

BOROUGH OF WHITE OAK
Minutes of Swearing In Ceremony / Council Reorganization Meeting
January 6, 2020 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Ina Marton called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Ina Marton

SWEARING In Ceremony:

Mayor Marton to introduce District Justice Tom Miller to conduct the Oath of Office for the following newly elected officials:

Council Members: Louis Bender, Charles Davis, Julie Opferman & George Pambacas

ROLL CALL: Mayor Marton requested the roll call. In attendance was:

Elected Officials:

Mayor Ina Marton
Edward Babyak
Louis Bender
Charles Davis
George Dillinger
Julie Opferman
George Pambacas

Borough Staff and Professional Services:

John Palyo, Borough Manager
MaryAnn Winemiller, Admin. Asst.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

NOMINATION FOR THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL: Mayor Marton

Mayor Marton opened the floor for nominations for President of Council. Louis Bender nominated Charles Davis for President of Council. Mayor Marton asked if there were any other nominations for President. None were made. Nominations for President of Council was closed.

Mayor Marton asked for a motion to elect Charles Davis as President of Council, Louis Bender made a motion with a second from Julie Opferman. Mayor Marton called for a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes Votes: Julie Opferman, Louis Bender, Edward Babyak, George Pambacas, George Dillinger, Charles Davis

No Votes: None

The motion passed with six (6) yes votes and zero (0) no votes.

Charles Davis was elected as President of Council by a unanimous vote.

NOMINATION FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL: Mayor Marton

Mayor Marton opened the floor for nominations for Vice President of Council. Julie Opferman nominated Louis Bender for Vice President of Council. Mayor Marton asked if there were any other nominations for Vice President. None were made. Nominations for Vice President of Council was closed.

Mayor Marton asked for a motion to elect Louis Bender as Vice President of Council, Julie Opferman made a motion with a second from George Dillinger. Mayor Marton called for a Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes Votes: Julie Opferman, Louis Bender, Edward Babyak, George Pambacas, George Dillinger, Charles Davis

No Votes: None

The motion passed with six (6) yes votes and zero (0) no votes.

Louis Bender was elected as Vice President of Council by a unanimous vote.

NOMINATION FOR THE PRESIDENT PRO-TEM: Charles Davis

Council President Charles Davis opened the floor for nominations for President Pro-Tem. Louis Bender nominated Julie Opferman for President Pro-Tem. Charles Davis asked if there were any other nominations for President Pro-Tem. None were made. Nominations for President Pro-Tem was closed.

Charles Davis asked for a motion to elect Julie Opferman as President Pro-Tem, Louis Bender made a motion with a second from George Dillinger. President Charles Davis called for a Roll Call Vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Yes Votes: Julie Opferman, Louis Bender, Edward Babyak, George Pambacas, George Dillinger, Charles Davis

No Votes: None

The motion passed with six (6) yes votes and zero (0) no votes.

Julie Opferman was elected as President Pro-Tem by a unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENTS TO POSITIONS: Charles Davis

Edward Babyak made a motion to appoint John Palyo as Borough Manager, Secretary and Treasurer, seconded by George Pambacas. The vote was unanimous.

George Dillinger made a motion to appoint Mark Sargent Chief of Police, seconded by George Pambacas. The vote was unanimous.

George Pambacas made a motion to appoint the Mon Valley Independent as the Official Publication of the Borough, seconded by George Dillinger. The vote was unanimous.

Louis Bender made a motion to appoint Brian Dinkfelt as Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer, seconded by Julie Opferman. The vote was unanimous.

George Dillinger made a motion to appoint David Collura as Wildlife Control Officer of the Borough, seconded by Louis Bender. The vote was unanimous.

Louis Bender made a motion to appoint Gaydos Behanna Kennels as Animal Control Officer of the Borough, seconded by Edward Babyak. The vote was unanimous.

George Dillinger made a motion to appoint Senate Engineering as the Engineer for the Borough, seconded by Edward Babyak. The vote was unanimous.

Louis Bender made a motion to appoint McGrail & Associates, LLC as Solicitor of the Borough, seconded by Edward Babyak. The vote was unanimous.

Auditor – (Council will request proposals for a new Auditor for the 2019 Audit)

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD AND COMMISSION POSITIONS: Charles Davis

George Pambacas made a motion to appointment Richard Leighty to a five (5) year term to the Building Code Appeals Board of the Borough, seconded by Julie Opferman. The vote was unanimous.

Louis Bender made a motion to appoint Patrick Schmidt to a six (6) year term to the Civil Service Commission of the Borough, seconded by Edward Babyak. The vote was unanimous.

George Dillinger made a motion to appoint Al Lebedda to a four (4) year term to the Planning Commission of the Borough, seconded by Edward Babyak. The vote was unanimous.

Louis Bender made a motion to appoint Ethel Burns and Michael Anitori to a five (5) year term to the Recreation Board of the Borough, seconded by Julie Opferman. The vote was unanimous.

George Dillinger made a motion to appoint David Preece as a Member and Steve Pholar as an Alternate Member to a three (3) year term to the Zoning Hearing Board of the Borough, seconded by Louis Bender. The vote was unanimous.

Louis Bender made a motion to appoint Jodi Perozich to a one (1) year term as a member of the Vacancy Board of the Borough, seconded by Edward Babyak. The vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: Charles Davis

Council President Charles Davis presented his 2020 Committee list of appointments for Council.

Council Committee List	
Finance	George Dillinger, Chair Julie Opferman Lou Bender
Health, Environment & Cable	Ken Robb, Chair George Dillinger Ed Babyak
Personnel	Chuck Davis, Chair Lou Bender Ken Robb
Parks & Recreation	Julie Opferman, Chair Lou Bender George Pambacus
Public Works	George Pambacus, Chair George Dillinger Ken Robb
Planning & Zoning	Ed Babyak, Chair Ken Robb Julie Opferman
Public Safety	Lou Bender, Chair Ed Babyak George Pambacus

WOAA	Lou Bender Kenn Robb George Pambacus
WOEMS Council Representative	Lou Bender
Steel Rivers COG	Lou Bender, Delegate George Pambacus, Alternate
WOAA Council Representatives to the Board	Lou Bender
West to West Coalition	Ina Marton, Delegate Lou Bender, Alternate
Library Board	Ina Marton, Delegate Ken Robb, Alternate
ALOM / Borough's Association	Ina Marton, Delegate Chuck Davis, Alternate
Land Bank	George Pambacus, Delegate John Palyo, Alternate

ESTABLISH DATES AND TIMES FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WORKSHOP MEETINGS:

Edward Babyak made a motion for Workshop Meeting to be held the 2nd Monday of every month (6:45 PM) and for Council / Workshop Meetings to be held the 3rd Monday of every month (8:00 PM/6:45 PM). Julie Opferman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION #2020-01

Louis Bender made a motion to approve a Resolution of Council of the Borough of White Oak appointing a Representative and Alternates to the Allegheny County Southeast Tax Collection Committee. Edward Babyak seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTION #2020-02

Edward Babyak made a motion to approve a Resolution of Council of the Borough of White Oak appointing a Representative and Alternate to the South Hills Area Council of Governments (SHACOG) Franchising Authority Board. George Dillinger seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous

RESOLUTION #2020-03

Edward Babyak made a motion to approve a Resolution of Council of the Borough of White Oak appointing a Representative and Alternate to the South Hills Area Council of Governments (SHACOG) Joint Rate Review Board. Louis Bender seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT

Edward Babyak made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm, Louis Bender seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

John Palyo
Borough Manager, Secretary & Treasurer

Date Approved by Council