

**Pennington Borough Council
Special Meeting – May 28, 2014**

Mayor Persichilli called the Special Meeting of the Borough Council to order at 3:00 pm. Borough Clerk Betty Sterling called the roll with Council Members Davy, Gnatt, Marciante and Tucker in attendance. Council Member Griffiths was absent.

Also present were Borough Administrator, Eileen Heinzl, Public Safety Director, Bill Meytrott and Borough Attorney, Walter Bliss.

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

Mayor Persichilli presented former Council Member Eileen Heinzl with a Pennington Borough Jacket, thanked her for her work on Council and stated Mrs. Heinzl is now serving as Borough Administrator.

Mayor Persichilli stated that over the last couple of meetings there have been discussions of the budget and finances and he would like to make sure that everyone understands that policy affects finances. Mayor Persichilli stated that Mrs. Heinzl, as the Borough Administrator should be included on discussions of policy and procedures particularly when finances are involved. Mrs. Heinzl will then work with the Chief Financial Officer and Borough Clerk to make sure that things are done properly.

Nomination To Fill Vacancy on Council

Mayor Persichilli stated that the Democratic Committee met and submitted one name, Joseph Lawver to fill the vacancy. Mayor Persichilli stated that Mr. Lawver is more than qualified having served for many years on Council prior to moving to Toronto for two years.

Council Member Tucker made a motion to nominate Joseph Lawver to fill the vacancy on Council, second by Council Member Gnatt. Mr. Marciante inquired about procedure with regard to submission of only one name. Mr. Bliss stated that as he understands in this case the Municipal Committee nominated one person and to the extent that is a valid nomination under the statute; Borough Council is ratifying what the Municipal Committee recommended. Mr. Bliss stated that to the extent that the Municipal Committee must submit three names or the failure to do so, Borough Council would make their own pick within the time frame. Mr. Bliss stated that he feels that Council is within the statute. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted in favor.

Mr. Bliss administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Lawver.

AT 3:10 PM, Council Member Tucker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Council Member Marciante.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Sterling
Borough Clerk