Easton, Pennsylvania                                   January 3, 2017

A regular meeting of the Northampton County Council was held on the above date with the following present: John Cusick, President; Seth Vaughn, Vice President; Mathew M. Benol (via telephone) Margaret L. Ferraro (via telephone), Glenn A. Geissinger, Matthew H. Dietz; Kenneth M. Kraft; Hayden Phillips; Robert F. Werner; Linda M. Zembo, Clerk to Council, and Philip D. Lauer, Solicitor to Council.

Prayer

Mr. Cusick led County Council in a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Werner led County Council in the pledge of allegiance.

Courtesy of the Floor

As no one signed up for Courtesy of the Floor, Mr. Cusick asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

There were no respondents.

Selection of County Council Officers:

President of County Council

Mr. Cusick asked if there were any nominations for the office of President of County Council.

Mr. Kraft nominated Mr. Werner.

Mr. Dietz nominated Mr. Cusick.

As there were no further nominations, Mr. Cusick closed the nominations and called for the vote.

Mr. Cusick was elected President by a vote of 7-1 with 1 abstention.

Mr. Cusick stated he wanted to thank his colleagues for their trust in him. He further stated a lot of progress was made last year and he hoped things continued to move forward such as a new prison and the merging of the City of Bethlehem and the County's 911 Centers.

Mr. Cusick advised there had not been a reassessment for 20 years so he hoped progress would be made in moving that along next year. He further advised some good changes were made to the Home Rule Charter this year and hoped the Administration would continue its work on amending the Administrative Code.

**Vice-President of County Council**

Mr. Cusick asked if there were any nominations for the office of Vice President.

Mr. Werner nominated Mr. Kraft.

Mr. Benol nominated Mr. Geissinger.

As there were no further nominations, Mr. Cusick closed the nomination and called for the vote.

The vote: Ferraro, "Geissinger"; Geissinger, "Geissinger"; Kraft, "Kraft"; Phillips, "Geissinger"; Vaughn, "Geissinger"; Werner, "Kraft"; Benol, "Geissinger"; Cusick, "Geissinger" and Dietz, "Geissinger".

Mr. Geissinger was elected Vice President by a vote of 7-2.

Mr. Geissinger agreed with Mr. Cusick that a lot of things moved forward this year and hoped they continued to do so. He stated he also hoped they would continue to work to cut waste in government and take care of the citizens of the County. He further stated he wanted to thank Mr. Vaughn for his service as Vice President.
Selection of County Council Solicitor:

Consideration of the Position of Solicitor to the Northampton County Council

Mr. Cusick asked if there were any nominations for the position of County Council Solicitor.

Mr. Geissinger nominated Mr. Lauer.

As there were no further nominations, Mr. Cusick closed the nomination and called for the vote.


Mr. Lauer was selected as County Council Solicitor by a vote of 9-0.

Adjournment

Mr. Dietz made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Kraft seconded the motion.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously by acclamation.

Linda M. Zembo
Clerk to Council