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OLD FORGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
OLD FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: COUNCIL REORGANIZATION AND INSTALLATION

JANUARY 3, 2022

7:00 P.M.

EAGLE-MCCLURE HOSE COMPANY
MILWAUKEE AVENUE
OLD FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- RUSSELL RINALDI, PRESIDENT
- RICK NOTARI, VICE-PRESIDENT
- LOUIS FEBBO
- JAMES HOOVER
- MICHELLE AVVISATO
- ANDY BUTLER
- WILLIAM RINALDI, ESQUIRE, SOLICITOR
- MARYLYNN BARTOLETTI, BOROUGH MANAGER

Mark Wozniak
Official Court Reporter

1 MAYOR LEGG: I'd like to call this
2 meeting to order. At this time, please rise
3 for the Pledge of Allegiance.

4 (The Pledge of Allegiance was
5 recited.)

6 MAGISTRATE SEIG: Prior to the start
7 of the meeting the mayor called the meeting
8 to office. I would have him sworn in at
9 this time under oath.

10 (The oath of office was
11 administered.)

12 MAGISTRATE SEIG: Ms. Avvisato, Mr.
13 Hoover, Mr. Butler.

14 (The oath of office was
15 administered.)

16 MAGISTRATE SEIG: Mr. Propersi.

17 (The oath of office was
18 administered.)

19 MAYOR LEGG: At this time I'm going
20 to except nominations for the office of
21 president of council.

22 MR. NOTARI: I'd like to nominate
23 Russell Rinaldi for president of council.

24 MAYOR LEGG: A second is not needed.

25 ATTY. RINALDI: Any other

1 nominations? Motion to close the
2 nominations.

3 MR. HOOVER: I'd like to make a
4 motion to close the nominations.

5 MR. NOTARI: I'll second that
6 motion.

7 MR. HOOVER: I'd like to make a
8 motion for vice-president. I nominate Rick
9 Notari.

10 MAYOR LEGG: Any others?

11 MR. FEBBO: I'll make a motion to
12 close.

13 MS. AVVISATO: I'll second that
14 motion.

15 MAYOR LEGG: All in favor?

16 ATTY. RINALDI: You have to call the
17 vote on president.

18 MAYOR LEGG: All those in favor of
19 Russ Rinaldi for president?

20 (Unanimous.)

21 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Thank you for
22 the nomination.

23 MAYOR LEGG: Vice-president, all
24 those in favor say aye.

25 (Unanimous.)

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MR. NOTARI: Thank you.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Bill, is the mayor doing --

ATTY. RINALDI: Mayor, you can do the other officers, too. Ask for a nomination.

MAYOR LEGG: Nomination, does anyone have a name for secretary?

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I nominate Marylynn Bartoletti.

MR. HOOVER: I second it.

MAYOR LEGG: Any others? All in favor?

(Unanimous.)

MAYOR LEGG: The ayes have it. Nomination for treasurer?

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: I'll also nominate Marylynn Bartoletti.

MR. NOTARI: I'll second it.

MAYOR LEGG: Any others? All in favor?

(Unanimous.)

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the reorganization meeting of the Old Forge

1 Borough Council. We're going to begin with
2 roll call, please, Marylynn.

3 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
4 Avvisato?

5 MS. AVVISATO: Here.

6 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

7 MR. BUTLER: Here.

8 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo?

9 MR. FEBBO: Here.

10 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

11 MR. HOOVER: Here.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Lettieri
13 is absent. Councilman Notari?

14 MR. NOTARI: Present.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

16 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Here. We have
17 a few motions to go through. The first
18 motion is a motion to adopt Robert's Rules
19 of Order in governing the conduct of the
20 council meetings in the borough of Old
21 Forge.

22 MS. AVVISATO: I'll make that
23 motion.

24 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: By
25 Councilwoman Avvisato.

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MR. NOTARI: I'll second it.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Seconded by Councilman Notari. On the question? Public input? Roll call, please.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman Avvisato?

MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

MR. BUTLER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo?

MR. FEBBO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

MR. HOOVER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

MR. NOTARI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes. The second item is a motion to approve the date and time for our council work session, which will be the first Tuesday of every month, and council regular meeting, which will be the third Tuesday of every month, at 7 p.m.

MR. FEBBO: I'll make that motion.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: By Councilman Febbo.

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MS. AVVISATO: I'll second it.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Seconded by Councilwoman Avvisato. On the question? Public input? Roll call, please.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman Avvisato?

MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI; Councilman Butler?

MR. BUTLER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo?

MR. FEBBO: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

MR. HOOVER: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

MR. NOTARI: Yes.

MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes. There's no other appointments or motions to be made at this time, unless any members of council feel they would like to make one.

MR. NOTARI: I have a question on the vacancy board spot, and I know we haven't done it in the past. Attorney Rinaldi, is this something we can do at any time?

1 ATTY. RINALDI: Yes. Where it comes
2 into play is if there's a vacancy on council
3 and you guys can't agree, then the vacancy
4 person chairs it. So it's something you
5 might want to do at the next meeting if you
6 don't have a name handy right now.

7 MR. NOTARI: I have somebody in mind
8 but I haven't discussed it with the rest of
9 council, so I'd rather wait. We can discuss
10 it in executive, possibly, and then do it at
11 our next meeting. That's all I have.

12 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Any other
13 members? All department heads will remain
14 the same. That's our borough manager, our
15 solicitor, our DPW, and our zoning officer,
16 and our chief of police.

17 Before we adjourn the meeting, I'd
18 just like to say, one, congratulations to
19 the mayor on his re-election.

20 Congratulations to Councilwoman
21 Avvisato and Councilman Hoover on their
22 election.

23 Congratulations Gary on his
24 re-election.

25 Congratulations to Mr. Butler on his

1 election and winning of his council seat.

2 Thank you all very much. Thank you,
3 Councilman Notari, for the nomination of
4 president. Thank you all for support of
5 that. As I said a few months ago when I
6 took the presidency over, in the summer,
7 this seat holds no more power, I feel, than
8 any other seat at the table. I just simply
9 conduct the meeting and probably do most of
10 the talking. That's about it. I feel the
11 power is all shared equally and I look
12 forward to working with each and every one
13 of you, continued. I look forward to
14 starting to work now with Councilman Butler.

15 I'd like to thank the Honorable
16 George Seig for coming once again this
17 evening.

18 MAGISTRATE SEIG: It's truly an
19 honor for all my dear friends.

20 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Thanks for
21 coming and helping us out. At this time I
22 have no other items. If anyone, once again,
23 before I call for an adjournment, would like
24 to say anything.

25 MR. HOOVER: I would like to have a

1 moment of silence for one of our borough
2 employees, Jim Paddock, who passed away last
3 week. Jim was a member of the zoning board.
4 I was there back in the '80s. He's been a
5 member of the zoning board 25 years, 26
6 years. So I'd like everybody to stand
7 before we leave and have a moment of
8 silence.

9 (A moment of silence was observed.)

10 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: At this time
11 the chair would make a motion to adjourn the
12 reorganization meeting.

13 MR. NOTARI: I'll make that motion.

14 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: By Councilman
15 Notari. All in favor?

16 (Unanimous. Meeting adjourned.)
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I hereby certify that I attended the foregoing proceeding, took stenographic notes of the same, that the foregoing, consisting of 10 pages, is a true and correct copy, done to the best of my ability, of same and the whole thereof.

Mark Wozniak
Official Court Reporter