

BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL

JANUARY 2, 2019  
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES\*

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held on the above date in the Borough Hall and called to order by Mayor John Washington.

Invocation was given by Apostle Freddy Washington.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE:

Oath of Allegiance was administered to Deborah Scott by Mayor John A. Washington, Sr.

Oath of Allegiance was administered to Rafael Leon by Mayor John A. Washington, Sr.

Roll Call:

Deborah Scott – Present, Louis Pasquale – Present, Mark Oliver – Present, Clifford Poindexter – Present, Rafael Leon – Present, Carl J. Washington, Jr. – Present.

Pledge of Allegiance was made.

RESOLUTION:

2019-1-1 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS TO PROVIDE MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY SERVICES.

Motion to adopt by Poindexter; second Pasquale. All in favor.

NOMINATION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Motion to nominate Councilman Poindexter as Council President by Washington; second Scott. All in favor. There were no other nominations made.

RESOLUTION(S):

2019-1-2 – RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2019 TEMPORARY BUDGET

2019-1-3 – RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MEETING DATE AND TIME

2019-1-4 – RESOLUTION DESIGNATING NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

2019-1-5 – RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES

2019-1-6 – RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PETTY CASH FUND

2019-1-7 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC TAX SALE IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.1

2019-1-8 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAILINGS AND ADVERTISEMENT OF TAX SALE NOTICES

2019-1-9 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION TO THE BOROUGH FOR DELINQUENT TAX PAYMENTS

2019-1-10 – RESOLUTION CANCELING TAX OVERPAYMENTS FOR DELINQUENT AMOUNTS LESS THAN \$10.00

2019-1-11 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS TO PROVIDE AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE.

2019-1-12 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE

2019-1-13 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A PROSECUTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE

2019-1-14 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE AND CONNER STRONG & BUCKELEW FOR RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT SERVICES AS REQUIRED BY THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

2019-1-15 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS TO PROVIDE GRANT CONSULTING SERVICE FOR THE BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE

2019-1-16 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT PURSUANT TO A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS BROKERAGE SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE

2019-1-17 – RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUBSTITUTE PROSECUTOR

2019-1-18 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VARIOUS EMPLOYEE AND VOLUNTEER APPOINTMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019

Motion to adopt Resolutions No. 2019-1-1 through 2019-1-18 by Oliver; second Poindexter. All in favor.

REMARKS:

Council President Clifford Poindexter wished all a Happy New Year; congratulated Councilwoman Deborah Scott and Councilman Rafael Leon. Poindexter also stressed the importance of working together for the benefit of the municipality.

Councilwoman Deborah Scott gave thanks to God for allowing her to serve. Scott expressed appreciation to those who supported her during her campaign. Scott also expressed appreciation to her family, church family and the employees of the Borough.

Councilman Rafael Leon wished all a Happy New Year; expressed appreciation to his spouse, family, and all those who supported him. Leon stated that he looks forward to working in and with the community to make a positive difference.

Councilman Carl J. Washington, Jr. wished all a Happy New Year. Washington congratulated Councilwoman Scott and Councilman Leon. Washington stated that he too looks forward to working together to improve the Borough, and encouraged residents to attend council meetings and involvement with various committees.

Councilman Mark Oliver wished all a Happy New Year, and expressed appreciation to those in attendance.

Councilman Louis Pasquale stated that the past year has been a learning experience and is looking forward to 2019. Pasquale expressed appreciation to the Clerk and Finance Officer for the assistance, to those in attendance, and encouraged feedback on Borough issues.

Mayor John A. Washington, Sr. wished all a Happy and Blessed New Year. Mayor gave thanks to God for guidance; congratulated Councilwoman Scott and Councilman Leon.

Mayor expressed appreciation to the administrative employees for a job well done; addressing the efficiency and hard work of the staff. Mayor also expressed appreciation to the Professional staff, to Chief of Police, John T. Stranahan, Ambulance Department and Fire Department for job well done. Mayor Washington stated the desire to bring the Public Works Department back to Penns Grove in an effort to provide better services to the residents. Mayor also stated the need for more infrastructure. Mayor expressed appreciation to Steve Labb, Finance Officer for a job well done with the budget; citing a zero percent property tax increase. Mayor Washington addressed the revaluation, volunteerism and community effort; encouraging community attendance at Borough Council meetings.

Bill Mesogianes, Sickels & Associates, congratulated Councilwoman Scott and Councilman Leon; wishing a good year for all.

Reverend Peter Washington, congratulated Councilwoman Scott and Councilman Leon, and expressed appreciation to the entire governing body for their efforts.

Vincent Scott, Brother of Councilwoman Scott, congratulated Scott and Leon. Expressed his well wishes for the entire governing body.

Pastor Chardon, congratulated Councilman Leon, stating that Leon will be a positive person in helping to make Penns Grove a better community. Pastor Chardon also made prayer.

John T. Stranahan, Chief of Police, expressed appreciation to council for the support given to him and his department.

Apostle Freddy Washington, expressed appreciation to council for the support of the Christian Community.

BENEDICTION: Apostle Freddy Washington.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Poindexter; second Oliver. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon R. Williams  
Municipal Clerk