

Minutes of the Borough Council Zelienople, PA

1/2/2024 7:30 PM

COUNCIL-REORGANIZATION

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The January 2, 2024, meeting of the Zelienople Borough Council for the purpose of Reorganization was called to order at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers by Mayor Thomas Oliverio. In attendance were Council members Mary Hess, Andrew Mathew III, Ralph Geis, Doug Foyle, Spencer Mathew, and Thomas Oliverio. Gregg Semel attended remotely. Junior Councilperson Kyra Fazio was also present. Council member Marietta Reeb did not attend. Incoming Council members Dan Fritch and Steve Schoppe were also present.

Also, in attendance were Borough Manager Andrew Spencer and Police Chief Jim Miller. Borough Solicitor Bonnie Brimmeier attended remotely.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Jim Miller

VISITORS:

Helen Oliverio, Don Pepe, Daniel Karns, and Ben White. Dean Berkebile attended remotely.

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REORGANIZATION ACTIONS

ROLL CALL

Roll call by Borough Manager Andrew Spencer.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE

Mayor Oliverio issued the Oaths of Office to Mrs. Mary Hess, Mr. Dan Fritch, and Mr. Steve Schoppe. All necessary paperwork for their positions has been submitted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mayor Oliverio opened the floor for nominations for 2024-2025.

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Council President

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew nominating Mary Hess for Council President. The nominations were closed.

Motion carried 7-0.

Council Vice President

A motion was made by Mrs. Hess nominating Andrew Mathew III for Council Vice President. The nominations were closed.

Motion carried 7-0.

Council Chairman Pro- Tem

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew nominating Gregg Semel for Council Chairman Pro –Tem. Nominations were closed.

Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Oliverio turned the meeting over to Council President Mary Hess.

Visitors and Public Comment

Ralph Geis commented and offered encouraging words for council going forward.

Vacancy Board Chairman

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, second by Mr. Fritch, to reappoint Mr. Neal Jackson to serve as the Vacancy Borough Chairman.

Motion carried 7-0.

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Treasurer and Depository

A motion was made by Mr. Spencer Mathew, second by Mr. Foyle, to reappoint NexTier Bank as both Treasurer and Depository.

Motion carried 7-0.

Borough Solicitor

A motion was made by Mr. Foyle, second by Mr. Spencer Mathew, to reappoint Bonnie Brimmeier of Brimmeier and Associates as the Borough Solicitor.

Motion carried 7-0.

Borough Secretary

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, second by Mr. Schoppe, to reappoint Andrew C. Spencer, Borough Manager, as the Borough Secretary.

Motion carried 7-0.

Independent Borough Auditor

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, second by Mr. Foyle, to reappoint H2R CPA (formally Cottrill, Arbutina & Associates) as the Borough Auditors.

Motion carried 7-0.

Borough Engineer

A motion was made by Mr. Spencer Mathew, second by Mr. Fritch, to reappoint Tom Thompson from the firm of Gannett Fleming, as the Borough Engineer.

Motion carried 7-0.

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Appointment of Tom Surgalski on the Zelienople Airport Authority Board

A motion was made by Mr. Foyle, second by Mr. Mathew, to reappoint Tom Surgalski on the Zelienople Airport Authority Board for another Five (5) years from 12/31/23 to 12/31/28.


Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 513-24 ESTABLISHING CHECK SIGNING SIGNATURES TO ALL OF THE ZELIENOPLE BOROUGH FUNDS

A motion was made by Mr. Mathew, second by Mr. Spencer Mathew, to add the names chosen for Council President – Mary E. Hess, Council Vice-President – Andrew Mathew III and Council Pro-Tem – Gregg Semel and listed in proposed Resolution #513-24 and that Council consider adoption of proposed Resolution #513-24.

A full and true copy of Resolutions #513-24 can be found in the Resolution Book.



Secretary / Manager

Motion carried 7-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Oliverio expressed thanks to the Junior Council Person and Ben Welch who's involved in studying local government at school.

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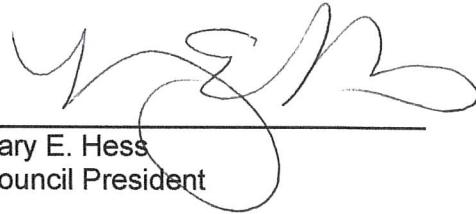
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Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM by Council President Mary Hess.

ATTEST:



Andrew C. Spencer
Borough Manager



Mary E. Hess
Council President

Approved by me this 29th day of January 2024.



Thomas M. Oliverio
Mayor