

BOROUGH OF EDDYSTONE
BOROUGH COUNCIL RE-ORGAINZATION
MEETING MINUTES
January 6, 2020
7:00 P.M.

The Borough of Eddystone Borough Council met on the above date and time in Borough Hall with the following members present: Mayor Allen Reeves, Councilmembers Beth Gross, Karen Reeves, Stanley Sigda, Chris Sprague, William Stewart, Glen Wilson and Rob Yannuzzi.

Mayor Reeves called the meeting to order followed by prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

The Honorable Wilden Horace Davis swore in the newly elected Councilmembers:

Chris Sprague
Glen R. Wilson
Rob Yannuzzi

Roll Call

NOMINATION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Mr. Sigda nominated Rob Yannuzzi.
Mr. Yannuzzi nominated William Stewart.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Motion made by Mr. Sigda; 2nd by Mr. Reeves to elect Rob Yannuzzi Council President. Motion fails 4-3. (Sprague, Stewart, Wilson & Yannuzzi voted No.)
Motion made by Mr. Yannuzzi; 2nd by Mr. Sprague to elect William Stewart Council President. Motion carries 4-3. (Sigda, Gross & Reeves voted No.)

NOMINATION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT:

Mr. Sigda nominated Karen Reeves.
Mr. Wilson nominated Rob Yanuzzi

ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT:

Motion made by Mr. Sigda; 2nd by Mrs. Gross to elect Karen Reeves Council Vice President. Motion fails 4-3. (Sprague, Stewart, Wilson & Yannuzzi voted No.)
Motion made by Mr. Wilson; 2nd by Mr. Sprague to elect Rob Yannuzzi Council Vice President. Motion carries 4-3. (Sigda, Gross & Reeves voted No.)

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL PRO TEMPORE:

Motion made by Mr. Sigda; 2nd by Mrs. Reeves to appoint Beth Gross. Motion fails 4-3. (Sprague, Stewart, Wilson & Yannuzzi voted No.)
Motion made by Mr. Yannuzzi; 2nd by Mr. Wilson to appoint Chris Sprague. Motion carries 4-3. (Sigda, Gross & Reeves voted No.)

APPOINTMENT OF VACANCY BOARD CHAIR:

Motion made by Mr. Wilson; 2nd by Mr. Sprague to appoint Eugene Wylie. Motion carries 4-3. (Sigda, Gross & Reeves voted No.)

Mr. Wylie was sworn in by Mayor Reeves.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

Borough Solicitor:

Motion made by Mrs. Reeves; 2nd by Mr. Sigda to appoint Pressman & Doyle. Motion fails 4-3. (Sprague, Stewart, Wilson & Yannuzzi voted No.)

Motion made by Mr. Wilson; 2nd by Mr. Sprague to appoint Rudolph Clarke LLC. Motion carries 4-3. (Sigda, Gross & Reeves voted No.)

Labor Relations Solicitor:

Motion made by Mrs. Reeves; 2nd by Mr. Sigda to appoint McNichol, Bryne & Matalawski, PC. Motion carries 7-0.

Planning Commission Solicitor:

Motion made by Mrs. Reeves; 2nd by Mr. Sigda to appoint Pressman & Doyle. Motion carries 7-0.

Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor:

Motion made by Mrs. Gross; 2nd by Mrs. Reeves to appoint John F. X. Reilly. Motion carries 7-0.

Civil Service Solicitor:

Motion made by Mr. Wilson; 2nd by Mr. Yannuzzi to appoint John F. X. Reilly. Motion carries 7-0.

Engineer:

Motion made by Mrs. Reeves; 2nd by Mr. Sigda to appoint Catania Engineering. Motion carries 7-0.

Building Code Official:

Motion made by Mr. Sigda; 2nd by Mrs. Gross to appoint John Lyman, Evan Hosbach and Michael Possenti as the Health Inspector. Motion fails 4-3. (Sprague, Stewart, Wilson & Yannuzzi voted No.)

Motion made by Mr. Wilson; 2nd by Mr. Yannuzzi to appoint Barry Isett & Associates. Motion carries 4-3. (Sigda, Gross & Reeves voted No.)

IT Support:

Motion made by Mrs. Reeves; 2nd by Mr. Sigda to appoint Steve Giancristoforo. Motion carries 7-0.

Financial Director:

Motion made by Mrs. Reeves; 2nd by Mrs. Gross to appoint Possenti Consulting LLC. Motion carries 7-0.

Auditor:

Motion made by Mr. Wilson; 2nd by Mr. Sigda to appoint Mingis, Gutowski & Company. Motion carries 7-0.

Actuary for Police Pension Plan:

Motion made by Mrs. Reeves; 2nd by Mr. Wilson to appoint Thomas J. Anderson. Motion carries 7-0.

Borough Manager:

Motion made by Mrs. Reeves; 2nd by Mrs. Gross to appoint Possenti Consulting LLC. Motion fails 4-3. (Sprague, Stewart, Wilson & Yannuzzi voted No.)

Motion made by Mr. Wilson; 2nd by Mr. Sprague to appoint Dawn Jones as Manager for the Borough of Eddystone contingent upon the execution of a mutually agreeable Employment Offer prepared by our solicitor and approved by Council which outlines duties, responsibilities and performance expectations along with salary and benefit compensation understanding that Possenti Consulting will continue in said role until the employment agreement is executed. Motion carries 4-3. (Sigda, Gross & Reeves voted No.)

Borough Secretary:

Motion made by Mrs. Reeves; 2nd by Mrs. Gross to appoint Tina Torres. Motion fails 4-3. (Sprague, Stewart, Wilson & Yannuzzi voted No.)

Motion made by Mr. Wilson; 2nd by Mr. Yannuzzi to appoint Dawn Jones as Secretary for the Borough of Eddystone understanding that Tina Torres will continue in said role until the employment agreement is executed. Motion carries 4-3. (Sigda, Gross & Reeves voted No.)

Right to Know Officer:

Motion made by Mr. Sprague; 2nd by Mr. Wilson to appoint Dawn Jones as Right to Know Officer for the Borough of Eddystone understanding that Michael Possenti will continue in said role until the employment agreement is executed. Motion carries 4-3. (Sigda, Gross & Reeves voted No.)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consider engaging a consultant to conduct a general financial review of accounting procedures and practices

Motion made by Mr. Wilson; 2nd by Mr. Sprague to engage Brinker Simpson & Company, LLC to examine and analyze current Borough accounting policies, procedures and internal controls for a cost not to exceed \$6,000. Motion carries 4-3. (Sigda, Gross & Reeves voted No.)

2. Consider adjustments to 2020 Budget

Motion made by Mr. Wilson; 2nd by Mr. Sprague to re-open 2020 budget pursuant to Section 1311 of the Pennsylvania Borough Code. Motion carries 4-3. (Sigda, Gross & Reeves voted No.)

Motion made by Mr. Wilson; 2nd by Mr. Yannuzzi to freeze all salaries at the November 1, 2019 levels pending finalization of 2020 budget. Motion carries 4-3. (Sigda, Gross & Reeves voted No.)

3. Review of Police Pension Plan – Actuarial Cost Study as of 01/01/2020

Motion made by Mr. Wilson; 2nd by Mr. Sprague to reject the Actuarial Cost Study as of January 1, 2020 for the Borough of Eddystone Police Pension Plan as prepared by Beyer-Barber Company in cooperation with Thomas J. Anderson & Associates on the basis that it does not meet the requirements of Act 205. Motion carries 4-3. (Sigda, Gross & Reeves voted No.)

Motion made by Mr. Wilson; 2nd by Mr. Sprague to void Council's vote of December 9, 2019 to approve the contract with the Eddystone PD (FOP Lodge 27) for failure to comply with Act 205 requirements. Motion carries 4-3. (Sigda, Gross & Reeves voted No.)

Motion made by Mr. Sprague; 2nd by Mr. Yannuzzi to reject what is now considered a proposed agreement between the Borough of Eddystone and the Eddystone PD (FOP Lodge 27). Motion carries 4-3. (Sigda, Gross & Reeves voted No.)

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Mrs. Reeves; 2nd by Mr. Sigda. Motion carries 7-0.

Submitted by,

Secretary
Borough of Eddystone