegso opened nominations from Council for Chairman Pro-Tem. On a motion by Council member Mazis, nominated Bridey Hannold. Council member Hannold nominated Steve Foreman. Mayor Vegso asked for a roll call vote. Bridey Hannold was unanimously appointed as Chairman Pro-Tem of Borough Council.

Council Member Kulman – aye	Council Member Mazis – aye
Council Member Renninger – aye	Council Member Snow – aye
Council Member Nagle – aye	Council Member Foreman - aye

President Renninger stated that she appreciates everyone's confidence in her and she has learned a lot in the past two years and especially the last three months. She ran a campaign based on TOP (Transparency, Organization and Professionalism). One thing she wants to start with is Transparency;

every elected official is committed to sharing information with the community. Another thing she has looked into is how we can better communicate with the community. Hopefully in the near future you will see some of this evidence. Organization, that is one of the reasons we are here this evening. Tonight's meeting is a reorganization meeting of Council but beyond that we need to improve the organization and function of the Borough and this includes Council and Staff. Going back to Transparency the Borough falls short in some areas. However the people seated up here are dedicated in getting to a more organized level. They are already working on a stand-alone Flood Ordinance, A subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, and completing our revision of our Zoning Ordinance. We are mandated from Federal, State and County levels to review and approve these important Ordinances. Professionalism, each person seated up here brings with them a level of professionalism that they have learned in both their careers and in the community. Working with these individuals she found that they have respect for each other even when they have a difference of opinions. Each brings skills and talents, weaknesses and strengths to positions on Council. At this time our most tenured members have only two years' experience on Council. A common strength on this Council is a desire to learn more and be responsible leaders in our community. A second strength that we have is to protect and enhance Marietta. The town we live in and love. She is really proud to work with these individuals.

President Renninger stated the committee chairs will be as follows:

Parks & Recreation – Marcus Snow – 2nd Chair – Steve Foreman
Streets & Highways – Bridey Hannold – 2nd Chair – Marcus Snow
Housing/Zoning/Planning – Glen Mazis – 2nd Chair – Leah Nagle
Sewer & Trash – Steve Forman – 2nd Chair – Harold Kulman
Public Health & Safety – Harold Kulman – 2nd Chair – Bridey Hannold
Property & Special Projects – Leah Nagle – 2nd Chair – Glen Mazis
Administration/Personnel – Sharon Renninger – other chairs, Steve Foreman – Glen Mazis
Finance Committee – Sharon Renninger - other chairs, Harold Kulman – Marcus Snow
Fire Committee – Sharon Renninger – other chairs, Raymond Vegso – Harold Kulman
Flood Control Committee – Sharon Renninger - other chairs, Raymond Vegso- Marcus Snow

Council member Mazis made the following nominations with a second by Council member Snow for the following appointments:

- ❖ Harold Kulman - alternate Commissioner to the Susquehanna Regional Police Department
- ❖ Michael W. Davis, Barley, Snyder, Senft, Cohen, LLC. - Borough Solicitor
- ❖ Darrell Becker, ARRO Consulting Group - Borough Engineer
- ❖ Sager, Swisher & Company - Borough Auditor
- ❖ Mark Harman - Zoning Officer
- ❖ Harold Ebersole – Housing Officer
- ❖ Mark Harman - Deputy Housing Officer
- ❖ Susquehanna Regional Police – Code Enforcement Officer
- ❖ Harold Ebersole – Deputy Code Enforcement Officer
- ❖ Steve Mohr – Animal Enforcement Officer
- ❖ George Syder, Commonwealth Code Inspectors – Building Code Official

President Renninger announced the motion carried unanimously.

President Renninger stated that the Vacancy Board Chair has two people interested, Rick Thomas and

Chris Barton.

Council member Hannold made a motion to nominate Rick Thomas on the Vacancy Board Chair with a second by Council member Kulman.

Glen Mazis nominated Chris Barton to the Vacancy Board Chair.

President Renninger called for a roll call vote for Rick Thomas to the Vacancy Board Chair.

Council Member Foreman – aye	Council Member Snow – aye
Council Member Nagle – aye	Council Member Kulman – aye
Council Member Mazis – aye	Council Member Hannold – aye
President Renninger - nay	

Rick Thomas was appointed by majority as the Vacancy Board Chair.

President Renninger stated the next appointment will be to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 3 year term.

Council member Snow nominated Deane Portner. Deane Portner was unanimously approved.

President Renninger stated that we have a 1 year term to the Marietta-Donnegal Joint Authority this is usually the chair of the Sewer and Trash Committee.

Council member Snow nominated Steve Foreman. Steve Forman was unanimously approved.

President Renninger stated that we have a 3 year term to the Housing Hearing Board. Council member Mazis nominated Lynn Brunfield. Lynn Brunfield was unanimously approved.

President Renninger stated that we have two four year terms open. We have three people that are interested and they are Ken Gall, Ed Stellfox and Linda Ross.

Council member Hannold nominated Ken Gall and Linda Ross.

Council member Snow nominated Ed Stellfox.

President Renninger asked for a roll call vote for Ken Gall.

Council Member Foreman – aye	Council Member Snow – aye
Council Member Nagle – aye	Council Member Kulman – aye
Council Member Mazis – aye	Council Member Hannold – aye
President Renninger – aye	

President Renninger asked for a roll call vote for Linda Ross.

Council Member Foreman – nay	Council Member Snow – nay
Council Member Nagle – aye	Council Member Kulman – aye
Council Member Mazis – aye	Council Member Hannold – aye
President Renninger – aye	

Ken Gall was unanimously approved and Linda Ross was approved by majority for the Planning

Commission.

There being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Council member Hannold, with a second by Council member Kulman the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Borough Secretary/Treasurer