The reorganization and regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of East Rochester was held Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lacock Dwellings Community Center, East Rochester, PA.

Meeting was called to order and Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: John Drumm, Joseph Seminick, James Simon, David Wagner and George Davies

ALSO, PRESENT: Solicitor Paul Steff, Jeff Frye, Sgt. Dawn Shane, Mike Stuban from Baden Borough council

ABSENT: Mayor Bob Knox

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: At this time, in the absence of Mayor Knox, Solicitor Paul Steff gave the Loyalty Oath to John Drumm and George Davies as council members.

Vice President James Simon proceeded to accept nominations for President of Council. Joseph Seminick nominated John Drumm. John Drumm nominated James Simon, who declined. There being no further nominations for council president a roll call vote was taken with Mr. Drumm abstaining from the vote and Mr. Drumm was elected Council President.

Mr. Drumm nominated James Simon for Council Vice President. The nomination was seconded by Joseph Seminick. There being no further nominations, a roll call vote was taken with Mr. Simon abstaining from the vote and James Simon was elected Council Vice President.

Mr. Drumm made motion to retain Paul Steff as Borough Solicitor. Mr. Simon seconded and by way of roll call vote, all in favor, Paul Steff was retained as Borough Solicitor.

Mr. Drumm made motion to retain Jeffrey Frye of Michael Baker International as Borough Engineer. Mr. Seminick seconded. By way of roll call vote, all in favor, Mr. Frye was retained as Borough Engineer.

Mr. Drumm said he will have list of committee appointments ready for February meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Seminick to retain Tito Yaccich as head of Emergency Management, together with Michael Mammone and Wesley Hill. Mr. Drumm seconded. By way of roll call vote, all in favor and motion was carried.

At this time the reorganization meeting was adjourned and council began the regular meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

CITIZENS REPORT: At this time Mike Stuban of Baden Borough council introduced himself and indicated that he was on the committee for the Regional Police. He indicated that the committee would be interested in discussing with the borough the possibility of joining the Regional Police once our current contract for police protection expires. Mr. Drumm indicated that council would discuss in

the near future the options for police protection and thanked Mr. Stuban for his interest.

At this time Mr. Drumm asked Mr. Steff about sitting down with the Mayor and Sgt. Shane to discuss a proposal for a new contract with Rochester Borough.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Mr. Drumm asked for motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Simon made motion to accept minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Seminick seconded. By way of roll call vote, all in favor of accepting the prior month's meeting minutes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Secretary presented engagement letter received from Michael Baker International to provide services for 2024. A motion was made by Mr. Seminick and seconded by Mr. Simon to accept the engagement letter from Michael Baker International for 2024 services. By way of roll call vote, all in favor and motion was carried. Secretary will sign on behalf of Borough and forward executed engagement letter to Mr. Frye.

MAYOR and POLICE: Sgt. Shane read the police report. There were 70 calls for service in December, 2 arrests and 1 traffic citation. During the year 2023, there were 822 calls for service.

Sgt. Shane indicated that the camera at the plaza is operating.

STREETS & SEWERS: At this time, Secretary opened the bids that had been received regarding sale of the 2006 Dump Truck. The first bid of $6,210.00 was received from Mark Guadino. The second bid of $18,000 was received from Cody Kusluch. Mr. Steff presented Resolution 1-3-24 authorizing the sale of the Borough's 2006 Ford F-450 Diesel Truck to the best responsible bidder. Mr. Wagner made motion to adopt Resolution 1-3-24 and approve the sale of the borough truck to the highest bidder, namely, Mr. Kusluch for the amount of $18,000. Mr. Davies seconded. By way of roll call vote, all in favor and motion was carried. Secretary will notify Mr. Kusluch.

Mr. Seminick indicated that at the bottom of the steps at Lacock Dwellings the work done by Beaver Falls Municipal Water Authority is sinking in the area that they patched. Secretary to contact Beaver Falls Municipal Water Authority.

Mr. Seminick also mentioned that the bottom of Curtland there are ruts in the roadway that are being caused by Brunner Refuse trucks.

BUILDING PERMITS: No permits issued. Mr. Steff indicated that the Borough's adoption of the IPMC Code is current. Mr. McGuire has started as code enforcement officer.

FINANCE & BUDGET TAX REPORT: Tax collection for December $488.57; tax commission $24.43; Total bills paid $26,095.40; Payroll (December 7 to January 3) $3,480.00; Pennvest January payment $1,024.95; Collection from Rochester Area Joint Sewer Authority for months of September, October and November $12,639.16.

Mr. Wagner made motion to pay tax collector's commission. Mr. Seminick seconded. By way of roll call vote, all in favor and motion was carried.

Mr. Wagner made motion to pay bills. Mr. Davies seconded. By way of roll call vote, all in favor and motion was carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No report received.

SOLICITOR, ORDINANCE & LITIGATION: Progress.

BOROUGH ENGINEER: No report.

RECREATION: Progress.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Progress

NEW BUSINESS: Progress

Mr. Simon made motion to adjourn. Mr. Wagner seconded. By way of roll call vote, all in favor and motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

Janice Dunn, Borough Secretary/Treasurer