

Council of the Municipality of Murrysville held its Reorganizational Meeting on Thursday, January 2, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Present at the meeting were Council members Toni Brockway, Dayne Dice, Loren Kase, Jamie Lee Korn, Mac McKenna, Tony Spadaro, and Carl Stepanovich. Also present were Mayor Regis Synan, Chief Administrator, James Morrison, Finance Director, Diane Heming, Public Works and Parks Director, Bill Paiano, Director of Recreation, Carly Greene, and Solicitor, George Kotjarapoglus,

Prior to the start of the Council meeting, Westmoreland County Judge Rita Hathaway, administered the oath of office to the following:

Regis J. Synan, Mayor  
Jamie Lee Korn – Council Member  
Mac McKenna – Council Member  
Tony Spadaro – Council Member

### **REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Synan called to order the Reorganizational Meeting of Thursday, January 2, 2020.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Synan led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Dan Lawrence welcomed the new council and leaders and offered a word of prayer and invocation.

**DETERMINATION OF VOTING ORDER – ROLL CALL:** Verdale Price determined the voting order and called the roll: Dr. Lee Korn, Mr. Kase, Mr. Spadaro, Mr. Dice, Mr. Stepanovich, Mr. McKenna, Ms. Brockway, and Mayor Synan.

#### **ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS:**

##### **4.A. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:**

Dr. Lee Korn nominated Loren Kase for President of Council. Mr. Spadaro nominated Dayne Dice for President of Council. Hearing no further nominations, Mayor Synan closed the nominations.

Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Korn – Loren Kase, Mr. Kase – Loren Kase, Mr. Spadaro – Dayne Dice, Mr. Dice – Dayne Dice, Mr. Stepanovich – Dayne Dice, Mr. McKenna – Dayne Dice, and Ms. Brockway – Loren Kase. End tally was 4 votes for Dayne Dice and 3 votes for Loren Kase.

Dayne Dice was elected President of Council for the Municipality of Murrysville for the Year 2020.

##### **4.B. ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:**

Dr. Lee Korn nominated Loren Kase for Vice-President of Council. Mr. Dice nominated Tony Spadaro for Vice-President of Council. Hearing no further nominations, Mayor Synan closed the nominations.

Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornis – Loren Kase, Mr. Kase – Loren Kase, Mr. Spadaro – Tony Spadaro, Mr. Dice – Tony Spadaro, Mr. Stepanovich – Tony Spadaro, Mr. McKenna – Loren Kase, and Ms. Brockway – Loren Kase. End tally was 4 votes for Loren Kase and 3 votes for Tony Spadaro.

Loren Kase was elected Vice-President of Council for the Municipality of Murrysville for the Year 2020.

**4.C. PRESENTATION OF THE GAVEL:**

Mayor Synan presented the gavel to Council President Dayne Dice who then took control of the meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNLISTED AMENDMENTS:** None

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

**7.A.** December 18, 2019, Council Meeting Minutes

Mr. Kase moved to approve the Consent Calendar Items. Dr. Lee Kornis seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornis - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Dice - yes, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mr. McKenna - yes, and Ms. Brockway - yes. Motion approved.

**COMMUNITY INPUT:** None

**COMMENTS BY MAYOR SYNAN:** Mayor Synan stated that AARP Tax-Aide with 2020 tax preparation will be held Friday, February 7, and February 21, Friday, March 6, and March 20 and Friday, April 3 at the Murrysville Community Center from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Be sure to bring your photo ID, social security card or Medicare card, W-2s, 1099s, deduction forms and a copy of last year's tax return. Please contact your local AARP office for more information.

Christmas tree recycling for Murrysville residents will be Saturday, January 4 and Saturday, January 11 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Windstream parking lot near the Giant Eagle. Please remove all decorations, lights, tree skirts, bags, etc. This event is hosted by the Murrysville-Export Rotary. For more information, contact Westmoreland Cleanways and Recycling.

**COMMENTS BY THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR:** Mr. Morrison stated that Jason Varner, Murrysville's newest police officer will be sworn in on Friday at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers. All are invited.

**11.A. Mayor's Appointments:**

1. Chief Administrator – James Morrison
2. Municipal Secretary – James Morrison
3. Director of Finance and Taxation/Treasurer – Diane Heming
4. Assistant Treasurer – James Morrison
5. Director of Public Works and Parks – William Paiano
6. Director of Community Development – James Morrison
7. Director of Recreation – Carly Greene
8. Chief of Police – Thomas Seefeld

**BUSINESS BEFORE COUNCIL:**

**12.A. Confirmation of Mayor’s Appointments:**

1. Chief Administrator – James Morrison
2. Municipal Secretary – James Morrison
3. Director of Finance and Taxation/Treasurer – Diane Heming
4. Assistant Treasurer – James Morrison
5. Director of Public Works and Parks – William Paiano
6. Director of Community Development – James Morrison
7. Director of Recreation – Carly Greene
8. Chief of Police – Thomas Seefeld

Mr. Kase moved to confirm the Mayor’s appointments as listed. Ms. Brockway seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornis - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Dice - yes, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mr. McKenna - yes, and Ms. Brockway - yes. Motion approved.

Mr. Morrison noted that the Directors will be sworn in on Friday after the police swearing in ceremony.

**12.B. Council Appointments**

1. Chief Zoning Officer – Select One (1): David Jobe

Dr. Lee Kornis moved to appoint David Jobe as Chief Zoning Officer. Ms. Brockway seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornis - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Dice - yes, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mr. McKenna - yes, and Ms. Brockway - yes. Motion approved.

2. Zoning Officers – Select One (1): Mark Pisone

Dr. Lee Kornis moved to appoint Mark Pisone as Zoning Officer. Mr. McKenna seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornis - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Dice - yes, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mr. McKenna - yes, and Ms. Brockway - yes. Motion approved.

3. Sewage Enforcement Officers – Select One (1) Primary, and One (1) Alternate:  
Dave Jobe – Primary and Mark Pisone – Alternate

Dr. Lee Kornis moved to appoint David Jobe Primary Sewage Enforcement Officer and Mark Pisone as Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer. Ms. Brockway seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornis - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Dice - yes, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mr. McKenna - yes, and Ms. Brockway - yes. Motion approved.

4. Fire Code Official – Select One (1): Dave Jobe

Mr. Stepanovich moved to appoint David Jobe as Fire Code Official. Mr. Spadaro seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornis - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Dice - yes, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mr. McKenna - yes, and Ms. Brockway - yes. Motion approved.

5. Building Code Official – Select One (1): Dave Jobe

Mr. Spadaro made a motion to appoint David Jobe as Building Code Official. Dr. Lee Kornes seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornes - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Dice - yes, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mr. McKenna - yes, and Ms. Brockway - yes. Motion approved.

6. Official Newspaper Designation – Select One (1) Primary, and One (1) Alternate  
Penn-Franklin News - Primary Official Newspaper and Tribune-Review - Alternate Official Newspaper

Dr. Lee Kornes moved to appoint the Penn-Franklin News to be the Primary Official Newspaper and Tribune-Review, Westmoreland County, to be the Alternate Newspaper. Ms. Brockway seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornes - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Dice - yes, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mr. McKenna - yes, and Ms. Brockway - yes. Motion approved.

7. Solicitors

a. Municipal – Select One (1): George Kotjarapoglus

Dr. Lee Kornes moved to appoint George Kotjarapoglus as the Municipal Solicitor. Mr. Stepanovich seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornes - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Dice - yes, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mr. McKenna - yes, and Ms. Brockway - yes. Motion approved.

b. Zoning Hearing Board – Select One (1): Geary & Loperfito, LLC

Mr. McKenna moved to appoint Geary & Loperfito, LLC as Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor. Ms. Brockway seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornes - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Dice - yes, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mr. McKenna - yes, and Ms. Brockway - yes. Motion approved.

8. Confirm State Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator – Select One (1)  
Charles Tappe

Mr. Stepanovich moved to appoint Charles Tappe as the Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. McKenna seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornes - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Dice - yes, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mr. McKenna - yes, and Ms. Brockway - yes. Motion approved.

9. Confirm Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators – Select Two (2): Joseph Paiano and Vacant

Dr. Lee Kornes made a motion to appoint Joseph Paiano as the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator to fill one of the two vacancies. Ms. Brockway seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornes - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Dice - yes, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mr. McKenna - yes, and Ms. Brockway - yes. Motion approved.

10. Tax Appeal Officer – Select One (1): James Morrison

Mr. Stepanovich made a motion to appoint James Morrison as Tax Appeal Officer. Mr. Kase seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornes - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Dice - yes, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mr. McKenna - yes, and Ms. Brockway - yes. Motion approved.

11. Legal Counsel for Labor Issues – Select One (1): Campbell, Durrant & Beatty

Dr. Lee Kornis moved to appoint Campbell, Durrant & Beatty as Legal Counsel for labor issues. Mr. Kase seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornis - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Dice - yes, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mr. McKenna - yes, and Ms. Brockway - yes. Motion approved.

12. Engineering and Plan Review Services – Select One (1): KU Resources

Mr. Stepanovich moved to appoint KU Resources for Engineering and Plan Review Services. Mr. Spadaro seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornis - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Dice – abstained because he has done legal work for KU Resources in the past, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mr. McKenna - yes, and Ms. Brockway - yes. Motion approved.

13. Emergency Services (Police, Fire, and Ambulance) – Select One (1): Vacant

14. Chaplain – Select One (1): Pastor Daniel Lawrence

Dr. Lee Kornis moved to appoint Pastor Daniel Lawrence as the Municipal Chaplain. Mr. McKenna seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornis - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Dice - yes, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mr. McKenna - yes, and Ms. Brockway - yes. Motion approved.

**12.C. Establish Council Meeting Dates and Times**

Mr. McKenna moved to approve the Council meeting dates and times, with Council Meetings to be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month, with the Regular Business Meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. Public Hearings will begin at 7:00 p.m., with the Regular Voting Meeting immediately following the Public Hearings. Ms. Brockway seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornis - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Dice - yes, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mr. McKenna - yes, and Ms. Brockway - yes. Motion approved.

**12.D. Designate Official Depository – First Commonwealth, PLGIT, S&T Bank, Standard Bank, PNC Bank, National City Bank, and Dollar Bank**

Mr. Stepanovich moved to approve First Commonwealth, PLGIT, S&T Bank, Standard Bank, PNC Bank, National City Bank, and Dollar Bank as the Designated Official Depositories. Mr. Spadaro seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornis - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Dice - yes, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mr. McKenna - yes, and Ms. Brockway - yes. Motion approved.

**12.E. Reaffirm Bank Account Resolutions**

**MUNICIPALITY OF MURRYSVILLE  
BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS  
AT JANUARY 1, 2020**

<u>BANK</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>
<b><u>General Fund</u></b>	
S & T Bank	Clearing Account
S & T Bank	General Checking
S & T Bank	Greenplan Savings
PLGIT	General Fund PLGIT/ <b>PRIME</b>

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S & T Bank	Police Charitable Gift Account
S & T Bank	Pension Reserve
S & T Bank	PennDOT Letter of Credit
<b><u>Recreation Fund</u></b>	
S & T Bank	Recreation Checking
S & T Bank	Concert in the Park
<b><u>State Fund</u></b>	
PLGIT	State Funds
S & T Bank – Closed to PLGIT	State Savings CD
S & T Bank	Road Improvement Tax
<b><u>Capital Reserve</u></b>	
S & T Bank	Checking Account
S & T Bank	Construction Checking
S & T Bank	Traffic Impact Fee CD
S & T Bank	Route 22 Project Reserve CD
S & T Bank	Fee in Lieu Savings
S & T Bank	Money Market
S & T Bank	Greenplan Savings
PLGIT	Capital Reserve PLGIT PRIME
PLGIT	Marcellus Shale Savings
S & T Bank	Route 22 Project Reserve
S & T Bank	Facility Reserve CD
PLGIT	Evans Road Waterline Account
PLGIT	Emergency Equipment PLGIT PRIME
S & T Bank	Emergency Equipment Savings
PLGIT	Central Recreation
Standard Bank	Traffic Impact Fee (Consolidated)
PLGIT	Traffic Impact Fee
<b><u>Debt Service</u></b>	
S & T Bank	Checking
PLGIT	Savings
<b><u>Hydrant Fund</u></b>	
S & T Bank	Checking with Interest
S & T Bank	Hydrant Savings
<b><u>Bond Sinking</u></b>	
Standard Bank	2017 Borrowing
<b><u>Other</u></b>	
S & T Bank	Gas Well at MCP for Comm. PA

Dr. Lee Kornis moved to reaffirm the bank account resolutions. Ms. Brockway seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornis - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Dice - yes, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mr. McKenna - yes, and Ms. Brockway - yes. Motion approved.

**12.F. Reaffirm Bonding of Officials**

1. Director of Finance and Taxation/Treasurer - \$750,000.00

Dr. Lee Kornis moved to reaffirm the bond of Director of Finance and Taxation/Treasurer in the amount of \$750,000.00. Ms. Brockway seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornis - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Dice - yes, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mr. McKenna - yes, and Ms. Brockway - yes. Motion approved.

2. Mayor - \$100,000.00

Mr. McKenna moved to reaffirm the bond of the Mayor in the amount of \$100,000.00. Mr. Stepanovich seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornis - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Dice - yes, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mr. McKenna - yes, and Ms. Brockway - yes. Motion approved.

3. Tax Collector – Bonded by Westmoreland County Policy for Real Estate Taxes;  
Bonded by Municipality of Murrysville for Act 511 - \$850,000.00

Dr. Lee Kornis moved to reaffirm the bond of Tax Collector – Bonded by Westmoreland County Policy for Real Estate Taxes; Bonded by Municipality of Murrysville for Act 511 in the amount of \$850,000.00. Mr. Kase seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornis - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Dice - yes, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mr. McKenna - yes, and Ms. Brockway - yes. Motion approved.

4. Chief Administrator - \$250,000.00

Dr. Lee Kornis moved to reaffirm the bond of the Chief Administrator in the amount of \$250,000.00. Mr. Kase seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornis - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Dice - yes, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mr. McKenna - yes, and Ms. Brockway - yes. Motion approved.

5. President of Council - \$100,000.00

Dr. Lee Kornis moved to reaffirm the bond for the President of Council in the amount of \$100,000.00. Mr. Spadaro seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornis - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Dice - abstain, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mr. McKenna - yes, and Ms. Brockway - yes. Motion approved.

6. All other Council Members and municipal employees – blanket bond of \$50,000.00.

Mr. McKenna moved to reaffirm the bonding for all other Council Members and municipal employees in the amount of \$50,000.00. Ms. Brockway seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornis - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Dice - yes, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mr. McKenna - yes, and Ms. Brockway - yes. Motion approved.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**13.A. Reaffirm the Police Captain’s Agreement Between the Municipality of Murrysville and Captain Charles Tappe**

Mr. Spadaro moved to approve the police captain’s agreement between the Municipality of Murrysville and Captain Charles Tappe. Ms. Brockway seconded. Upon a roll call vote: Dr. Lee Kornis - yes, Mr. Kase - yes, Mr. Spadaro - yes, Mr. Dice - yes, Mr. Stepanovich - yes, Mr. McKenna - yes, and Ms. Brockway - yes. Motion approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Mr. Spadaro stated that last week when he was off, he listened to the last Council meeting and could only hear about 50% of the meeting. The TV volume was up to 100. Most people are not talking into the microphone. Even when people from the audience are talking, they need pointed in the right direction. This is just a little housekeeping, if everyone could do better with speaking into their microphones and make sure the green light is on.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Spadaro made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kase seconded. All those present voted aye. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

*The Reorganizational Meeting was broadcast on local government Channel 19. A true and correct copy of the Council Meeting DVD is available for the public to purchase from the Municipality of Murrysville and is in the Murrysville Public Library for review.*