

COALDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
221/223 Third St., Coaldale, PA 18218
January 2, 2024 6:00pm

Mayor Ramirez swore in council members Claire Remington, Yvonne Stoffey, Wayne Figner, Kim Gavornik, and Susan Salk.

Mayor Ramirez called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Mayor Eric Ramirez, Councilman Jacob Adamitis, Councilwoman Claire Remington, Councilwoman Yvonne Stoffey, Councilman Wayne Figner, Councilwoman Kim Gavornik, and Councilman Francis Hutta. Attorney Robert Yurchak was absent.

There were 11 members of the public in the audience.

Mayor Ramirez asks for nominations for President Pro Tem. Claire Remington nominates Francis Hutta, seconded by Wayne Figner. There were no other nominations. Upon voice vote, it was a **unanimous** for Francis Hutta, which he accepted.

Mayor Ramirez asks for nominations for Council President. Francis Hutta nominates Claire Remington, seconded by Jacob Adamitis and upon voice vote it was **unanimous** for Claire Remington.

Council President Claire Remington takes over the meeting.

Claire Remington asks for nominations for Council Vice President. Francis Hutta nominates Yvonne Stoffey, seconded by Jacob Adamitis and upon voice vote it was **unanimous** for Yvonne Stoffey.

2024 meeting dates and times were discussed. Claire suggested to keep the regular monthly meetings the same, the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

Motion made by Jacob Adamitis to keep the same depositories of JTNB and PGLIT. Seconded by Francis Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**.

Claire Remington discusses Committee Appointments by President will stay the same until Tuesday, January 9, 2024 Council Meeting.

Motion made by Francis Hutta to adopt Ordinance 2024-1- Setting tax rate for property taxes. General Fund: 2.750 Mils, Light Fund: 3 Mils, Fire Fund: 1.50 Mils, and Pension fund: .5 Mils. Seconded by Kim Gavornik and motion carried **unanimously**.

Motion made by Francis Hutta to adopt Resolution 2024-1 – setting the tax rates for 2024 as follows: Real Estate Transfer Tax: 1%, Local Service Tax: \$52.00, Earned Income Tax: 1%, Per Capita Tax: \$5.00. Seconded by Jacob Adamitis and motion carried **unanimously**. Claire Remington addressed the Occupational Assessment will be addressed after calling Pottsville.

Motion made by Francis Hutta to adopt Resolution 2024-2 – Contributions to the Police Pension Fund: Authorizing the members of the police pension fund to contribute to the fund for 2024. Seconded by Wayne Figner and motion carried **unanimously**.

Motion made by Francis Hutta to adopt Resolutions 2024-3 – Setting various fees within the Borough. Seconded by Jacob Adamitis and motion carried **unanimously**. Claire Remington addresses that overdraft fees will be addressed at next month's meeting.

Motion made by Francis Hutta to adopt Resolution 2024-4 – Appointment for Berkheimer Representative. Seconded by Jacob Adamiti sand motion carried **unanimously**.

Appointments

Solicitor – Attorney Robert Yurchak

Zoning Solicitor – Attorney Cindy Yurchak

Borough Engineer – Tabled until Tuesday, January 9, 2024 Council Meeting

Vacancy Board Chair – Tabled until Tuesday, January 9, 2024 Council Meeting

Secretary – Tabled until Tuesday, January 9, 2024 Council Meeting

Treasurer – Katherine Papish

Water Authority - Tabled until Tuesday, January 9, 2024 Council Meeting

Sewer Authority – Peter Radocha

Zoning Hearing Board as an Alternate – Anne Girard

Planning Commission – Tabled until Tuesday, January 9, 2024 Council Meeting

IT – Computer Pals - Kyle Ketner

Fire Chief – Stephen Polishak

Health Inspector - Tabled until Tuesday, January 9, 2024 Council Meeting

Junior Council - Tabled until Tuesday, January 9, 2024 Council Meeting

Labor Relations Counsel – Siana Law

Auditors - Tabled until Tuesday, January 9, 2024 Council Meeting

Motion made at 6:21pm to adjourn by Francis Hutta and seconded by Wayne Figner. Motion passed **unanimously**.

SUBMITTED BY:

Submitted for approval on January 4, 2024