

January 5, 2026, Reorganization Meeting
Minutes

The organization meeting of Clarion Borough Council, as advertised, was held on Monday, January 5, 2026, 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. Garbarino, Ms. Logue, and Ms. Lapinto. Ms. Whitling, Ms. Hampikian, and Mr. Harbaugh were also present. As a note, Ms. Logue was sworn in prior to the meeting and was able to take her seat.

Mayor Fulmer Vinson verified the Election Certificates and Affidavit of Residency for Ms. Whitling, Ms. Hampikian, and Mr. Harbaugh were presented to Chief Administrative Officer/Borough Secretary LaVan-Preston prior to the meeting.

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

Mayor Fulmer Vinson called for nominations for Council President. Ms. Logue nominated Ms. Lapinto for President. Mr. Garbarino 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. Mr. Garbarino nominated Ms. Logue for Vice-President. Ms. Whitling seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Mayor Fulmer Vinson and asked for a vote for Christy Logue for Borough Council Vice President. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Fulmer Vinson congratulated everyone and 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. Logue nominated Ms. Whitling for President Pro-Tem. Mr. Harbaugh seconded the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, Kaitlyn Whitling was elected Pro-Tem with a vote of six yea.

President Lapinto then stated Tim Magrini needs to be appointed to the Vacancy Board. The Vacancy Board meets if there is an opening or fails to appoint someone within 30 days.

Mr. Garbarino made a motion to appoint Tim Magrini to the Vacancy Board. Ms. Logue 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. Garbarino 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. Whitling made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Garbarino 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. Logue with a second by Ms. Whitling 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. Garbarino with a second by Ms. Logue, appointing William H. Peck IV as Clarion Borough Police Chief, was carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Ms. Logue with a second by Mr. Harbaugh, the Organization Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Linda LaVan-Preston, Chief Administrative Officer/Borough Secretary