Easton, Pennsylvania

January 6, 2014

The 2014 organizational meeting of the Northampton County Council was held on the above date with the following present: Margaret L. Ferraro, President; Glenn A. Geissinger, Vice-President; Mathew M. Benol; Kenneth M. Kraft; Lamont G. McClure, Jr.; Scott Parsons; Hayden Phillips; Seth Vaughn; Robert F. Werner; Frank E. Flisser, Clerk to Council, and Philip D. Lauer, Solicitor to Council.

Prayer

Mr. Geissinger led County Council in prayer to open the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Ferraro led County Council in the pledge of allegiance.

Courtesy of the Floor

Mrs. Ferraro asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to offer comments. There were no respondents.

Selection of County Council Officers

Mrs. Ferraro advised the Northampton County Home Rule Charter Section 206. Organization provides that County Council shall hold a meeting on the first Monday of January of each year, at which it shall elect one of its members as President and another member as Vice President. The County Council may transact any other business it may deem necessary at this meeting.

Mrs. Ferraro stated for the public's information no business, other than the selection of the Council officers was scheduled to be considered at this meeting. She further stated the first business meeting of County Council will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2014, commencing at 6:30 p.m.
President of County Council

Mrs. Ferraro asked if there were any nominations for the Office of Council President.

Mr. Kraft nominated Mr. Parsons.

Mr. Werner seconded the nomination.

Mr. Vaughn nominated Mrs. Ferraro.

Mr. Phillips seconded the nomination.

Mrs. Ferraro asked if there were any other nominations.

As there were no further nominations, Mrs. Ferraro declared the nominations for County Council President closed.

Mrs. Ferraro advised Mr. Flisser would call a preferential voice vote whereby each member of County Council will state who their preference is for the office of County Council President, noting it will take five votes to confirm a given selection.

Mrs. Ferraro called for the vote.


Mr. Flisser announced that Mrs. Ferraro won by a vote of 5-4.

Mrs. Ferraro gave a speech thanking those who have meant so much to her that were no longer living and those who helped and supported her during her political career.

Vice-President of County Council

Mrs. Ferraro asked if there were any nominations for the Office of Council Vice-President.

Mr. McClure nominated Mr. Kraft.
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Mr. Phillips nominated Mr. Geissinger.

Mrs. Ferraro asked if there were any other nominations.

As there were no further nominations, Mrs. Ferraro declared the nominations for County Council Vice-President closed.

Mrs. Ferraro stated Mr. Flisser would again call a preferential voice vote whereby each member of County Council will state who their preference was for the office of County Council Vice-President, noting it would take five votes to confirm a given selection.

Mrs. Ferraro called for the vote.


Mr. Flisser announced that Mr. Geissinger won by a vote of 5-4.

Mr. Geissinger gave a speech thanking his wife and family, his fellow County Council members that campaigned with him and the voters.

Adjournment

Mr. McClure made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Werner seconded the motion.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously by acclamation.

Frank E. Flisser
Clerk to Council

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