

**WARREN CITY COUNCIL  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
JANUARY 3, 2012 – 7:30 PM**

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**OPENING OF MEETING**

Mayor Mark A. Phillips presided over the January 3, 2012 organizational meeting of Warren City Council in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present and responding to roll call were: Mayor Phillips, Mr. Cashman, Dr. Ferguson, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Park, and Mr. Zavinski. It was noted that Samuel Harvey, incoming Council member, was present. Mr. Nelles, Mrs. Leary, Ms. Stapleford, and Chief Zydonik of City staff were also in attendance.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Mayor Phillips welcomed all visitors. Present were:

- Rachel Harvey
- John Harvey
- Judge Gregory Hammond
- Eric Tichey, Times Observer reporter

**OATH OF OFFICE**

The Honorable Gregory J. Hammond, Judge of the 37<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, was present to administer the Oath of Office to Council members Dr. Howard Ferguson and Christopher Park who were elected to new terms on City Council and to incoming member Samuel V. Harvey.

**ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL**

Dr. Ferguson nominated Mr. Cashman to serve as Vice-President of Council. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Zavinski.

Mr. Lewis nominated Mr. Park to serve as Vice-President of Council. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Harvey.

Upon roll call vote, Mr. Cashman received four votes and Mr. Park received three votes, thereby naming Mr. Cashman Vice-President of Warren City Council.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Mr. Nelles stated that letters were sent to City board and commission members with terms expiring on December 31, 2011. At the same time, a press release was sent to the Times Observer enumerating the positions for which terms were expiring and/or vacancies existed due to resignations. Incumbent members and interested citizens were invited to complete an application for the desired position. The following applications were presented to Council members for their consideration:

1. Judith Wilson: Applying to fill a vacant seat on the Parks and Recreation Commission – 2 vacancies would remain

2. William Tarpenning: Applying for appointment to a new term on the Planning Commission – there would be no vacancies
3. Paul Brohn: Applying for appointment to a new term on the Street Landscape Committee – 1 vacancy would remain
4. Gary Baldensperger: Applying for appointment to a new term on the Convention Center Authority – there would be no vacancies
5. Karen Davis: Letter indicating her desire to serve as the citizen designee on the Warren/Forest Counties Economic Opportunities Council (EOC) Board of Directors for 2012.

Mr. Cashman made the motion to appoint the five applicants to the respective positions on boards and commissions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis and carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Phillips declared the meeting adjourned.