

Meeting Minutes
State College Borough Council
January 3, 2006

OATH OF OFFICE

President Judge Charles C. Brown, Jr., administered the Oath of Office to the newly-elected Council members and the Mayor:

Ronald Filippelli, Council Member
Elizabeth A. Goreham, Council Member
Donald M. Hahn, Council Member
Bill Welch, Mayor

Following the swearing-in, Mayor Welch called the meeting of the 2006-2008 Council to order.

Present: Bill Welch, Mayor
Thomas E. Daubert
Catherine G. Dauler
Ronald Filippelli
Elizabeth A. Goreham
Donald M. Hahn
Craig R. Humphrey
Jeffrey R. Kern

Also present: Thomas J. Fountaine, Borough Manager; Terry J. Williams, Borough Solicitor; Carl R. Hess, Director of Planning; Herman L. Slaybaugh, Zoning Officer/Planner; Amy J. Story, Borough Engineer; Mark A. Whitfield, Director of Public Works, Mark S. Henry, Health Officer; Thomas R. King, Chief of Police; Michele Nicolas, Director of Human Resources, Rita Fittro, Planner, Lu Hoover, Planner, Joanne Lopinsky, Assistant Zoning Officer; Cynthia S. Hanscom, Assistant Borough Secretary; members of the media; and other interested members of the public.

Mr. Welch began with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Organization of the 2006-2008 Council

Election of a President. Mr. Welch called for nominees for the position of Council President. Mr. Humphrey nominated Ms. Goreham. Mr. Daubert nominated Ms. Dauler. There being no further nominations for Council President. Mr. Welch closed the nominations.

On the nomination for Ms. Goreham for Council President, the vote was 3-4-0, with Mr. Kern, Mr. Daubert, Mr. Filippelli, and Ms. Dauler opposed. The nomination failed.

On the nomination for Ms. Dauler for Council President, the vote was 6-1-0, with Mr. Hahn opposed. The nomination was approved.

Public Hour. There were no members of the public that wished to speak.

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Mayor's Report. Mr. Welch noted that, as he begins his thirteenth year as Mayor, he hoped to keep doing as he had in the previous 12 years, which was to insure that the Borough conduct public business in the open and be welcoming to the citizenry. He hoped to continue to maintain a civil dialogue on civic matters. He realized controversial matters can be emotional and difficult, but decisions should be made with reason over emotion to solve problems. He was pleased to be serving for another four years.

Staff/Committee Reports. On behalf of the staff, Mr. Fountaine congratulated the incoming Council and thanked the outgoing Council members for their service.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia S. Hanscom
Assistant Borough Secretary