

MINUTES

COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING

January 5, 2026

6:00PM Council Meeting

THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

1. Call to Order by presiding officer
Moment of silence, Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call (if quorum is not present, the meeting shall thereupon be Adjourned to a specific date by the majority vote of those present)
3. Swearing in of newly elected officials
4. Nominations of officers
5. Review and approval of agenda.
6. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals - Agenda Items
7. Business Not Ready for Action or No Action Needed
8. Old Business
9. Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions
10. New Business
11. Added Items
12. Citizen Correspondence/Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items
13. Adjournment

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDING OFFICER: Mayor Tim Burke

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL (Attendance)

<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u> <u>& MAYOR</u>	PRESENT	ABSENT	<u>OFFICERS</u>	PRESENT	ABSENT
JARRETT		X			
KARAFINKSI	X		Chief of Police		X
LEARN	X		Solicitor		X
LEWIS	X		Engineer		X
MOCCIA	X		DPW Foreman		X
TROIANI	X		Reporter(s)	NONE	
WOZNIAK	X		Fire Chief	X	
MAYOR BURKE	X				
Borough Manager	X				

ITEM 3. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS: Mayor Tim Burke

All officials were sworn in prior to meeting.

ITEM 4. NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS

1.) NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Learn and Ms. Troiani Nominated _____ Ms. Wozniak _____

CLOSE NOMINATIONS: Motion Mr. Learn

Second Mr. Lewis

VOTING FOR MS WOZNIAK:

- Mr. Lewis - Yes
- Mr. Karafinski - Yes
- Ms. Wozniak - Abstain
- Ms. Troiani - Yes
- Mr. Moccia - Yes
- Mr. Learn - Yes

Ms. Wozniak elected Council president by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, with 1 abstention.

Ms. Wozniak assumed the seat of Council President, and took over as meeting chair from Mayor Burke.

2.) **NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT:**

Mr. Learn Nominated Mr. Moccia

Nomination was declined by Mr. Moccia

Mr. Lewis and Mr. Learn Nominated Mr. Karafinski

CLOSE NOMINATIONS: Motion Ms. Troiani

Second Mr. Moccia

VOTING FOR MR KARAFINSKI:

- Mr. Learn - Yes
- Mr. Lewis - Yes
- Ms. Troiani - Yes
- Mr. Moccia - Yes
- Mr. Karafinski - Abstain
- Ms. Wozniak - Yes

Mr. Karafinski elected Council Vice President by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, with 1 abstention.

ITEM 5. REVIEW & APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA:

Discussion - None

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Ms. Troiani

All in favor, agenda approved.

ITEM 6. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Agenda Items

None

ITEM 7. BUSINESS NOT READY FOR ACTION:

1. Mr. Lewis noted that Geisinger EMS is purchasing old car dealership in Salem Twp., and will be vacating their Vine Street location, which will allow the Borough to utilize that space.

ITEM 8. OLD BUSINESS:

None

ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

None

ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider and take action to appoint **Frank Kepner of Kepner, Kepner and Corba** as the **BOROUGH SOLICITOR**.

Discussion: Conversation on the pros and cons of Attorney Kepner. Questioned whether we could appoint the entire firm, as opposed to just Attorney Kepner. Ultimately, Mr. Moccia asked that we make a point of looking into other options early enough to consider them before next reorganization.

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Karafinski ☒ Approved, ☐ Denied, ☐ Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

2. Consider and take action to appoint **J.H. Williams** as the **BOROUGH AUDITOR**.

Discussion: Borough Manager noted that the Borough is generally very pleased with services provided, and has no reason to consider a change.

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Mr. Moccia ☒ Approved, ☐ Denied, ☐ Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

3. Consider and take action to designate **First Keystone Bank** as the **DEPOSITORY FOR BOROUGH FUNDS**.

Discussion: Borough Manager noted that the Borough is generally very pleased with services provided, and has no reason to consider a change.

Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Mr. Moccia ☒ Approved, ☐ Denied, ☐ Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

4. Consider and take action to appoint **Quad 3** as the **BOROUGH ENGINEER**.

Discussion: Mr. Moccia asked that we look into other options early enough to consider them prior to appointing at next reorganization.

Motion: Mr. Karafinski Second: Ms. Troiani ☒ Approved, ☐ Denied, ☐ Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

5. Consider and take action to appoint **Cassandra Mowery** as the **BOROUGH TREASURER** until January 4, 2028.

Discussion: Borough Manager noted that Ms. Mowery continues to do an excellent job as Borough Treasurer.

Motion: Ms. Troiani Second: Mr. Moccia ☒ Approved, ☐ Denied, ☐ Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

6. Consider and take action to appoint **Damien Scoblink** as the **BOROUGH MANAGER** until January 4, 2028.

Discussion: Borough Manager offered to leave the room if any conversation was needed without him present. That offer was declined, with no further discussion.

Motion: Mr. Lewis Second: Mr. Learn ☒ Approved, ☐ Denied, ☐ Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

7. Consider and take action to authorize Borough Manager to proceed with process for demolition of 343/345 LaSalle Street, wherein the Borough shall agree to contribute an amount equal to one-third of the total cost, to be paid utilizing local funds, with the Columbia County Housing and Redevelopment Authority operating as the primary party on this project

Discussion: Borough Manager reminded the background of this, while confirming that this project was discussed at Council's previous meeting.

Motion: Mr. Karafinski Second: Mr. Moccia ☒ Approved,
☐ Denied, ☐ Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

8. Consider and take action to approve proceeding with process to enact an emergency demolition of the property at 1224 Fifth Avenue, to be paid utilizing local funds

Discussion: Borough Manager reminded background.

Motion: Ms. Troiani Second: Mr. Moccia ☒ Approved,
☐ Denied, ☐ Tabled

All in favor, motion approved.

ITEM 11. ADDED ITEMS

None

ITEM 12. Citizen Correspondence / Personal Appeals - Non-Agenda Items

- Don Smith, Spring Garden Avenue - Noted that he is not seeing any traps at problem property. Also noted that he has not seen any rats there since August.

ITEM 13. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Mr. Learn Second: Ms. Troiani

Meeting adjourned.