

BOROUGH OF EDDYSTONE
BOROUGH COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 6, 2022

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER by Beth Gross

Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Prayer by Pastor John Lafferty

Swearing in of Elected Officials by the Honorable John J. Whelan

Beth Gross – Council

Mandy Hall –Council

Rachael Walker –Council

Michael Bannon –Council

Randy Perry –Council

Business Meeting

Roll Call

Councilor Michael Bannon – present

Councilor Beth Gross – present

Councilor Mandy Hall –present

Councilor Randy Perry –present

Councilor Chris Sprague – by phone

Councilor Rachael Walker – present

Councilor Robert Yannuzzi – present

REORGANIZATION AND APPOINTMENTS

Nomination for Council President- Motion made by Randy Perry for Rachael Walker, 2nd by Mandy Hall, Motion carries 5-2 (No-Sprague & Yannuzzi) New Council President Rachel Walker

Nomination for Council Vice President-Motion made by Rachael Walker for Mandy Hall, 2nd by Beth Gross, Motion carries 4-2 (No-Sprague & Yannuzzi) Mandy Hall abstained from the vote

Nomination for Pro Tem- Motion made by Mandy Hall for Beth Gross, 2nd by Rachael Walker, Motion carries 7-0

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Borough Manager motion made by Michael Bannon for Dawn Jones, 2nd by Beth Gross, Motion carries 7-0

Borough Secretary motion made by Beth Gross for Tina Torres, 2nd by Mandy Hall, Motion carries 7-0

Borough Solicitor motion made by Michael Bannon for Timothy Possenti, 2nd by Beth Gross, Motion carries 5-2 (No-Sprague & Yannuzzi)

Financial Accountants/Treasurer motion made by Randy Perry for Brinker Simpson, 2nd by Mandy Hall, Motion carries 7-0

Labor Relations Solicitor motion made by Michael Bannon for Raffaele & Puppio, 2nd by Beth Gross, Motion carries 5-2 (No Sprague & Yannuzzi)

Planning Commission Solicitor motion made by Randy Perry for Timothy Possenti, 2nd by Mandy Hall, Motion carries 5-2 (No Sprague & Yannuzzi)

Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor motion made by Mandy Hall for John F.X. Reilly, 2nd by Beth Gross, Motion carries 7-0

Civil Service Solicitor motion made by Mandy Hall for John F.X. Reilly, 2nd by Beth Gross, Motion carries 7-0

Engineer motion made by Mandy Hall for Catania Engineering, 2nd by Michael Bannon, Motion carries 7-0

Building Code Official Residential motion made by Mandy Hall for John Lyman, 2nd by Beth Gross, Motion carries 5-2 (No Sprague & Yannuzzi)

Building Code Official Commercial motion made by Mandy Hall for Catania Engineering, 2nd by Michael Bannon, Motion carries 7-0

Plumbing/HVAC Code Official Residential & Commercial motion made by Mandy Hall for Evan Hosbach, 2nd by Beth Gross, Motion carries 5-2 (No Sprague & Yannuzzi)

Electrical Code Official motion made by Mandy Hall for United Inspection Agency, 2nd by Beth Gross, Motion carries 7-0

Health Inspector motion made by Mandy Hall for Dawn Jones, 2nd by Beth Gross, Motion carries 7-0

Auditor motion made by Mandy Hall for Leitzell & Economidis, 2nd by Beth Gross, Motion carries 5-2 (No Sprague & Yannuzzi)

Actuary for Police Pension Plan motion made by Mandy Hall for Thomas J Anderson, 2nd by Randy Perry, Motion carries 7-0

Vacancy Board Chair motion made by Rob Yannuzzi for Eugene Wiley, 2nd by Chris Sprague, Motion fails 3-4 (No Bannon, Gross, Hall, Perry)

Vacancy Board Chair motion made by Mandy Hall for Judith Fecondo, 2nd by Beth Gross, Motion passes 4-3 (No Sprague, Walker, Yannuzzi)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Luanne Spencer congratulated the new council and stated she may not agree with all but supports all of them. She also mentioned that Rob Yannuzzi won the Mayor election and understands people have filed a lawsuit. President Rachael Walker responded there was a recount. Luanne then questioned the hiring of Timothy Possenti and reminded council she was upset that council did not go after the Possenti's.

Justin Hartline commented that Rob Yannuzzi should have been sworn in as he won the elections and reminded some should be adults and move aside.

William Stewart welcomed the new council and questioned the repeal of Foresnic Resolutions, Inc against the Possenti's and explained in order to file you have to have someone come in who can do this and they were certifying in a professional opinion they believe. Stewart also reminded council to educate yourself, look to Brinker Simpson, review audit letters before you hastily take action, get the necessary information for the best decision for the people of Eddystone. Vice President Mandy Hall reminded that the new council would like 3 offers from firms as to the one.

Faith & Will Hallman questioned why the original reorganization was canceled, President Walker explained due to majority of the group being together and then positive cases coming from the group it was safer to postpone in order to have enough, stating Title 8 chapters 10.01 and also 10.04. Faith made all aware that she is willing to serve on committees.

Action Items

MOTION: To re-open 2022 budget pursuant to Section 1311 of the Pennsylvania Borough Code, Motion made by Mandy Hall, 2nd by Beth Gross, Motion carries 5-2 (No Sprague & Yannuzzi)

MOTION: Adopt Resolution #668 Defining and Amending and Establishing Rates for Sewer Service to properties and establishments therein: and establishing a schedule of sewer rates and the terms of payment-Tabled to Monday January 10, 2022 meeting (question of 30 day advertising window)

MOTION: To repeal the retention of Forensic Resolutions, Inc for the purpose of representing the municipality for actions against the Possenti Consulting LLC. Motion made by Mandy Hall, 2nd by Beth Gross, Motion carries 5-2 (No Sprague & Yannuzzi)

MOTION: To repeal the engagement letter of Mingis & Gutowski for the 2021 Audit, Motion made by Rachael Walker, 2nd by Beth Gross, Motion carries 5-2 (No Sprague & Yannuzzi)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Beth Gross, 2nd by Chris Sprague. Motion carries 7-0.

Submitted by,

Borough Manager,

Borough of Eddystone