

**BOROUGH OF WHITAKER  
MINUTES  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
January 2, 2024 – 4:45 P.M.**

**PRESENTATION OF AFFIDAVITS OF RESIDENCY & CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION**

Richard Lassige, Christopher Prilla, Thomas Shimpeno, and Daniel Urban presented their Affidavits of Residency to the Borough Secretary.

Richard Lassige, Christopher Prilla, Thomas Shimpeno, and Daniel Urban presented their Certificates of Election to the Borough Secretary for preservation for a period of six years as required by the Borough Code.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Those assembled participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS**

After the presentation of the Certificates of Election, the oath of office was administered by Kathy Asson, Notary Public.

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Following the administration of the oaths of office, Daniel Lassige, Mayor, called the mandatory reorganization meeting to order in Council Chamber.

**ROLL CALL**

**Dan \_Y\_ Tom \_Y\_ Rich \_Y\_ Mike \_Y\_ Dave \_Y\_ Al \_Y\_ Chris \_Y\_**

Council Present: Mike Bogesdorfer, David Funk, Richard Lassige, Albert Race, Christopher Prilla, Daniel Urban, and Thomas Shimpeno

Others Present: Daniel Lassige, Mayor; Gina Rosso, Solicitor; Michele Lippert, Secretary; and Jean Warren, Assistant Secretary via Phone

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**President of Council**

A motion was made by David Funk and seconded by Thomas Shimpeno nominating Mike Bogesdorfer as President of Council.

**There were no other nominations.**

A roll call vote on the motion to appoint Mike Bogesdorfer as President of Council was as follows:

Dan \_Y\_ Tom \_Y\_ Rich \_Y\_ Mike \_Y\_ Dave \_Y\_ Al \_Y\_ Chris \_Y\_

The motion carried.

### **Mayor Turned Over Gavel to the President of Council**

#### **Vice President of Council**

A motion was made by Richard Lassige and seconded by Thomas Shimpeno nominating David Funk as Vice President of Council.

**There were no other nominations.**

A roll call vote on the motion to elect David Funk as Vice President of Council was as follows:

Dan \_Y\_ Tom \_Y\_ Rich \_Y\_ Mike \_Y\_ Dave \_Y\_ Al \_Y\_ Chris \_Y\_

The motion carried.

#### **Chairman Pro Tem**

A motion was made by Albert Race and seconded by Thomas Shimpeno nominating Richard Lassige as Chairman Pro Tem.

**There were no other nominations.**

A roll call vote on the motion to elect Richard Lassige as Chairman Pro Tem was as follows:

Dan \_Y\_ Tom \_Y\_ Rich \_Y\_ Mike \_Y\_ Dave \_Y\_ Al \_Y\_ Chris \_Y\_

The motion carried.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

A roll call vote on the motion to re-appoint Patricia Pasquantonio as Vacancy Board Chair was as follows:

Dan \_Y\_ Tom \_Y\_ Rich \_Y\_ Mike \_Y\_ Dave \_Y\_ Al \_Y\_ Chris \_Y\_

The motion carried.

- Bank – *First National Bank*
- Solicitor – *Dodaro, Matta & Cambest*
- Engineer – *Glenn Engineering*
- Steel Rivers COG Delegate & Alternate Delegate:

Mike Bogesdorfer & Albert Race

- Allegheny County Boroughs Association Delegate & Alternate Delegate:

Richard Lassige & Christopher Prilla

- Allegheny County Southwest Tax Collection District Delegate & Alternate Delegate:

Jean Warren & Michele Lippert

- Official Newspaper – *The Valley Mirror*

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

The President of Council made the following committee assignments:

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ● Finance                  | David Funk                           |
| ● Streets, Road & Property | Albert Race & Daniel Urban           |
| ● Recreation               | Thomas Shimpeno & Christopher Prilla |
| ● Police & Personnel       | Albert Race & Richard Lassige        |
| ● Health & Sanitation      | Richard Lassige                      |
| ● Fire & EMS               | Daniel Urban                         |

### **RECONSIDER TAX ORDINANCE 2 OF 2023**

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2 of 2023 setting the 2023 millage rate at 11.5 for general purposes and 1 for fire equipment and firehouses as advertised in *The Valley Mirror* as vetoed by the Mayor (needs 5 yes votes to pass):

*A discussion followed regarding the Borough having financial control over the use of the fire tax by the fire department and requiring requisitions be approved by Council.*

A motion was made by David Funk and seconded by Thomas Shimpeno

A roll call vote on the motion to adopt Ordinance 2 of 2023 was as follows:

**Dan \_Y\_ Tom \_Y\_ Rich \_Y\_ Mike \_Y\_ Dave \_Y\_ Al \_Y\_ Chris \_Y\_**

The motion carried.

### **PRE-APPROVED BILLS**

A motion to approve payment to the following vendors upon receipt of invoice to avoid penalties & fees:

- Sunoco
- Pennsylvania American Water Company

- Pennsylvania Municipal Service Company
- Peoples Gas Company
- Duquesne Light
- Crystal Springs
- State Workers Insurance Fund
- Verizon
- Verizon Wireless

A motion was made by Daniel Urban and seconded by Thomas Shimpeno

A roll call vote on the motion to approve the pre-approved bills was as follows:

Dan \_Y\_ Tom \_Y\_ Rich \_Y\_ Mike \_Y\_ Dave \_Y\_ Al \_Y\_ Chris \_Y\_

The motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Funk and seconded by Thomas Shimpeno.

A voice vote was unanimous.