

January 2, 2024, Reorganization Meeting  
Minutes

The organization meeting of Clarion Borough Council, as advertised, was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, in the Assembly Room of the Clarion Free Library. Mayor Fulmer Vinson called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers present included Mr. Aaron, Ms. Lapinto, Ms. Roberts, and Ms. Schmader. Mr. Averill and Ms. Logue were also present. Mr. Garbarino was absent.

The Election Certificate for Ms. Lapinto, Mr. Averill, and Ms. Logue were presented to Mayor Fulmer Vinson.

Just for the record, Chief Administrative Officer/Borough Secretary LaVan-Preston stated that everyone provided their Election Certificates and Affidavit of Residency to her prior to the meeting. Ms. Lapinto was already sworn in prior to the meeting.

Mayor Fulmer Vinson issued the Oath of Office to Mr. Averill and Ms. Logue, at which time each took their seat.

Mayor Fulmer Vinson called for nominations for Council President. Ms. Schmader nominated Ms. Lapinto for President. Ms. Roberts seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Mayor Fulmer Vinson asked for a vote for Carol Lapinto as Borough Council President. The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

Mayor Fulmer Vinson called for nominations for Council Vice-President. Ms. Schmader nominated Ms. Roberts for Vice-President. Mr. Averill seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Mayor Fulmer Vinson and asked for a vote for Rachel Roberts for Borough Council Vice President. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Fulmer Vinson turned the meeting over to President Lapinto.

President Lapinto stated next is nominations for Pro Tem, which is third in line to chair a meeting if the President and Vice President are both absent.

Ms. Roberts nominated Mr. Aaron for President Pro-Tem. Mr. Averill seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Ben Aaron was elected Pro-Tem with a vote of six yea.

President Lapinto then stated Tim Magrini needs to be appointed to the Vacancy Board. Mr. Magrini has served in this position for many year. If there is a resignation from Council and Council cannot appoint a members within 30 days, Mr. Magrini would step in.

Mr. Averill made a motion to appoint Tim Magrini to the Vacancy Board. Mr. Aaron seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

President Lapinto asked for a motion to appoint John Marshall as the Borough Solicitor.

On a motion by Ms. Logue with a second by Mr. Aaron to appoint John Marshall as the Borough Solicitor. The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

President Lapinto asked for a motion to appoint Linda LaVan-Preston as Chief Administrative Officer/Borough Secretary.

Ms. Roberts made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Averill to appoint Linda LaVan-Preston as Chief Administrative Officer/Borough Secretary. The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

President Lapinto asked for a motion to appoint Todd Colosimo as Borough Treasurer.

On a motion by Ms. Roberts with a second by Mr. Averill to appoint Todd Colosimo as Borough Treasurer. The motion carried unanimously.

President Lapinto stated William H. Peck IV needs to be appointed as Police Chief and asked for a motion.

On a motion by Mr. Averill with a second by Ms. Schmader, appointing William H. Peck IV as Clarion Borough Police Chief, was carried with a vote of six yea.

President Lapinto asked for a motion to appoint Scott Sharrar as the Zoning Officer.

On a motion by Ms. Logue with a second by Mr. Averill to appoint Scott Sharrar as the Zoning Officer. The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Ms. Roberts, the Organization Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Linda LaVan-Preston, Chief Administrative Officer/Borough Secretary