



Borough Council Minutes

January 2, 2024

7:30 pm

Call to Order, Salute to the Flag. Mayor Cory Homer swore in Eric Kudrich, Mark Madsen and Lisa Salvato.

Roll Call

Mr. Eric Kudrich Councilman	P	Mr. John Bush Jr Councilman	P	Mr. Jason Ohliger Solicitor	P	Chief Kowinsky Fire Department	P
Mr. Mark Madsen Councilman	P	Mr. Jon Maney Councilman	P	Mr. Greg Myer Treasurer	P	Asst Chief Stewart	A
Mr. Sean Alessandra Councilman	P	Mr. Harry Prey Councilman	P	Ms. Amy Turner Tax Collector	A	Mr. Shawn Bolles Zoning/Code Enforcement Office/Park Mgr	A
Mr. Cory Homer Mayor	P	Mrs. Lisa Salvato Councilwoman	P	Mr. Tom Olver EMA	A		A

Public in attendance: approximately 9 members of the public were present.

Mayor Homer opened the meeting with a request for a nomination for election of Council President. Mr. Mark Madsen made a motion to nominate Eric Kudrich as President of Council second by John Bush Jr.. There were no further nominations. A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Alessandra: Yes Mr. Bush: Yes Mr. Kudrich: Yes Mr. Madsen: Yes
Mr. Maney: Yes Mr. Prey: Yes Mrs. Salvato: Yes

Motion passed. Mr. Homer congratulated President Kudrich and turned the gavel over to President Kudrich

- Nomination and Election of Vice President. Mr. Prey nominated Mr. Madsen, seconded by Mr. Maney. There were no further nominations. All in favor; Passed.
- Elect a President Pro Tem. Mr. Prey nominated Mr. Maney. Seconded by Mr. Alessandra. There were no further nominations. All in favor; Passed.
- Appointment of Vacancy Board Chair. Mr. Prey nominated Pam Madsen, seconded by Mr. Madsen. There were no further nominations. All in favor; Passed.
- President's Remarks: Welcomed everyone and wished them a Happy New Year!
- **Motion for the following appointments:**
 - **Borough Secretary** – Marianne Brown will serve at pleasure of council
 - **Borough Treasurer** - Myer & Myer, CPA will serve at pleasure of council
 - **Borough Solicitor** – Jason Ohliger will serve at pleasure of council
 - **Open Records Officer** – Marianne Brown will serve at pleasure of council
 - **Borough Historian** – William G. Clark will serve at pleasure of council
 - **Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer** – Shawn Bolles will serve at pleasure of council
 - **Planning Commission Solicitor** – Nick McIntyre will serve at pleasure of council
 - **Borough Engineer** – Kiley Associates will serve at pleasure of council
- **Motion for the 8 positions listed above: Maney/Alessandra. All in favor.**
- **Official Depositories** – NBT Bank, Citizens, PLGIT and Wayne Bank will serve at pleasure of council **M: Bush Jr./Prey. All in favor.**

- **Official Publications** – Pike County Dispatch & Pocono Record will serve at pleasure of council
M: Bush Jr./ Prey. All in favor.
- **Road Task Force** – Robert Howard will serve at pleasure of council **M: Prey/Alessandria. All in favor**
- **SEO** – Will Whitehead will serve at pleasure of council **M: Bush Jr./ Prey. All in favor**
- **SEO Alternate** – Ron Tussel will serve at pleasure of council **M: Bush Jr./ Prey. All in favor**
- **Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor-** John Stieh at a rate of \$150 per hour. **M: Prey/Bush Jr. All in favor**
- **Building Appeal Board Solicitor-** Anthony Magnotta Building Appeal Board at a rate of \$150 per hour.
M: Bush Jr./Alessandria. All in favor.
- **Police Commission**– 1 year term and 2-year term
 - Sean Alessandra January 1, 2025 **M: Bush Jr./Maney. All in favor.**
 - David Clark January 1, 2026 **M: Bush Jr./Maney. All in favor.**
- **Planning Commission** – 4-year term
 - Richard Anderson - Member January 1, 2028 **M: Madsen/Maney. All in favor**
 - Kelly Johnson - Alternate January 1, 2028 **M: Prey/Madsen. All in favor**
- **Zoning Hearing Board** - 3-year term: 1 Alternate
Open (Alternate) January 1, 2027
- **Building Hearing Board** - (3-year term)
 - **John Corcoran:** January 1, 2027 **M: Prey/Maney. All in favor.**
 - **OPEN** January 1, 2026
 - **OPEN (Alternate)** January 1, 2024
- **Recreation Advisory Board** – 3-year term
 - Lisa Salvato January 1, 2027 **M: Kudrich/Madsen. All in favor**
- **Municipal Water Authority** –5-year term
 - Norman Dexter January 1, 2029 **M: Prey/Alessandria. All in favor.**

Added Motion(s): None

Public Comment (When recognized by the president, per Borough Code, state your name and address for the minutes)

- **Dimitry Roby 105 Pennsylvania Avenue:** Noticed the noise from vehicles on the Ave has diminished, complained about private garbage pickup noise, feels optimistic with the new council, and handed all council members a statement he wrote regarding his issue with smoke shops.

Unanimous Consent Agenda M: Maney/Prey. All in favor.

- Approval of Minutes –Council meeting December 2023
- Approval of Treasurer’s Report –December 2023
- Approval of bills to be paid – December 2023
- Approval of reimbursement to the recreation department for invoices paid on behalf of the Wade Trust Fund, copy of expenditures: December 2023

Reports:

- Mayor Cory Homer: Thanked everyone for their support and outlined his goals for his first year in office. Copy on file.
- General Government Committee: Harry Prey: Nothing to report

- Fire Committee: John Bush Jr/Sean Alessandra: Todd Kowinsky was elected Fire Chief. Nothing to report.
- Public Works: Harry Prey: Read the DPW report. Brush collection is done for the year. Thanked Cory and the Fire Department for the Christmas Trees on the Ave. Christmas tree pickup has begun, place by the curb. Noted groups that are accepting tree donations for livestock.
- Facilities Committee: John Bush Jr.: The men's room in the firehouse was fixed. The Annex heating system will be fixed tomorrow. The exhaust pipe from the firehouse will be worked on at the end of the month.
- Finance Committee:
- Planning Mark Madsen: Planning is still scheduled to meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month.
- Recreation Advisory Board: Jon Maney/Lisa Salvato: Nothing to report
- Fire Chief: Todd Kowinsky: Appreciated the presence of Council during the Swearing in Ceremony at the Firehouse.
- Emergency Management: Tom Olver: Nothing to report
- Police Commission: Dave Clark and Sean Alessandra: Nothing to report.
- Sewage:
- Code Enforcement/Recreation: Not present.
- All other Reports on file:

Police Report X	Recreation NA	Police Commission
Planning NA	Fire Department X	Municipal Authority
Myer & Meyer Financial Report X	Berkheimer EIT Report X	Pike Tax Maintenance Updates

Correspondence: On file.

- a. Kiley Associates, LLC RE Municipal Engineering Services
- b. Pike County Assessment Office RE Appeal Hearing
- c. Municipal Authority letter requesting re-appointment of Noman Dexter
- d. Letter from John Corcoran requesting re-appointment to the Building Hearing Board

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Motion to appoint Robert Howard as DPW Supervisor at a rate of \$25.00 per hour for up to 20 hours per week. Additional hours as needed with Department head Chair approval. **M: Maney/Prey. All in favor.**
2. Motion to approve Lisa Salvato to sign invoices. **M: Kudrich/Maney. All in favor.**
3. Motion to approve Jonathan Maney and John Bush Jr. to sign checks. **M: Prey/Alessandra. All in favor.**

Public Comment:

Lyn Homer inquired about the list of committees. President Kudrich noted it would be announced at the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn at 8:05 was made by Mr. Prey.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Brown
Borough Secretary