

**Pennington Borough Council  
Special Meeting – December 12, 2007**

Mayor Persichilli called the Special Meeting of the Borough Council to order at 5:35 pm. Borough Clerk Betty Sterling called the roll with Council Members Heinzl, Lawver and Tucker in attendance. Council Member Garber was absent and Council Member Zompa arrived at 6:00 pm.

Also present were Public Works Superintendent, Jeff Wittkop, Public Safety Director, Bill Meytrott, Borough Administrator, Eugene Dunworth, Borough Attorney, Walter Bliss and Borough Clerk, Betty Sterling.

Mayor Persichilli announced that notice of this meeting has been given to the Pennington Post, Hopewell Valley News, The Times of Trenton and The Trentonian and was posted on the bulletin board in Borough Hall according to the regulations of the Open Public Meetings Act.

**Interview of Candidates to Fill Vacancy**

Mayor Persichilli read a statement outlining the legal requirements for filling a vacancy on Council, the circumstances leading up to the vacancy and the process that would be followed for making an appointment to fill the vacancy.

Mayor Persichilli announced that the three names of candidates to fill the vacancy that were submitted by the Democratic Committee are: Glen E. Griffiths, Alyce L. McClurg-Doldy and David K. Haines.

Mayor Persichilli stated that the law does not require interviews or public participation, however this Council adapted this policy for filling vacancies beginning in 2005.

Mayor Persichilli announced that participation is encouraged and if any one from the public would like to submit a question to be asked, Borough Clerk, Betty Sterling has index cards available.

Mayor Persichilli announced that the candidates would be interviewed individually with the other two candidates waiting outside the room. Mayor Persichilli stated that the candidates would be interviewed alphabetically with Mr. Griffiths going first, followed by Mr. Haines and Ms. McClurg.

Mayor Persichilli thanked each candidate as they were interviewed for their interest in becoming a member of Borough Council. Each candidate responded to questions from Council Members and also questions submitted by the public.

Following the interviews, Mayor Persichilli read the following Resolution to convene in Closed Session.

**AT, 6:25 PM, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mayor and Council shall hereby convene in closed session for the purposes of discussing a subject or subjects permitted to be discussed in closed session by the Open Public Meetings Act, to wit:

- Personnel – Candidates for Vacancy

AT, 6:50 PM, Mayor and Council returned to open session.

Mayor Persichilli started by saying that Borough Council was very pleased with the candidates that were submitted for consideration. Mayor Persichilli encouraged the candidates to become involved in the community even if not selected for the vacancy on Council.

Council Member Tucker made a motion to nominate Glen Griffiths to fill the vacancy on Borough Council, second by Council Member Heinzl. Mr. Lawver commented that each of the candidates brought strengths that would have been beneficial to the Council. Mr. Lawver stated that Borough Council would be relying on each of the candidates for volunteer positions as we go forward. Mayor Persichilli stated that the reason Mr. Griffiths has been nominated is that he has had some experience in areas where there is a weakness at this time. Ms. Zompa apologized that she arrived after Mr. Griffith was interviewed and stated that she was very impressed with all three resumes and with the two interviews that she participated in. Ms. Zompa stated that she concurs with other Council members in that there were three very qualified candidates and the decision came down to which candidate would best fill the void. Upon a roll call vote all members present voted in favor.

Borough Attorney, Walter Bliss administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Griffiths.

Mayor Persichilli announced that the next Borough Council Meeting would be held on December 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

At 6:55 pm, Council Member Lawver made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Council Member Heinzl with all members present in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Sterling  
Borough Clerk