

Highspire Borough Reorganization Meeting

January 6, 2020

Mayor Hoerner administered the Oath of Office to Council Members Carolee Roman, A. Kay Sutch, Dorothy Matesevac, Christina Keith and Marie Hoch.

Mayor Brenda Hoerner called the reorganization meeting of the Highspire Borough Council to order at 7:05 p.m. The prayer was offered by Mayor Hoerner and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken.

Council Members Present:

Marie Hoch
Christina Keith
Dorothy Matesevac
A. Kay Sutch
Carolee Roman
Michael Anderson
Tyler Thatcher

Mayor:	Brenda Hoerner
Borough Manager:	Mark Stonbraker
Assistant Borough Manager:	Deanna Proctor

Nominations & Election of Council President

Mayor Hoerner opened the floor for nominations for Council President. Member Thatcher nominated Michael Anderson. After hearing no more nominations Mayor Hoerner closed the floor for nominations. A roll call vote was taken.

Marie Hoch	voted for	Michael Anderson
Christina Keith	voted for	Michael Anderson
Dorothy Matesevac	voted for	Nay
A. Kay Sutch	voted for	Nay
Carolee Roman	voted for	Michael Anderson
Michael Anderson	voted for	Michael Anderson
Tyler Thatcher	voted for	Michael Anderson

By a vote of 5-2 Michael Anderson was elected as Council President.

Nominations & Election of Council Vice President

Mayor Hoerner opened the floor for nominations for Council Vice President. Member Anderson nominated Carolee Roman. After hearing no more nominations Mayor Hoerner closed the floor for nominations. A roll call vote was taken.

Marie Hoch	voted for	Carolee Roman
Christina Keith	voted for	Carolee Roman
Dorothy Matesevac	voted for	Carolee Roman
A. Kay Sutch	voted for	Carolee Roman
Carolee Roman	voted for	Carolee Roman
Michael Anderson	voted for	Carolee Roman
Tyler Thatcher	voted for	Carolee Roman

By a vote of 7-0, Carolee Roman was elected as Council Vice President.

President Michael Anderson and Vice President Carolee Roman then took their seats at the Council table and President Anderson took over the meeting.

After discussion regarding the appointment of committees, Council President Anderson noted that he will distribute the appointment of committees at the January 14, 2020 Workshop meeting.

Moved by Member Keith seconded by Member Roman to appoint Mark Stonbraker as Borough Manager/Secretary. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Keith, seconded by Member Roman to appoint Mark Stonbraker as Borough Treasurer. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Matesevac, seconded by Member Roman to appoint Deanna Proctor as Assistant Borough Manager/ Secretary. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Roman, seconded by Member Hoch to appoint Adam Zei and the Law firm of Johnson, Duffie as Borough Solicitor. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Roman, seconded by Member Thatcher to appoint Boyer & Ritter as the Borough Auditor/Accountant. Motion approved unanimously

Moved by Member Matesevac, seconded by Member Keith to appoint Robert Lauriello and Rettew Associates, Inc. as Borough Engineer. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Matesevac, seconded by Member Keith to appoint Von Hess as Chairman to the Borough Vacancy Board. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Keith, seconded by Member Matesevac to approve submission of the Letter of Charges and Request for Removal for Officer Jeffrey LeVan to the Highspire Borough Civil Service Commission. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by Member Matesevac, seconded by Member Keith to approve Highspire Borough Council Resolution #1-2020 reappointing Donald Miller to another four-year term of office on the Highspire Borough Planning Commission. Motion approved unanimously.

Move by Member Hoch, seconded by Member Keith to approve the electronic wire transfer of funds from the Members 1st General Fund checking account to Coveware, Inc. for Cyber Security Consulting Services in the amount of \$18,038.49. Motion approved unanimously.

Citizen's Comments

None

Member Sutch read a letter to Council following the vote and then discussed current and upcoming lawsuits.

Member Thatcher discussed concerns regarding the cost to the Borough for the School District lawsuit.

Manager Stonbraker announced that Von Hess, Sewer Authority Chairman, submitted his resignation. He also announced that Robert Sutch, Sewer Authority Treasurer, submitted his resignation. Manager Stonbraker read Mr. Sutch's letter of resignation to Council Members.

With no other business to discuss President Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Deanna J. Proctor
Assistant Borough Manager