Hawley Borough Council Reorganization Meeting

January 2, 2024 6:45 pm

94 Main Avenue

 Present from Council were Councilpersons Dougherty, Faubel, Hawk, Herzog, Monaghan, and Rojas. Councilperson Mead was present via zoom due to illness. Also present were Mayor Nichols, Chief Drake, Director of Public Works Mead, and Secretary Racht. Present from the public was Peter Becker of TriCounty Independent. Mayor Nichols began the meeting with a salute to the flag.

Mayor Nichols took nominations for President. Councilperson Rojas nominated Councilperson Faubel. Councilperson Herzog nominated Councilperson Monaghan. Motion: made by Councilperson Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Monaghan, and passed unanimously to close the nominations. By roll call: Monaghan: 4 yes, Faubel: 3 yes.

President Monaghan took nominations for Vice President. Councilperson Dougherty nominated Councilperson Herzog. Councilperson Faubel nominated Councilperson Rojas. Motion: made by Councilperson Herzog, seconded by Councilperson Dougherty, and passed unanimously to close the nominations. By roll call: Herzog: 4 yes, Rojas 3 yes.

President Monaghan took nominations for Pro Tem. Councilperson Rojas nominated Councilperson Faubel. Vice President nominated Councilperson Dougherty. Dougherty: 4 yes, Faubel: 3 yes.

Appointments:

Solicitor: Robert Bernathy. Alternatives discussed to check for rates and availability: Brendan Ellis and Tony Magnotta.

Engineer: President Monaghan noted that the current primary engineer was Reilly with Kiley as alternate. Councilperson Rojas recommended keeping that order for 2024. Motion: made by Vice President Herzog to vote by roll call. Councilperson Hawk asked if the engineer could be appointed per project. Solicitor Bernathy was not present to ask so it was decided that the discussion be tabled until the January 10 meeting. Vice President Herzog withdrew her motion.

Grant Consultant: Motion: made by Councilperson Rojas to reappoint Jim Martin.

Zoning/Building/Rental: SFM reappointed.

Code Enforcement: Ralph Bolinger reappointed.

Newspaper of Record: TriCounty Independent reappointed.

Zoning Hearing Board: Reappointed: Tim Tyre, Matthew Smith, PJ Dougherty, and Ed Ahern as alternate.

Vacancy Board: This is Council plus one registered voter in the borough. Motion: made by President Monaghan, seconded by Councilperson Dougherty, and passed with six yes to appoint Nevah Dougherty to the Vacancy Board. Councilperson Dougherty abstained.

Liaisons: Reappoint the same as in 2023: PHP is Vice President Herzog with Mary Sanders as alternate. Park liaison is Councilperson Dougherty. Planning liaison is Councilperson Mead.

Council Committees: Streets and Roads: Monaghan, Hawk

Personnel: Dougherty, Herzog, Hawk

Grants: Rojas, Mead

Finance: Faubel, Herzog

Building: Mead

Landlord/Tenant: Mead, Dougherty

Police: Herzog, Faubel, Dougherty

Motion: made by Councilperson Faubel, seconded by Councilperson Dougherty, and passed unanimously to adjourn the reorganization meeting. The time was 7:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Racht, Hawley Borough Secretary