

FLEETWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

 X_ BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Date: January 2, 2018

Roll Call:

<u> </u> x_ Suzanne Pittella Touch	<u> </u> x_ Tammy Gore, Mayor
<u> </u> x_ Pete Merkel	<u> </u> x_ Doreen O’Neil, Secretary
<u> </u> x_ Jim Meals	<u> </u> Andrew George, Esq.
<u> </u> x_ Chris Young	
<u> </u> x_ Ralph Touch	
<u> </u> x_ Colin Boyer	
<u> </u> x_ John Rothenberger	

Also Present:

 x_ Craig Conrad, Public Works Director
 Robert Weidner, Highway Commissioner
 Steve Stinsky, Police Chief
 Barry Isett & Associates
 x_ Reading Eagle – Andrew Keuscher
 Patriot _____

The Borough Council Reorganization meeting was held at 110 West Arch Street, Suite 113. Mayor Tammy Gore called the reorganization meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Guests: The guest list is attached.

1. Mayor Tammy Gore takes oath of office.

Mayor Tammy Gore submitted signed copy of Affidavit of Residency and took the oath of office from Magisterial District Judge Gail Greth. The signed/notarized Constitutional Oath of Office and Affidavit of Residency documents for Mayor Tammy Gore will be filed along with an approved copy of the January 2, 2018 minutes in the Fleetwood Borough office.

2. Re-Elected Borough Council Members take oath of office.

Re-elected Borough Council Members Jim Meals, Ralph Touch, Suzanne Pittella Touch and Chris Young submitted signed copies of Affidavit of Residency and took the oath of office from Magisterial District Judge Gail Greth. The signed/notarized Constitutional Oath of Office and Affidavit of Residency documents for Jim Meals, Ralph Touch, Suzanne Pittella Touch and Chris Young will be filed along with an approved copy of the January 2, 2018 minutes in the Fleetwood Borough office.

3. Mayor Tammy Gore took Roll Call.

4. **Nomination and Election of Suzanne Pittella Touch as President.**

Nomination Motion:

Made by: Chris Young

Motion Carried

Seconded by: John Rothenberger

Motion Failed

Nomination Closure Motion:

Made by: Jim Meals

Motion Carried

Seconded by: John Rothenberger

Motion Failed

5. **Mayor Tammy Gore turned over the meeting to Council President Suzanne Pittella Touch.**

6. **Nomination and Election of Peter Merkel as Vice President.**

Nomination Motion:

Made by: Chris Young

Motion Carried

Seconded by: Suzanne Pittella Touch

Motion Failed

Nomination Closure Motion:

Made by: Jim Meals

Motion Carried

Seconded by: Colin Boyer

Motion Failed

7. **Nomination and Election of Chris Young as President Pro Tem.**

Nomination Motion:

Made by: Ralph Touch

Motion Carried

Seconded by: Jim Meals

Motion Failed

Nomination Closure Motion:

Made by: Colin Boyer

Motion Carried

Seconded by: John Rothenberger

Motion Failed

8. **Motion to Appoint Andrew George, Esq. as the 2018 Borough Counsel.**

Made by: Ralph Touch

Motion Carried

Seconded by: Peter Merkel

Motion Failed

9. **Motion to Appoint Herbein & Associates as the 2018 Borough Accountants.**

Made by: Jim Meals

Motion Carried

Seconded by: Chris Young

Motion Failed

10. Motion to Appoint Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. as the 2018 Borough Engineers.

Made by: Colin Boyer Seconded by: Pete Merkel
 Motion Carried Motion Failed

11. Motion to Appoint Arro Consulting as the 2018 Borough Water and Sewer Engineers.

Made by: John Rothenberger Seconded by: Pete Merkel
 Motion Carried Motion Failed

12. 2018 Borough Council Meeting Schedule.

Meetings are held in the Community Center, Room #113 starting at 6:30pm.

<u>Regular Meeting</u>	<u>Workshop Meeting</u>
01-08-18	01-22-18
02-12-18	02-26-18
03-12-18	03-26-18
04-09-18	04-23-18
05-14-18	05-29-18 *(Tuesday)
06-11-18	06-25-18
07-09-18	07-23-18
08-13-18	08-27-18
09-10-18	09-24-18
10-15-18	10-29-18
11-12-18	11-26-18
12-10-18	12-17-18

Motion to adopt the 2018 Borough Council meeting schedules and have Andy George, Esq, publish the meeting dates.

Made by: Pete Merkel Seconded by: Jim Meals
 Motion Carried Motion Failed

13. 2018 Borough Authority Meeting Schedule.

Meetings are held at the Borough Treatment Plant beginning at 7:00pm.

01-16-18	07-17-18
04-17-18	09-18-18
05-15-18	11-20-18

Motion to adopt the 2018 Borough Authority meeting schedules and have Andy George, Esq, publish the meeting dates.

Made by: Ralph Touch Seconded by: Pete Merkel
 Motion Carried Motion Failed

President Suzanne Touch will email the list of Borough Council and Authority meeting schedules to Andy George, Esq. following this meeting.

14. 2018 Fee Schedules for Park, Pool and Community Center

Chris Young recommended no change in Park and Community Center rental fees. Ralph, John and Chris had met to prepare the 2018 Fleetwood Borough Pool rate schedule. Ralph presented Council with a copy of the Pool fee schedule. There is no increase to Fleetwood residents. There is a \$20 increase to Non-Borough residents for the Family, Pair, Individual and Caretaker categories. There is \$50 increase to Non-Borough residents for the Senior category.

Motion to accept the 2018 Park, Pool and Community Center rates. .

Made by: Ralph Touch Seconded by: John Rothenberger

Motion Carried Motion Failed

15. 2018 Fix Tax Rate Ordinance

There is no tax increase for 2018. The tax rate will remain at 6.25 mils which includes the 1 mil fire tax.

Motion to adopt the 2018 Fix Tax Rate Ordinance. - **Ordinance #630**

Made by: Ralph Touch Seconded by: Chris Young

Motion Carried Motion Failed

16. Tannery Lot

Motion to authorize Suzanne Touch to sign letter stating that the Fleetwood Borough is committed to paying \$36,300 towards the cost of paving the Tannery parking lot.

Made by: Chris Young Seconded by: Ralph Touch

Motion Carried Motion Failed

17. Discussion regarding proposed rental fee increase for District Judge Gail Greth's offices. Suzanne Touch will contact Christine Sadler to discuss details and find out what the square footage is for other District Judge offices.

18. Executive Session

Council went into executive session at 7:29pm and returned at 7:55pm.

19. Motion to adjourn Council meeting at 7:55pm.

Made by: Jim Meals Seconded by: Ralph Touch

Motion Carried Motion Failed

Submitted by: Doreen O'Neil, Borough Secretary