

Summit Hill Borough Council
January 4, 2016, 7:00 p.m. Borough Hall

The reorganization meeting of the Summit Hill Borough Council was held at the above time and place with Mayor Paul McArdle presiding.

Roll Call – Karen Ruzicka, Greg Kosciolk, John O’Gurek, Mike Kokinda, William O’Gurek, David Wargo, Mayor Paul McArdle were all present. Bill Chapman and Solicitor Michael Greek were absent.

Mayor Paul McArdle asked for nominations for President of Council. **Motion was made by John O’Gurek and second by David Wargo to appoint Mike Kokinda as Summit Hill Borough Council President for the year 2016.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Mayor McArdle turned the meeting over to President Mike Kokinda.

President Mike Kokinda asked for nominations for Vice-President of Council. **Motion was made by David Wargo and second by William O’Gurek to appoint John O’Gurek as Summit Hill Council Vice-President for the year 2016.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Yearly Appointments

1. **Motion was made William O’Gurek and second by John O’Gurek to appoint Bill Chapman as the President Pro Temp, who presides over Council when both the President and Vice-President are absent.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.
2. **Motion was made by John O’Gurek and second by Greg Kosciolk to retain Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank and PLGIT as the depositories for the Borough Funds.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.
3. **Motion was made by William O’Gurek and second by John O’Gurek to appoint Mike Greek as the Borough’s Solicitor at a rate of \$100.00 per hour.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.
4. **Motion was made by David Wargo and second by John O’Gurek to appoint Carbon Engineering as the Borough’s Consulting Engineer.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.
5. **Motion was made by David Wargo and second by John O’Gurek to appoint Joseph Fittos Jr. as the Borough’s Chief of Police.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.
6. **Motion was made by John O’Gurek and second by Greg Kosciolk to appoint Shawn Hoben as the Borough’s Fire Chief at a rate of \$400.00 per year.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.
7. **Motion was made by David Wargo and second by John O’Gurek to appoint Kevin Steber as the Borough’s Emergency Management Coordinator at a rate of \$300.00 per year.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.
8. **Motion was made by William O’Gurek and second by John O’Gurek to appoint William Kirklosky as the Borough’s Zoning Officer and Rental Inspector at a rate of \$17.00 per hour.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

9. **Motion was made by William O’Gurek and second by David Wargo to appoint Scott Bieber as the Borough’s Sewage Enforcement Officer for 2016 with the rates staying the same as 2015.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.
10. **Motion was made by Greg Kosciolek and second by John O’Gurek to appoint William Brior as the Sewage Enforcement Officer alternate for 2016 with the rates staying the same as 2015.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.
11. **Motion was made by John O’Gurek and second by Greg Kosciolek to appoint Michael Garfield as the Zoning Hearing Board and Planning Commission Solicitor at a rate of \$65.00 per hour.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.
12. **Motion was made by William O’Gurek and second by Greg Kosciolek to appoint Lehigh Engineering as the Borough’s Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Officers.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment, none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.
13. **Motion was made by Greg Kosciolek and second by David Wargo to appoint William O’Gurek as Delegate to the Carbon County Tax Collection Committee.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.
14. **Motion was made by William O’Gurek and second by Greg Kosciolek to appoint John O’Gurek as Alternate Delegate to the Carbon County Tax Collection Committee.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Expiring Terms

1. Council received a letter of resignation from Dave Wargo to resign from the Civil Service Commission due to his current position on Council. **Motion was made by John O’Gurek and second by William O’Gurek to accept the letter of resignation from David Wargo from the Civil Service Commission.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. David Wargo abstained.
2. Summit Hill Water Authority - Mike Kokinda stated that five letters of interest were received for the Water Authority Board. Letters received were from Louis Alexander, Brian Yusella, Joseph Kosalko, William Kirklosky and David McAndrew, Jr. **Motion was made by David Wargo and second by John O’Gurek to appoint Joseph Kosalko to the Summit Hill Water Authority for a 5 year term with the term expiring December 31, 2020.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. A roll call vote was taken.

Karen Ruzicka	Yes
Greg Kosciolek	No
William O’Gurek	No
David Wargo	Yes
Vice President John O’Gurek	Yes
President Michael Kokinda	No

Roll call vote ended in a tie. The motion was turned over to Mayor Paul McArdle to break the tie. Mayor McArdle feels that there are others that would be better for the position and voted no for Joseph Kosalko. Motion failed to appoint Joseph Kosalko to the Summit Hill Water Authority. Mike Kokinda asked if there were any other nominations for the Water Authority. **Motion was made by William O’Gurek and second by Greg Kosciolek to appoint David McAndrew, Jr. to the Summit Hill Water Authority for a 5 year term with the term expiring December 31, 2020.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. A roll call vote was taken.

Karen Ruzicka	No
Greg Kosciolek	Yes
William O’Gurek	Yes

David Wargo	No
Vice President John O'Gurek	No
President Michael Kokinda	Yes

Roll call vote ended in a tie. The motion was turned over to Mayor Paul McArdle to break the tie. Mayor McArdle voted yes for David McAndrew, Jr. Motion to appoint David McAndrew, Jr. to the Summit Hill Water Authority for a 5 year term with the term expiring December 31, 2020 passed. Motion was again opened to the floor for comment; no further comments were made. Motion carried by majority vote.

3. CLSH Sewer Authority - Mike Kokinda stated that one letter of interest was received from Marc Collevechio. **Motion was made by William O'Gurek and second by Greg Kosciolek to appoint Marc Collevechio to the Coaldale, Lansford, Summit Hill Sewer Authority for a 5 year term with the term expiring December 31, 2020.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.
4. Zoning Hearing Board - Mike Kokinda stated that one letter of interest was received from Darryl Cunfer. **Motion was made by David Wargo and second by Karen Ruzicka to appoint Darryl Cunfer to the Summit Hill Zoning Hearing Board for a 3 year term with the term expiring December 31, 2018.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.
5. Planning Commission - Mike Kokinda stated that one letter of interest was received from James Holmes. **Motion was made by John O'Gurek and second by Greg Kosciolek to appoint James Holmes to the Summit Hill Planning Commission for a 3 year term with the term expiring December 31, 2018.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.
6. Appeals Board - Mike Kokinda stated that one letter of interest was received from James Holmes. **Motion was made by John O'Gurek and second by Greg Kosciolek to appoint James Holmes to the Borough's Appeals Board for a 3 year term with the term expiring December 31, 2018.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.
7. Civil Service Commission - Mike Kokinda stated that one letter of interest was received from Stanley Karnish. **Motion was made by John O'Gurek and second by Greg Kosciolek to appoint Stanley Karnish to the Borough's Civil Service Commission for a 6 year term with the term expiring on December 31, 2021.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.
8. Recreation Commission - Mike Kokinda stated that four letters of interest were received for the Recreation Commission. Letters received were from Delores McAndrew, Amber Zuber, Michele Midas and Jamie Shelton. **Motion was made by Greg Kosciolek and second by John O'Gurek to appoint Delores "Jodi" McAndrew to the Summit Hill Recreation Commission for a 2 year term with the term expiring December 31, 2017.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council. **Motion was made by John O'Gurek and second by Karen Ruzicka to appoint Amber Zuber to the Summit Hill Recreation Commission for a 2 year term with the term expiring December 31, 2017.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council. **Motion was made by John O'Gurek and second by Greg Kosciolek to appoint Michele Midas to the Summit Hill Recreation Commission for a 2 year term with the term expiring December 31, 2017.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council. **Motion was made by John O'Gurek and second by David Wargo to appoint Jamie Shelton to the Summit Hill Recreation Commission for a 2 year term with the term expiring December 31, 2017.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

New Business -

1. Police Contract - Mike Kokinda said that a motion is needed to ratify a contract between the Borough and the Police Department. **Motion was made by David Wargo and second by Greg Kosciolk to ratify the contract between the Summit Hill Borough and Summit Hill Police Department with the contract period being January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2019.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.
2. Borough Secretary/Treasurer Contract - Mike Kokinda said a motion is needed to ratify a contract between the Borough and the Secretary/Treasurer. **Motion was made by John O'Gurek and second by William O'Gurek to ratify the contract between the Summit Hill Borough and Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Kira Steber, with the contract period being January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2019.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Motion was made by John O'Gurek and second by William O'Gurek to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on January 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.



Mike Kokinda
Council President



Kira Steber
Secretary/Treasurer