## **Special Borough Council Meeting**

**January 24, 2022** 

A Special Meeting of Souderton Borough Council was called to order by President Tracy W. Burke at 7:00 p.m. President Burke reminded the members and audience that the Borough Council meeting is being recorded through Zoom and will be posted to the Borough web site.

Borough Secretary P. Michael Coll conducted a Roll Call with the following members of Borough Council and staff present:

President Tracy W. Burke Mayor Daniel L. Yocum Vice-President Edward M. Huber Councillor Matthew I. DiNenna

Councillor Matthew J. DiNenna Councillor Daryl W. Littlefield

Councillor Julie Munden

Councillor Donna Rogers

Borough Manager P. Michael Coll

Councillor Donna Rogers

Bellia Chief Brian Namball

Councillor Richard M. Walczak Police Chief Brian Newhall Councillor Courtnee L. Wampole

President Tracy Burke commented that the purpose of this Special Borough Council Meeting is limited to the appointment of a Borough Councillor representing Ward 1, appointment of a Vacancy Board Chairman and appointment of a Souderton Borough representative to the North Penn Water Authority Board of Directors.

President Tracy Burke opened the floor to the audience for public comment concerning the scheduled appointments.

Michael Pipe, 570 E. Garfield Avenue, Souderton read from a prepared statement to Borough Council. Mr. Pipe commented that he attended the candidate interviews and feels that Matthew Sholly is not the strongest candidate, he might rank fourth or fifth out of the slate of five candidates. Mr. Pipe criticized the voting record of Matthew Sholly, noting that the only municipal election he participated in during the last 10 years was the 2019 general election. If the question is does the candidate have a history of civic engagement, in the case of Mr. Sholly, the answer will be no. Mr. Pipe further commented that the appointment must come with bipartisan support. There is time to continue consideration of this appointment.

There being no public comment from the audience, President Burke moved to the scheduled items of business, starting with the appointment of a Borough Councillor.

A motion was made by Councillor Courtnee Wampole, and seconded by Councillor Richard Walczak, to appoint Matthew Sholly, 287 Highland Avenue, Souderton, PA to serve as Borough Councillor, representing Ward 1, filling the un-

expired term of Daniel Yocum through December 31, 2023. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 8 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor Daniel Yocum administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Borough Councillor Matthew Sholly. Councillor Matthew Sholly took his seat as a member of Borough Council.

A motion was made by Councillor Daryl Littlefield, and seconded by Councillor Edward Huber, to appoint Daniel Houser, 436 Central Avenue, Souderton to serve as Vacancy Board Chairman through December 31, 2022. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Councillor Julie Munden, and seconded by Councillor Donna Rogers, to appoint Amy Cummings-Leight, 334 Madison Avenue, Souderton, PA as the Souderton Representative to the North Penn Water Authority Board of Directors, filling the un-expired term of Marvin Anders through December 31, 2024. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Michael Coll, Secretary