

Oklahoma Borough Council Reorganization Meeting

January 2, 2024 – 7:30 pm

Oklahoma Borough Building

Meeting Called to order by Joe Cali

Roll call taken: Present: Councilwoman Christine Emerick, Councilman Adam Lockart, President Joe Cali, Solicitor Tim Miller.

Absent: Councilman Charles Blair, Secretary Alecia Sherbondy, Mr. Bill Braun from LSSE

Visitors:

Joyce Spillers, observe.

Christina Miller had questions concerning assembling tea packages in her home and then selling it in her store, located in New Kensington, PA. She's in need of obtaining a limited food license. The council recommended Christina to contact our Zoning officer, Brenda Troup, for guidance and come back to next month's meeting.

Agenda Amendments: Solicitor stated that agenda amendments have been changed by commonwealth court, making them very narrow now. Limited to emergency circumstances, specific to this is the spending of Borough money. Leave in for now until ruling from the court. More pending a ruling from Commonwealth Supreme Court.

Minutes: Motion made by Mr. Lockard to approve Dec 2023 minutes, seconded by Mrs. Emerick. Motion carried.

Nomination for President of Council, VP of Council. Letters in hand from Alecia Sherbondy, LSSE Engineering, Tim Miller, Brend Troup and Ed Mower to continue in their respective positions.

Motion made by Mrs. Emerick to nominate Joe Cali as President and seconded by Mr. Lockhart.

Motion as made by Mrs. Emerick to nominate Mr. Lockhart as VP. Mr. Lockhart abstained. Mr. Cali seconded this.

It was suggested by the Solicitor to table all this due to lack of quorum. President and VP will need to continue to act in these roles until we have a quorum.

For tonight's meeting Joe Cali will continue to act in the Presidents position.

Motion made to appoint Joe Cali as acting President, seconded by Mrs. Emerick. Motion carried.

Motion made to table the nomination of President and VP of Council by Mrs. Emerick, seconded by Mr. Lockart. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to retain the following in their position, Alecia Sherbondy as secretary, LSSE as our Engineer, Brend Troup as Zoning Officer, Tim Miller as solicitor, Ed Mowers as seasonal employee. Seconded by Mrs. Emerick. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to appoint Tim Miller as our parliamentarian. Seconded by Mrs. Emerick
Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to table all Chair and co-Chair positions for all committees. Seconded by
Mrs. Emerick. Motion carried.

SOLICITORS REPORT: An ordinance was prepared by Mr. Miller for the Borough regarding adoption of
the UCC code. This will be tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

ENGINEERS REPORT: no report

MAYORS REPORT: no report

ZONING/ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Copies of report were provided to council.
Motion made by Mrs. Emerick to discuss some of the issues in the report and approve. Weed and
vegetation and abandoned vehicles behind the Fire Dept. The question in concern was how the
weeds/vegetation issue is coming about since we are out of the growing season. Seconded by Mr.
Lockhart. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: 4q Employee taxes filed and paid.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to approve Secretary's report, seconded by Mrs. Emerick. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bank statement not available. No report

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT: The amount of taxes deposited in the month of December.

Restate taxes \$687.13.

Wage taxes \$5,503.45

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart and seconded by Mrs. Emerick. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: A Christmas card was received by the Fire Department

STREETS/SEWER/SOLID WASTE: Mr. Lockhart was advised to inform the council that the truck most
likely will not pass additional inspections. Consideration for truck purchase should be discussed.

FINANCE: No report

PARKS AND RECREATION: One rental for July 20th, 2024

PUBLIC SAFETY/STREET LIGHTS AND ORDINANCE: No report

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT: No report

HUMAN RESOURCES: No report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No Report

OLD BUSINESS: Employee retirement plan, Mr. Miller will re-open this for review.

Motion by Mr. Lockhart to table UCC, Tree and disposal/dumping ordinances. Seconded by Mrs. Emerick.
Motion carried.

Insurance for Zoning person, our insurance company is requesting us to have an agreement form completed.

Motion made to approve the code enforcement letter of agreement by Mr. Lochart, seconded by Mrs. Emerick. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Salt bin, electrical inspection. Building inspector out but would not inspect without electric service in place, this has been done. He should be back to inspect.

Resignation of a position of council- this needs to be tabled.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to table this, second by Mrs. Emerick. Motion carried.

Two letters of interest to be on council. Currently there is no vacancy until the next meeting.

READING OF THE BILLS: Copies of the report were provided to council.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to pay all bills including those just received. Seconded by Mrs. Emerick.
Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Lockhart to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Emerick

Meeting adjourned 8:14 pm

Joseph Cali, Acting President

Christine Emerick, Acting Secretary