Easton, Pennsylvania January 2, 2018

The organizational meeting of the Northampton County Council was held on the above date with the following present: John Cusick, President; Matthew H. Dietz; Margaret L. Ferraro; Ronald R. Heckman; Kenneth M. Kraft; William B. McGee; Lori Vargo Heffner; Robert F. Werner; Tara M. Zrinski and Linda M. Zembo, Clerk to Council. Absent was Philip D. Lauer, Solicitor to Council.

Prayer

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. McGee 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. Dietz nominated Mr. Cusick.

Mr. Cusick thanked Mr. Dietz for his nomination, but declined.

Ms. Zrinski nominated Mr. Heckman.

Mr. Heckman thanked Ms. Zrinski for her nomination, but declined.
Mr. McGee nominated Mr. Kraft.

Ms. Vargo Heffner seconded the nomination.

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

The vote: McGee, "Kraft"; Vargo Heffner, "Kraft"; Heckman, "Kraft"; Kraft, "Kraft"; Werner, "Kraft"; Zrinski, "Kraft"; Cusick, "Kraft"; Dietz, "Kraft" and Ferraro, "Kraft".

Mr. Kraft was elected President by a vote of 9-0.

**Vice-President of County Council**

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

Mr. Cusick nominated Mr. Werner.

Ms. Zrinski nominated Mr. Heckman.

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

The vote: Vargo Heffner, "Heckman"; Werner, "Heckman"; Zrinski, "Heckman"; Cusick, "Werner"; Dietz, "Werner"; Ferraro, "Werner"; Heckman, "Heckman"; Kraft, "Heckman" and McGee, "Heckman".

Mr. Heckman was elected Vice-President by a vote of 6-3.

**Selection of County Council Solicitor:**

*Consideration of the Position of Solicitor to the Northampton County Council*

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

Mr. Heckman nominated Mr. Christopher Spadoni.

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


Mr. Spadoni was selected as County Council Solicitor by a vote of 7-2.

Selection of Voting Members for the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP)

Mr. Kraft advised that every year five members of a County were selected to be voting CCAP members. He further advised the voting members consisted of the County Executive, County Council President, County Council Vice-President and two other members of County Council.

After Mr. Kraft asked if any member of County Council wished to volunteer, Mr. Cusick and Mrs. Ferraro were selected.

Adjournment

Ms. Vargo Heffner made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Dietz seconded the motion.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously by acclamation.

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Linda M. Zembo
Clerk to Council