

Lansdowne Borough Council  
Reorganization/Business Meeting

January 6, 2020

**APPROVED MINUTES**

The Lansdowne Borough Council Reorganization/Business Meetings were held on Monday, January 6, 2020, 7:00 p.m. at the 20th Century Club. Council members present: Ms. Byrne, Ms. English, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hover, Ms. James, Mr. Schleigh and Ms. Taylor. Also present: Mayor Campuzano, Borough Manager Totaro, Borough Secretary Henry, Borough Solicitor Scott and Police Chief Donegan.

Mayor Campuzano called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor then individually swore in the following Borough Council members: Mr. Benjamin Hover, Ms. Tangela James and Ms. Sinoe Naji-Taylor.

The Mayor called for nominations for Borough Council President.

**Mr. Schleigh moved to nominate Benjamin Hover as Borough Council President. Ms. Byrne seconded. Vote: unanimous.**

President Hover called for nominations for Borough Council Vice President.

**Ms. Byrne moved to nominate herself as Borough Council Vice President. Mr. Hover seconded. Vote: unanimous.**

President Hover moved to amend the agenda to include a nomination for Council President Pro Tem. Ms. Byrne seconded. Vote: unanimous.

**President Hover moved to nominate Janet English as President Pro Tem. Ms. Byrne seconded. Vote: unanimous.**

**New Business:**

1. **Resolution 2020-01.** This relates to Council Committees and the Conduct of Council Business. President Hover amended agenda item 6 under Infrastructure to reflect Tangela James as a member instead of Janet English. This resolution also sets up the liaisons between other community groups, e.g. Allied Youth Council, School Board, Civil Service Commissions and Library Board of Directors. The resolution also shows an organizational chart of borough entities and which committees they fall under. Ms. Byrne asked if Ms. English's appointment as Library liaison would follow her or stay in the Community Relations Committee. President

Hover commented the change reflects a desire to more evenly spread out the duties to avoid overburdening Council members and Ms. English has experience with library functions.

2. **Resolution 2020-02.** This relates to Borough Boards and Commissions and the Conduct of Borough Business. It gives operating procedures for how Council members interact with Boards and Commissions and also how Boards and Commissions conduct business. In addition, it allows, along with Resolution 2020-01, establishing protocols for communications with residents to allow as much civic engagement as possible.

President Hover moved to Suspend Roberts Rules of Order. Ms. Byrne seconded. Vote: unanimous.

1. Charlotte Hummel - resident. In her capacity as Chair of the Lansdowne Democratic Party, Ms. Hummel commented that in lieu of holding the traditional reception following reorganization meetings in the past, the Party has donated \$200 (the cost of the reception) to the Lansdowne Symphony Orchestra. Ms. Hummel congratulated all elected and re-elected Council members as well as paid borough staff and thanked everyone for their continued commitment to Lansdowne.

Mr. Holt moved to Reinstate Roberts Rules of Order. Ms. Byrne seconded. Vote: unanimous.

**Action Items:**

1. Motion to appoint the following:

**Robert W. Scott, Borough Solicitor** - Mr. Hover made the motion, Ms. Byrne seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**Brian Lee, Borough Engineer** - Mr. Hover made the motion, Ms. English seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**Susanne McElroy, Vacancy Board Chair** - Mr. Hover made the motion, Ms. Byrne seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**Barbara Ann Henry, Borough Secretary** - Mr. Hover made the motion, Ms. English seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**Ellen Lustgarten, Borough Treasurer** - Mr. Hover made the motion, Ms. Byrne seconded and the vote was unanimous.

2. Mr. Hover moved to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2019 Meeting of Borough Council. Ms. Byrne seconded. Vote: unanimous.

3. Mr. Hover moved to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2019 public hearing for the Borough's 2020 CDBG application. Ms. English seconded. Vote: unanimous.

4. Mr. Hover moved to approve bills for the period. Ms. Byrne seconded. Vote: unanimous.

5. Mr. Hover moved to adopt Resolution 2020-01 establishing Council Committees, liaisons, and protocols. Ms. Byrne seconded. Vote: unanimous.

6. Mr. Hover moved to adopt Resolution 2020-02 regarding authority and process for Borough Boards and Commissions. Ms. Byrne seconded. Vote: unanimous.

7. Mr. Hover moved to adopt Resolution 2020-03 regarding the Borough's CDBG application. Ms. Byrne seconded. Vote: unanimous.

Action item #8 regarding 2020 Council Committee meetings was tabled by President Hover until the January Borough Council general meeting. Ms. Byrne asked if she could still hold the Community Relations Committee meeting tomorrow night. Mr. Scott noted that because the meeting was not yet advertised for 2020, no meeting could be held.

President Hover expressed to Council that he looked forward to working with them in his new role, believes Council has the opportunity to continue the hard work performed over the years and they will continue to move toward having a community that values its green and arts spaces.

**Adjourn** - Ms. Byrne moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. English seconded. Vote: unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Ann Henry  
Borough Secretary