

**2024-1**  
**STRASBURG BOROUGH**  
**REORGANIZATION AND COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 2, 2024**  
**MINUTES**

Members Present:     Mike Chiodo                     Ray Garraffa  
                             James Rice                     Dave Carson  
                             Sandra Clark                     Bradley Book

Others Present:  
                 Bruce Ryder, Mayor                     Kelly Osborne  
                 F. Steven Echternach, Borough Manager     David Esh

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Bruce Ryder, followed by the salute to the flag.

Mayor Bruce Ryder administered the oath of office to the following:

**BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Bradley Book, 4-year term (2027)  
Sandra Clark, 4-year term (2027)  
Ray Garraffa, 4-year term (2027)  
James Rice, 4-year term (2027)

The Borough Manager had the Certificate of Election and Affidavit of Residency for those being sworn-in. Once the Oath was administered, Mayor Ryder signed the Loyalty Oath for each.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

**Conducted by Mayor Ryder:**

A motion was made by Ray Garraffa, seconded by Sandra Clark and passed unanimously to nominate Mike Chiodo as President of Council. A motion was made by Dave Carson, seconded by Sandra Clark and passed unanimously to close the nominations for President of Council and appoint Mike Chiodo as President of Council.

A motion was made by James Rice, seconded by Dave Carson and passed unanimously to nominate Ray Garraffa as Vice President of Council. A motion was made by Dave Carson, seconded by Sandra Clark and passed unanimously to close the nominations for Vice President of Council and appoint Ray Garraffa as Vice President of Council.

A motion was made by Ray Garraffa, seconded by Dave Carson and passed unanimously to nominate James Rice to the position of President Pro Tem. A motion was made by Dave Carson, seconded by Sandra Clark and passed unanimously to close the nominations for President Pro Tem and appoint James Rice to the position of President Pro Tem.

**Remainder of meeting conducted by President Chiodo:**

A motion was made by James Rice, seconded by Dave Carson and passed unanimously to make the following appointments:

Borough Solicitor – Morgan, Hallgren, Crosswell & Kane

Borough Engineer – ELA Group

Depository of Borough Funds – Ephrata National Bank & Pennsylvania Local government  
Investment Trust (PLGIT)

Chairman to Vacancy Board – Ken Johnson

Zoning Officer – BRW Consultants

Building Code Inspector – Commonwealth Code

Property Maintenance – Solanco Engineering

**Motion to Accept Robert Bennethum's Resignation from Council:** A motion was made by Ray Garraffa, seconded by Dave Carson and passed unanimously to accept Robert Bennethum's resignation from Borough Council.

**Consideration of Appointment to Fill Council Vacancy:** A motion was made by James Rice, seconded by Sandra Clark and passed unanimously to appoint Dave Felpel to fill Robert Bennethum's vacancy on Council.

**Any Other Business Discussion / Citizen Comment:** President Chiodo welcomed Bradley Book to Borough Council and thanked Sandra Clark, Ray Garraffa, and James Rice for their willingness to run again and be elected to continue to serve on Borough Council.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Ray Garraffa, seconded by Dave Carson and passed unanimously to adjourn at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Steven Echternach  
Borough Manager