

**SPECIAL MEETING
HUNTINGDON BOROUGH COUNCIL
APRIL 13, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

A Special Meeting of Huntingdon Borough Council was held on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Council Chambers, 530 Washington Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652.

President Quarry requested a moment of silence in honor of the fallen service personnel followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The following members were present for the meeting: President David Quarry, Vice President Jim Bair, James Decker, Sr.; Nicole Houck, Ron Enyeart, Solicitor Richard Wilson, Assistant Borough Secretary Melody J. Parsons, Borough Manager William W. Wheeler.

Visitors:

WELCOME TO VISITORS: President Quarry welcomed the visitors and asked that anyone wishing to address Council come forward and states his or her name and address for the record.

Chris Busko, 210 2nd Street, asked if anything has been done about the feral cats. President Quarry responded that nothing has been done.

Mr. Busko also reported that people are parking in the Mutual Benefit Parking lot and playing music very loud at 2:00 am. President Quarry will have Chief Brenneman look into this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Solicitor Wilson explained the Appointment Procedure. Council received 7 letters of interest. There were 6 applicants present. 1 applicant withdrew prior to the meeting. Applicants were asked to come up to the podium to explain to Council why they are interested in the Council position.

Linda DeArmitt was the 1st applicant. Ms. DeArmitt explained that she has been interested in Huntingdon for a very long time and thought this might be the time to step up. She has been a resident of the borough since 1991. She has owned a small

business for 35 years and believes this is a great opportunity to serve the small businesses and people of the borough.

Chris Busko explained that he is willing to put in his time and efforts to aid and assist the Borough. He will use good judgment. He has lived here for 35 years and does not have any outside interests.

Kent East stated to Council that he has been a Huntingdon Borough resident since 1969. He was employed by Elco Corporation where he held several management positions. He has negotiated foreign contacts in excess of five million dollars. After Elco closed he was employed by Bedford, Fulton, and Huntingdon Solid Waste Authority to manage recycling programs. In 1999 was elected and served four years as a County Commissioner where he served on several boards. He would be honored and do his best to serve on Borough Council and would do his best to see the Borough Council and Huntingdon move forward.

John Gradwell stated that if appointed he would give 115% to carry out the duties before him on council. He will make every effort to meet any and all obligations. He stated that Council would be hard pressed to find anyone with the love for the borough that he has. He feels that his recent 8 yrs. on council would bring experience and knowledge of the issues before council and that he would be an asset to council and all the residents of Huntingdon.

Johnathan Hyde stated he has lived in the Borough for 28 yrs. He stated that he is a soon to be business owner in downtown Huntingdon. It is important to him that Huntingdon thrives. He attends the Boomtown meetings and is the head of the committee for beautification of the down town. He feels he has his youth and desire to help make the town a great place.

Robert Rodgers has lived in the Borough for 28 yrs. He was a leading insurance agent in Lewistown he supervised 11 agents and a secretary. He ranked 34 out of 2000 insurance agencies in Pennsylvania. He loves to lead. He taught Sunday school and coached baseball, soccer and basketball. He would like to see Huntingdon revitalize that's his foresight.

President Quarry asked for nominations. Councilperson Enyeart nominated Johnathan Hyde with Councilperson Houck seconding the nomination. Councilperson Decker nominated Kent East there was no second to the nomination. President Quarry nominated John Gradwell with Councilperson Bair

seconding the nomination. There were no more nominations Solicitor Wilson closed the nominations.

President Quarry called for a roll call vote:

Roll call for Nominee Johnathan Hyde:

YAY
Ron Enyeart
Nicole Houck

NAY
David Quarry
Jim Bair
James Decker, Sr.

Roll call vote 2-3.

YAY
David Quarry
Jim Bair
James Decker, Sr.

NAY
Ron Enyeart
Nicole Houck

Roll call vote 3-2.

John T. Gradwell will fill the vacant position to serve the remainder of the term.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilperson Enyeart and seconded by Councilperson Houck to adjourn.

FINAL DRAFT

BY: Melody J. Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary