

PRESENT: John P. McBlain, Chairman; Colleen P. Morrone, Vice Chairman; Michael F. Culp, Council Member; Kevin M. Madden, Council Member; Brian P. Zidek, Council Member; Joanne Phillips, Controller; Marianne Grace, Executive Director; Michael L. Maddren, Solicitor; Anne M. Coogan, County Clerk; and other department heads.

Councilman Culp called the Organization Meeting of January 2, 2018 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Maureen Dillon, of the I.T. Department, gave the invocation.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain to appoint Mr. Culp as the temporary chairperson for the purposes of the nomination election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of County Council. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Morrone and carried unanimously.

Mr. Culp called on Mrs. Morrone to make a nomination for Chairman of County Council.

Mrs. Morrone she would like to nominate John McBlain as Chairman of Delaware County Council. She said John has served on County Council, going into his 7th year on Council, and she believes he is the most qualified individual to lead County Council in the next two-year period. It is her honor to nominate Mr. McBlain as Chairman of Delaware County Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Culp. Mr. Zidek wanted to know if there was going to be a discussion on the motion.

Mr. Zidek said he was a little surprised that Colleen was not nominated for Chairman of County Council. He would have thought that she was Vice Chairman that she would have been nominated for Chairman.

Mrs. Morrone said it is a position that she determined she was not looking to stepping into at this point and time and felt that the most qualified individual to lead us is at this time is John. His experience as Solicitor and his time on County Council fully supports her nomination and feels it is the right choice for Delaware County.

Given all that we see in the newspaper and having Delaware County led by a woman would have been a neat thing especially a person with her credentials. He respects Colleen's position.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. (Votes: 5 Yeas) Congratulations Mr. McBlain.

Mr. Culp called on Chairman McBlain to make a nomination for Vice Chairman.

Chairman McBlain moved to appoint Colleen Morrone to be Vice Chairman of Delaware County Council. She has served in that leadership role since the last term. He believes she has done a tremendous job and believes if she is elected as Vice Chairman of County Council he and Colleen would form an effective leadership team for the county over these next two years. So, he wholeheartedly nominates Colleen Morrone as Vice Chairman.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Culp. Mr. Culp asked if there was any discussion.

Mr. Madden made the following remark. This is no way takes away from his opinion of Councilwoman Morrone. He had some time to spend with Colleen since the election and he holds her in high regard and echoes what Brian's said earlier. With that said, he believes this would have been a great opportunity, in this new era of bipartisanship, to have a vice chairman from the other side of the party ranks. So, he would have pushed for a vice chairman between Brian and himself. So, he will not be voting in favor of Councilwoman Morrone for Vice Chairman. But as he said, it is nothing personal.

Mr. Zidek said this is going to seem inconsistent in what he just said that it would be great for Mrs. Morrone to lead us. He, too, share Kevin's sentiments that he thought this would be a nice way to start off this new era of having Democrats and Republicans on County Council as to seeing them represented at the highest level, as other townships like Nether Providence has done that where they had Republicans were in the majority and had a Democrat as Vice Chair/Vice President of the Township Commissioners. He would have moved for Kevin Madden to be named Vice Chairman of the Council. That would have been both a nice token and would have served the County well by allowing there to be a franker discussion than otherwise would be possible. Given his earlier comments, I think you know that he holds Colleen in high regard, so you should assume his vote is for any other reason than that he thinks it should be bipartisan.

Mr. Culp asked if there was any further discussion. Seeing none, the motion was made and seconded and carried with 3 Yea votes (McBlain, Morrone and Culp) and 2 Nay votes (Madden and Zidek) registered. Congratulations Mrs. Morrone.

Chairman McBlain thanked the members of County Council and called on Vice Chairman Morrone to continue with the Agenda Items.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 7, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 13, 2017, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving appointment of Executive Director Marianne Grace to a two-year term, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the appointment of members to the Board of Institution Management to include all members of County Council - John McBlain, Colleen Morrone, Michael Culp, Kevin Madden and Brian Zidek. The motion was seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 10, the appointment of the following members to the Retirement Board to a two-year term expiring January 2020: John McBlain, Michael Culp, Colleen Morrone, Joanne Phillips and John Dowd. The motion was seconded by Mr. Culp. The motion was carried with 3 Yeas, 2 Nays (Madden and Zidek).

Chairman McBlain called on Mrs. Morrone to speak on Agenda Item 11.

Mrs. Morrone moved for an action to establish the County Bond with the Treasurer as the Collector of County Taxes in the sum of \$25,000,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to designate the Depositories of County Funds to be CitiBank, Citizens Bank, PNC Bank, Republic First Bank, Santander Bank, TD Bank, Wells Fargo, Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union and PLGIT. The motion was seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the adoption of the following Resolution designating persons authorized to sign checks: the five (5) members of County Council; Joanne Phillips, County Controller; Thomas J. Burke, Chief Deputy Controller; John A. Dowd, County Treasurer; and Charlene M. Mangano, Deputy Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to adopt the Regular Meetings and Agenda Meetings of County Council for the year 2018, as per the attached list.

Chairman McBlain said these meeting dates and schedules pretty much echo what has been done in the past, but as we enter into a new phase and just because it was done that way before doesn't mean it has to be the same way when we do again. We have bipartisan interests in looking at our meetings.

So, reading up on things, Chairman McBlain sees that one of the powers of Chairman is to create committees. One of the first things he would like to do is appoint Councilman Madden and Vice Chairman Morrone as the committee to take a look at our meetings, both in the manner in which we conduct our meetings and the times and places.

Both Vice Chairman Morrone and Councilman Madden accepted the appointment to this committee. Mrs. Morrone said she thinks this will be a great opportunity to work with Councilman Madden and to take a look at how we can make things better.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 15 to adopt the County Holidays for the year 2018 according to the attached list, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Maddren had no County business today.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dan Procopio, of Aldan Borough, congratulated Mr. McBlain on his appointment as Chairman of Delaware County Council. He also congratulated the newly elected members of Council. He asked a question regarding the County Holiday schedule.

COUNCIL: Mr. Zidek said his experience and his interactions with people working for Delaware County that they have been doing a job desirous of providing services for their constituents and the people of Delaware County. It is his first time to serving in government and so his ears will be open, his eyes will be open and he wants to hear from folks. If you have an idea that could make government better, please let him know what it is.

He will rely heavily upon Executive Director Grace and Solicitor Maddren as he learns as much as he can and as quickly as he can so he can be a productive member of County Council.

Mr. Madden said he is honored to be in this room serving with all four members of Council, an honor that he doesn't take lightly. He wanted to acknowledge Executive Director Grace and the three incumbents here for the amount of time they put toward what could have been perceived as a threat. He did not experience that. He experienced something that he had hoped would be the experience which was opportunity for all of us to advance the welfare of our community. He believes that takes some courage to stand up and say, "look, we are in these seats for the betterment of the community and not for the benefit of our party." Thank you for that.

Mr. Culp congratulated and welcomed Kevin and Brian onto Council, Joanne Phillips, Mary Walker and Jerry Sanders. He looks forward to working with them. Thanks to everyone who came out this morning. Happy New Year.

Mrs. Morrone welcomed new council members Kevin and Brian. She looks forward to working with them. The residents of Delaware County are our sole focus making sure that we are providing a community to raise families and our residents to live that is safe and welcoming, growing and thriving and attracting new business. She looks forward to working with them as well as our new Controller, Sheriff and Register of Wills.

Chairman McBlain echoed those comments and welcomed Joanne Phillips, Kevin and Brian. He said it has been a pleasure to work with them thus far in our preparation for today's meeting.

As we proceed, someone called our new situation a divided government and he thought that was the wrong phrase to use. He wants to look at it as bipartisan government. We accept everything that our new colleagues have said at face value and we want to work together for the betterment of everybody here in the county.

Chairman McBlain remarked that the last Chairman of County Council with bipartisan government was the Hon. Charles Keeler. Judge Keeler was an example of an honest and thoughtful leader, and someone McBlain stated he wished to emulate as Chairman of Council.

It is an honor to be nominated and elected as Chair. He will try to do his best.

There being no further County business, nor public discussion, motion made by Mr. Culp to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk

RECORDED BY: N. J. Scallan

2018 County Council Meetings

January	10, 17, 24, 31
February	7, 14, 21, 28
March	7, 14, 21
April	4, 11, 18, 25
May	2, 9, 23
June	6, 20
July	11, 25
August	8, 22
September	12, 19, 26
October	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
November	14, 28
December	5, 12

2018 Council Agenda Meetings

January	9, 16, 23, 30
February	6, 13, 20, 27
March	6, 13, 20
April	3, 10, 17, 24
May	1, 8, 22
June	5, 19
July	10, 24
August	7, 21
September	11, 18, 25
October	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
November	13, 27
December	4, 11

2018 COUNTY HOLIDAYS

New Year's Day	January 1	Monday
Martin Luther King	January 15	Monday
President's Day	February 19	Monday
Good Friday	March 30	Friday
Primary Election	May 15	Tuesday
Memorial Day	May 28	Monday
Independence Day	July 4	Wednesday
Labor Day	September 3	Monday
Columbus Day	October 8	Monday
Election Day	November 6	Tuesday
Veterans Day	November 12	Monday
Thanksgiving Day	November 22	Thursday
Day After Thanksgiving	November 23	Friday
Christmas Day Holiday	December 24	Monday
Christmas Holiday	December 25	Tuesday