

Borough Council Minutes Special Meeting December 21, 2022 5:30 pm

Call to Order, Salute to the Flag and Roll Call 5:39 p.m.

Mr. Eric Kudrich President	P	Mr. Sean Alessandra Councilman	Р	Mr. Jason Ohliger Solicitor	Р	Mr. Tom Long Fire Department Chief	A
Mr. Dave Clark Vice President	Р	Mr. John Bush Jr Councilman	P	Mr. Greg Myer Treasurer	A	Mr. Eric Stewart EPRP Asst Chief	A
Mr. Dayne Losee Councilman	P	Mr. Jon Maney Councilman	Р	Ms. Amy Turner Tax Collector	A	Mrs. Lisa Salvato Recreation	A
Mrs. Janet Clark Mayor	P	Mr. Harry Prey Councilman	P	Mr. Tom Olver EMA	A	Mr. Shawn Bolles Zoning/Code Enforcement Office/Park Mgr	A

Public in attendance: 1 member of the public in attendance.

President's Remarks:

This special meeting was advertised in the Pocono Record December 20, 2022 and on the borough website. The purpose of this Special meeting is for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and any other pertinent business that may arise.

Public Comment:

Dimitri Roby: Mentioned water filtration. Mr. Clark stated that the water authority in the process of purchasing a new water filtration system for the two wells in Airport Park that supply two-thirds of the water for the town. It is in the design and grant application phase. The new system is expected to remove all the iron and manganese in the water. Installation will be in approximately 1½ years. Mr. Roby exclaimed his new political slogan for 2023 is "no more turbidity".

Mr. Clark made a motion at 5:40 to recess to Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Alessandra. All in favor.

At 5:59 the Council returned from Executive Session. The solicitor checked outside the building; Mr. Roby was no longer present.

Motion to terminate John Z. Bush effective 12/21/2022 was made by Mr. Maney, seconded by Mr. Prey. Mr. John Bush Jr. abstained from voting. 5 in favor, Mr. Losee opposed. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued regarding a severance package. Mr. Ohliger explained a severance package typically involves cash payment in exchange for a waiver of legal rights for unemployment benefits. If there is a desire to offer a package, it would need specific terms. Mr. Prey did not wish to ask for a waiver. It was noted that unemployment can deny benefits due to the nature of the dismissal.

Motion was made by Mr. Prey, seconded by Mr. Alessandra to provide 8 weeks pay at current rate of pay, following the current payroll schedule. All in favor, with Mr. John Bush Jr. abstaining from the vote.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Losee, seconded by Mr. Kudrich at 6:08. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Brown Borough Secretary