

Honorable Mayor
Members of Council:

The Reorganization Meeting/Business Meeting of Sharpshurg Borough Council was held January 2, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

Councilman Domian called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Oath of Office was administered by Judge Robert Gallo swearing of the Tax Collector, Patricia Hyatt.

The Oath of Office was administered by Judge Robert Gallo swearing in of the Mayor, Matthew V. Rudzki.

The Oath of Office was administered by Judge Robert Gallo swearing in of the following Council Members for 2018: Karen Pastor, Brittany Reno, Joseph Simbari, and Matthew Brudnok.

Judge Robert Gallo having served for 20 years as a Sharpshurg Borough Councilman expressed the Council Members purpose of serving the community and welcomed all the Council Members.

Roll Call found the following Members present: Matt Brudnok, Greg Domian, Karen Pastor, Joe Simbari Larry Trozzo , Brittany Reno, Mayor Rudzki, and Chief Stellitano.

Mayor Rudzki initiated the business meeting with the following statement given to the residents of Sharpshurg:

"Thank you for entrusting me since 2011 to serve you as a Councilman and I thank you for believing in me to lead over the next four years as your Mayor. Serving my hometown as Mayor is a humbling honor.

Sharpshurg, our home, is undergoing an amazing transformation. It is an exciting time to live in Sharpshurg, but with our continued progress we have a duty to ensure that Sharpshurg remains a community of open doors, accessible and affordable for all. We have a duty to grow responsibly and sustainably. We have a duty that Sharpshurg remains a safe community. In achieving these goals, I will listen to and engage with residents – I am your ambassador. I will collaborate with Council and Borough staff – they are our stewards. Chief Stellitano and his Department will have my full support- they are our caretakers.

The beauty of Sharpshurg's revitalization is and always will be the residents. We are a community deeply rooted in hope, faith, and neighborly affection, and we must always remember this. Let us rise above the dangerous rhetoric we hear and see around us. Let us treat one another with kindness and understanding. Let us work toward solutions, not diminutions. It is my sincere hope that we shall continue to work harmoniously together toward our common goal: the prosperity of our community.

I am honored to continue the legacy of Mayor Panza and all who served before him in this position and look forward to the years ahead. Thank you."

Mayor Rudzki expressed his gratitude to Judge Gallo who did the swearing in ceremony for Matthew for when he was accepted and sworn in the Bar Association as well as now the office of Mayor.

Mayor Rudzki addressed a proclamation to Richard C. Panza for 60 years of noble service to the Borough of Sharpburg as a respected pillar of the community. Rich Panza thanked Mayor Rudzki and reminded all that the taxpayers and residents come first in service.

Mayor Rudzki addressed a proclamation to Louis Costanza who served 40 plus years to the community of Sharpburg as both a Councilman and Chief of the Fire Department.

Mayor Rudzki deferred the forum to President Karen Pastor who made the following statement:

"It has been an honor to serve Sharpburg as Council President over the last four years. It has been an even greater pleasure watching our younger council members become acclimated to their positions and become stronger and a greater asset to the community. In the case of our past Vice-President, Matt, what we lose as a council member, we gain as a Mayor.

I am proud of the direction our community is headed. I see the energy and passion and leadership in our younger council members. So, I feel it is time to pass the baton.

I am truly grateful for the trust past Councils have placed in me and I would like to see the legacy of female leadership that started almost a decade ago under Council Presidents' Jan Barbus and Renee Procopio continue.

With that said, I'm asking that you accept the nomination of Brittany Reno for Council President."

Mayor Rudzki conducted a roll call resulting in a unanimous vote to accept Reno as President.

President Reno graciously thanked the Council for the position of President and spoke to the public her intent to serve the public.

President Reno opened the floor to nominations for Council Vice President. Dorian nominated Karen Pastor as Vice President. There were no other nominations made and a roll call resulted in a unanimous vote to make Pastor Vice President.

President Reno made a motion to approve the following general business by consent agenda:

Motion by Karen Pastor, second by Matt Brudnok to approve consent agenda.

Motion to approve payment of bills through January 25, 2018.

Motion to approve Minutes of December 21, 2017 meeting.

Motion to pass Ordinance 18-01 setting the 2018 tax millage rate at 7.15 mills (no increase).

Motion to pass Resolution 18-01 establishing fees for Applications, Permits, Licenses and Services for 2018 for the Borough of Sharpburg.

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Motion to approve the employment contract William Rossey, Borough Manager effective January 1, 2018 thru December 31, 2019.

Motion to approve the employment contract for Tom Stellitano, Chief of Police, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019.

Motion to appoint Witherell and Associates as Borough Solicitor for 2018.

Motion to appoint Mark Turnley, PC as Borough Auditor for 2018.

Motion to appoint Glenn Engineering as Borough Engineer for 2018.

Motion to appoint Larry Stellitano to the Vacancy Board for 2018.

Motion to adjourn made by Matt Brudnok second by Larry Trozzo.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Rossey
Manager

Next Council Meeting Will be Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 6:30 pm.