

2026-1
STRASBURG BOROUGH
REORGANIZATION AND COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2026
MINUTES

Members Present: Michael Chiodo Ray Garraffa
 James Rice Dave Carson
 Sandra Clark Bradley Book
 David Felpel

Others Present:
 Bruce Ryder, Mayor
 F. Steven Echternach, Borough Manager
 Nick Ferretti, Police Chief
 Sawyer Mudavero

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

 Dave Carson, 4-year term (2029)
 Michael Chiodo, 4-year term (2029)
 David Felpel, 4-year term (2029)

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.

Conducted by Mayor Ryder

Election of Officers:

A motion was made by Ray Garraffa, seconded by Dave Carson and passed unanimously to nominate Michael Chiodo as President of Council. Hearing no additional nominations for the position, nominations were closed and Michael Chiodo was appointed President of Council.

A motion was made by James Rice, seconded by Michael Chiodo and passed unanimously to nominate Ray Garraffa as Vice President of Council. Hearing no additional nominations for the position, nominations were closed and Ray Garraffa was appointed Vice President of Council.

A motion was made by Sandra Clark, seconded by Michael Chiodo and passed unanimously to nominate James Rice to the position of President Pro Tem. Hearing no additional nominations for the position, nominations were closed and James Rice was appointed to the position of President Pro Tem.

Gavel to Council - Remainder of meeting conducted by President Chiodo

Appointments – Consider a motion to make the following appointments:

A motion was made by Dave Carson, seconded by Ray Garraffa 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/Sewage Enforcement Officer – Solanco Engineering

Committee Appointments/Reappointments – Consider a motion to appoint/reappoint selected committee members:

A motion was made by James Rice, seconded by Ray Garraffa, and passed unanimously to make the following committee appointments/reappointments:

- Kevin Adams, Planning Commission, 4-year term (2029)
- Ken Johnson, Borough Authority, 5-year term (2030)
- Eldon Stoltzfus, Historical Architectural Review Board, 5-year term (2030)
- Robert Ham, Zoning Hearing Board, 5-year term (2030)
- Maureen Wagner, Zoning Hearing Board, 5-year term (2030)

Resolution 2026-1 Fee Schedule – Consider a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-1 Fee Schedule:

A motion was made by Sandra Clark, seconded by Bradley Book, and passed unanimously to adopt Resolution 2026-1 Fee Schedule.

Any Other Business Discussion / Citizen Comment: None.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Dave Carson, seconded by Ray Garraffa, and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Steven Echternach
Borough Manager