

January 5, 2026  
Re-Organization Meeting of Council  
6:30 PM Swearing in Ceremony  
Chancellor Center

### **Swearing In Ceremony**

The Honorable Michael W. Petrucci conducted the swearing-in ceremony and administered the Oath of Office to Borough Councilors Emily Heinz, Gina Tognini, Kris Bauman and Tax Collector Judy Musto.

Councilors took their seat at the table.

Present: Councilors Bauman, Foley, Heinz, Phillips, Tognini and Woldorf; Solicitors Heleniak and Bethala

In the absence of Mayor-Elect Grunde-McLaughlin, President Heinz called the January 5, 2026 Re-Organization Meeting of Newtown Borough Council to order and asked those in attendance to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Solicitor Heleniak asked for a vote by Council to appoint a Temporary Chair to lead the nomination process for President and Vice-President of Council.

- A motion was duly made by Councilor Bauman, seconded by Councilor Phillips, and passed unanimously, to nominate President Heinz as the Temporary Chair.

Emily Heinz, as Temporary Chair, called for Nominations for President of Council.

- A motion was duly made by Councilor Phillips and passed unanimously, to nominate Emily Heinz as Council President.

President Heinz called for Nominations for Vice-President of Council.

- A motion was duly made by Councilor Bauman and passed unanimously, to nominate Gina Tognini as Council Vice-President.

**Public to be Heard** - none

### **Action Items:**

- A motion was duly made by Councilor Woldorf, seconded by Councilor Phillips, and passed unanimously, to name as official newspaper(s) for legal notices and employment advertising, The Advance of Bucks County; Bucks County Courier Times; and if needed, The Intelligencer and/or the Philadelphia Inquirer.

- A motion was duly made by Councilor Foley, seconded by Councilor Woldorf, and passed unanimously, to name the following financial institutions as depositories for the Borough of Newtown: The First National Bank & Trust Company of Newtown and Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT).
- A motion was duly made by Councilor Phillips, seconded by Councilor Foley, and passed unanimously, to adopt mileage reimbursement, when authorized by supervisor and/or President of Council for employees, elected officials, and committee volunteers at 72.5 cents per mile as set by the IRS.
- A motion was duly made and amended by Councilor Foley, seconded by Councilor Phillips, and passed unanimously, to reaffirm the Resolution authorizing the Borough Manager, President of Council, and Co-Chairs of Budget and Finance to execute documents and sign checks for First National Bank and the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust.
- A motion was duly made by Councilor Woldorf, seconded by Councilor Foley, and passed unanimously, to reaffirm the Resolution authorizing safe deposit box access at the First National Bank & Trust Company of Newtown by President of Council, Co-Chairs of Budget and Finance, Borough Secretary, and the Borough Manager.
- A motion was duly made by Councilor Phillips, seconded by Councilor Woldorf, and passed unanimously, to reappoint Craig Totaro as Borough Manager & Treasurer.
- A motion was duly made by Councilor Bauman, seconded by Councilor Foley, and passed unanimously, to reappoint Judy Musto as Borough Secretary.
- A motion was duly made by Councilor Woldorf, seconded by Councilor Foley, and passed unanimously, to reappoint CKS Engineers, Inc. as Borough Engineer.
- A motion was duly made by Councilor Foley, seconded by Councilor Phillips, and passed unanimously, to reappoint Clarke, Gallagher, Barbiero, Amuso, Glassman Law as Borough Solicitor.
- A motion was duly made by Councilor Phillips, seconded by Councilor Foley, and passed unanimously, to reappoint Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. to serve as Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer, HARB Administrator and Zoning Officer.

### **Committee Re-appointments and Appointments**

- A motion was duly made by Councilor Tognini, seconded by Councilor Phillips, and passed unanimously, to reappoint Andrew Rich as an *Alternate* to the *Civil Service Commission* for a six-year term through December 31, 2031.

- A motion was duly made by Councilor Tognini, seconded by Councilor Phillips, and passed unanimously, to reappoint Glenn Beasley to the *Environmental Advisory Council* for a three-year term through December 31, 2028.
- A motion was duly made by Councilor Tognini, seconded by Councilor Woldorf, and passed unanimously, to reappoint Samantha McGraw to the *Environmental Advisory Council* for a three-year term through December 31, 2028.
- A motion was duly made by Councilor Tognini, seconded by Councilor Bauman, and passed unanimously, to reappoint Mike Hutchinson to the *Historic Architectural Review Board* for a three-year term through December 31, 2028.
- A motion was duly made by Councilor Tognini, seconded by Councilor Bauman, and passed unanimously, to reappoint Karen White to the *Historic Architectural Review Board* for a three-year term through December 31, 2028.
- A motion was duly made by Councilor Tognini, seconded by Councilor Phillips, and passed unanimously, to table the reappointment of Paula Raimondo to the *Human Relations Commission* for a three-year term through December 31, 2028.

Councilor Tognini will discuss term length options with Ms. Raimondo.

- A motion was duly made by Councilor Tognini, seconded by Councilor Bauman, and passed unanimously, to appoint Lori Michelin to the *Joint Historic Commission* for a four-year term through December 31, 2029.
- A motion was duly made by Councilor Tognini, seconded by Councilor Foley, and passed unanimously, to reappoint Nicole Rodowicz to the *Planning Commission* for a four-year term through December 31, 2029.
- A motion was duly made by Councilor Tognini, seconded by Councilor Phillips, and passed unanimously, to reappoint Bob Musto to the *Recreation Board* for a five-year term through December 31, 2030.
- A motion was duly made by Councilor Tognini, seconded by Councilor Foley, and passed unanimously, to reappoint Ted Schmidt to the *Shade Tree Commission* for a three-year term through December 31, 2028.
- A motion was duly made by Councilor Tognini, seconded by Councilor Phillips, and passed unanimously, to reappoint Rob Wagner to the *UCC & IFC Board of Appeals* for a five-year term through December 31, 2030.

- A motion was duly made by Councilor Tognini, seconded by Councilor Phillips, and passed unanimously, to table the reappointment of Nicole Rodowicz as Chairperson of the *Vacancy Board* for a 1-year term through December 31, 2026.

Councilor Tognini will follow up with Ms. Rodowicz.

### **Zoning Hearing Board Re-appointment by Resolution**

- A motion was duly made by Councilor Tognini, seconded by Councilor Phillips, and passed unanimously, to adopt Resolution #1-5-2026, re-appointing Paul Salvatore to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three-year term through 12/31/2028.

Councilor Tognini announced the remaining open committee positions, noting there are currently four for Human Relations Commission and one for the Recreation Board; she reminded everyone that all Committees should reorganize at their monthly meetings in January.

### **Budget & Finance – Emily Heinz, Gail Foley, & Julia Woldorf**

President Heinz confirmed that Council is fine with the previously approved 2026 budget.

**Old Business** - none

### **Announcements**

President Heinz announced that an Executive Session will take place following tonight’s meeting to discuss real estate.

**Public to be Heard** – none

President Heinz called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 P.M. Councilor Phillips so moved, Councilor Tognini seconded, and the motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted by,

Judy S. Musto, Secretary

In Attendance:

Kirk & Marcia Lincoln-Heinz  
Chris Brill  
Ian Sadock  
Penny Ettinger  
Mary Gonzalez  
Randi Lawrie  
Perry & Liz Warren  
Dennis O’Brien  
Katherine Borish

Bob Musto  
Ava Sadock  
Elika Imanaga  
Jane Scopelite  
Jeff Werner  
Mike Sellers  
Glenn & Trish Beasley  
Christine Edmonds  
Honorable Michael W. Petrucci