

**Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of the
Borough of Chester Heights
Village of Valleybrook Clubhouse
265 Bishops Drive
Chester Heights, PA 19017**

January 6, 2020

- Call to Order** Councilman Baum called the 2020 Reorganization Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led those in attendance in reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Roll Call** Drew Baum, Councilman
Steve Coccozza, Councilman
Ginamarie Ellis, Councilwoman

Mayor Stacey Smith-Absent, presiding for her - Drew Baum Councilman
- Officials Present** Gerald C. Montella, Esq., Solicitor
Matt Houtmann, P.E.

Councilman Baum announced the 2020 Reorganization Meeting was advertised on December 26, 2019 in the Daily Times.

Councilman Baum announced the residents elected at the November 5, 2019 General Election:

Laura M. Lim, Councilwoman Elect
Dave Firkser, Councilman Elect
Susan Clarke, Re-elected for Council
- Oaths of Office** Honorable Walter "Sonny" Strohl administered Oaths of Office to:

Susan Clarke Councilwoman Re-Elect
Dave Firkser Councilman Elect
Laura M. Lim Councilwoman Elect
- Absence of Mayor Stacey Smith** Councilman Baum requests a motion to preside over the Reorganization Meeting for 2020 in the absence of Mayor Stacey Smith.
- MOTION** Upon motion, Council (Coccozza/Ellis) voted to approved Councilman Baum to preside over Reorganization Meeting for 2020.
- Election of Council President** Councilman Baum called for nominations for President of Council.
- Nominations** Councilman Coccozza nominated Drew Baum for President of Council.
- MOTION** Upon motion, Council (Clarke/Ellis/Coccozza/Lim/Firkser) by voice, voted in favor of Drew Baum for President of Council. President Drew Baum Abstained.
- Election of Council Vice President** President Baum called for nominations for Vice President of Council.
- Nominations** President Baum nominated Steve Coccozza for Vice President of Council.

MOTION

Upon motion, Council (Clarke/Ellis/Baum/Lim/Firkser) by voice voted in favor of Steve Coccozza for Vice President of Council. Councilman Steve Coccozza Abstained.

Election of Council Pro Tem

President Baum called for nominations for Pro Tem of Council.

Nominations

Councilwoman Lim nominated Ginamarie Ellis for Pro Tem of Council.

MOTION

Upon motion, Council (Clarke/Baum/Coccozza/Lim/Firkser) by voice, voted in favor of Ginamarie Ellis for Pro Tem of Council. Councilwoman Ellis Abstained.

Reorganization Meeting turned over to President of Council

APPOINTMENTS

- Vacancy Board Chair – Ellen Luongo
- Solicitor – Gerald C. Montella, Esq.
- Specialist Solicitor – Peter Rohana, Jr., Esq.
- Engineer – G. D. Houtman & Sons, Inc.
- Alternate Engineer – Catania Engineering Associates
- Open Records Officer – Megan Killian
- Building Inspector – Richard Jensen
- Electrical Inspector – United Inspections/Len Warren
- Fire Marshal – Michael Ciocco
- Emergency Management Coordinator/Roadmaster – Larry Ward
- Animal Control Officer – Allen Strickler
- Sewer Enforcement Officer – Michael Ciocco, P.E., S.E.O.
- Fire Chief – Sam Iannucci, Jr.
- Zoning Officer – Richard Jensen

REAPPOINTMENTS

Planning Commission Members – 4 Year Term

- Melinda Kerry, Esq. – January 2024
- David Clarke – January 2024
- Thayer Schroeder – January 2024
- John Lesky – January 2024

Zoning Hearing Board – 3 Year Term

- Glenn Mon – January 2023
- Cynthia McNicholas, Esq. – January 2023

MOTION

Upon motion, Council (Ellis/Baum/Coccozza/Lim/Firkser) by voice, voted in favor of Appointments and Reappointments. Councilwoman Clarke Abstained.

New Business

No Report

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion, Council (Coccozza/Ellis) voted to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting for 2020 at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Kurten
Recording Secretary