

**NORRISTOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2022**

The Council Reorganization Meeting of January 3, 2022 was called to order by Council President Derrick Perry at 6:00 PM in the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit, 2 West Lafayette Street, 1st Floor, Norristown, PA.

There was a **Moment of Silence** followed by the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Oaths of Office

Judge Gregory Scott conducted the swearing-in of:

Rashaad Bates, Ward 1
Dustin Queenan, Ward 3
Tiffani Hendley, At-Large
Rebecca Smith, At-Large, Incumbent

The following Council members were in attendance:

Rashaad Bates	Hakim Jones	Dustin Queenan	Tiffani Hendley
Rebecca Smith	Thomas Lepera	Heather Lewis	

Also present were: Crandall Jones, Municipal Administrator; Rebecca Geiser, Acting Municipal Solicitor; Derrick Wood, Norristown Chief of Police; Jayne Musonye, Director of Planning & Development; Kathy Pfister, Director of Finance; Thomas Odenigbo, Director of Public Works; Amrinder Singh, Codes Manager, Thomas O'Donnell, Norristown Fire Chief; Erica Genuardi, Director of Recreation.

Public Comment

None.

Election of 2022 Council Officers

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Hendley, seconded by Councilman Queenan**, to nominate Councilwoman Lewis for Vice President of Council 2022. **The motion passed unanimously.**

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Lewis, seconded by Councilwoman Hendley**, to nominate Councilman Lepera for President of Council 2022. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Oaths of Office

Judge Gregory Scott conducted the swearing-in for Council President Lepera and Council Vice President Lewis.

There was also a swearing-in of Constables by Judge Gregory Scott.

Remarks from Incoming Council President

Council President Lepera thanked the previous Council members who helped moved Norristown forward. He

said that the newly elected Council members “came at the right time” because we’re going to move in the right direction.

Resolution 22-01: Reappointment of Professional Staff for 2022

Crandall Jones, Municipal Administrator, noted that this Resolution allows professionals and staff members to retain their positions for another year.

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Council Vice President Lewis**, to approve Resolution 22-01 appointing professionals and staff to serve in various capacities within the Municipality of Norristown. **The motion passed unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT

There was a **motion to adjourn the Council Meeting by Council Vice President Lewis, seconded by Councilwoman Smith. The motion passed unanimously.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Roseann M. Santangelo, Clerk of Council

**NORRISTOWN MUNICIPALITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2022**

The Council Meeting of January 3, 2022 was called to order by Council President Thomas Lepera at 6:30 PM in the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit 23, 2 West Lafayette Street, 1st Floor, Norristown, PA.

There was a **Moment of Silence** followed by the **Pledge of Allegiance**. The following Council members were present:

Hakim Jones	Rebecca Smith	Rashaad Bates	Dustin Queenan
Tiffani Hendley	Heather Lewis	Thomas Lepera	

Also present were: Crandall Jones, Municipal Administrator; Rebecca Geiser, Acting Municipal Solicitor; Derrick Wood, Norristown Police Chief; Jayne Musonye, Director of Planning & Development; Kathy Pfister, Director of Finance; Amrinder Singh, Code Manager; Thomas Odenigbo, Director of Public Works; Fire Chief Thomas O'Donnell; Erica Genuardi, Director of Recreation.

Motion to approve Minutes

There was a **motion by Council Vice President Lewis, seconded by Councilwoman Smith**, to approve the Minutes from December 21, 2021. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Session

Council President Perry announced that Council did not meet in Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting.

Announcements

None.

Public Comment

None.

Municipal Administrator

Opioid Litigation – Motion to ratify the Execution of Agreements by the Municipality as recommended by the Municipality's outside Counsel

Crandall Jones, Municipal Administrator, provided the details regarding this group suit. He noted that documents were submitted in December 2021 stating that the Municipality will continue in the settlement. He explained that Norristown's share of the settlement is based on half of the population served. Mr. Jones provided the breakdown of the distribution of the settlement which includes attorney fees.

There was a **motion by Council Vice President Lewis, seconded by Councilman Jones**, to approve the ratification of the execution of the opioid settlement documents as requested by outside Counsel. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Planning & Municipal Development

Request adoption of Ordinance 21-17 of 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY 2022 Budget

Director Musonye provided a timeline of the process which included presenting project ideas to Council, the breakdown of funds, conducting Public Hearings and advertisement of the Ordinance.

There was **a motion by Councilman Queenan, seconded by Council Vice President Lewis**, to adopt Ordinance 21-17 – FY 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds Budget. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Adjournment

There was **a motion by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilman Bates**, to adjourn the Council Meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann M. Santangelo, Clerk of Council