

**BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK  
BOROUGH COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020**

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The Reorganization Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park was held on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 2344 West Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dennis O'Keefe.

Pledge of Allegiance

**OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS** – The Honorable Judge Judith Ference Olson of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania administered the Oath of Office to the following newly elected officials:

Jiang Li, Councilman  
Brian S. Malkin, Councilman  
John P. Parks, Councilman  
Susan Striz, Councilwoman

Cathy Krummert, Borough Secretary called the roll:

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

James W. Hogg ..... present  
Jiang Li ..... present  
Brian S. Malkin ..... present  
John P. Parks ..... present  
Thomas C. Schwartzmier ..... present  
Susan Striz ..... present  
Junior Councilperson Nathan Gierczynski ..... present  
Mayor Dennis E. O'Keefe ..... present

**ENGINEER:**

Michael Malak, Senate Engineering Company ..... present

**SOLICITOR:**

Robert Max Junker, Babst Calland ..... present

**STAFF:**

Zach Brower, Recreation Program Director ..... present  
Gary Bucuren, Superintendent of Public Works ..... absent  
Rege Ebner, Borough Manager ..... present  
Walt Healy, Police Chief ..... present  
Cathy Krummert, Borough Secretary ..... present  
Tim Phillips, Building Inspector/Zoning Officer ..... absent  
Bill Schweitzer, Manager of Golf Course & Sports Fields ..... present

**NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL** - Mayor O'Keefe accepted nominations for the office of President of Borough Council. Mr. Parks moved Jim Hogg be nominated as President of Borough Council. Mayor O'Keefe moved nominations be closed, seconded by Ms. Striz. Mayor O'Keefe called for a roll call vote on the motion to nominate Jim Hogg as President of Borough Council:

Mr. Hogg ..... Mr. Hogg  
Dr. Li ..... Mr. Hogg  
Mr. Malkin ..... Mr. Hogg  
Mr. Parks ..... Mr. Hogg  
Mr. Schwartzmier ..... Mr. Hogg  
Ms. Striz ..... Mr. Hogg

Mr. Hogg was unanimously elected as President of Borough Council.

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**NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL** - Mayor O'Keefe accepted nominations for the office of Vice President of Borough Council. Ms. Striz moved John Parks be nominated as Vice President of Borough Council. Mr. Schwartzmier moved nominations be closed, seconded by Mr. Malkin. Mayor O'Keefe called for a roll call vote on the motion to nominate John Parks as Vice President of Borough Council:

Mr. Hogg..... Mr. Parks  
Dr. Li ..... Mr. Parks  
Mr. Malkin ..... Mr. Parks  
Mr. Parks ..... Mr. Parks  
Mr. Schwartzmier..... Mr. Parks  
Ms. Striz..... Mr. Parks

Mr. Parks was unanimously elected as Vice President of Borough Council.

**NOMINATIONS FOR SECOND VICE PRESIDENT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL** – Mayor O'Keefe accepted nominations for the office of Second Vice President of Borough Council. Mr. Hogg moved Tom Schwartzmier be nominated as Second Vice President of Borough Council. Dr. Li moved Brian Malkin be nominated as Second Vice President of Borough Council. Mr. Hogg moved nominations be closed, seconded by Mr. Malkin and carried. Mayor O'Keefe called for a roll call vote for the office of Second Vice President of Borough Council between Tom Schwartzmier and Brian Malkin:

Mr. Hogg..... Mr. Schwartzmier  
Dr. Li ..... Mr. Malkin  
Mr. Malkin ..... Mr. Malkin  
Mr. Parks ..... Mr. Schwartzmier  
Mr. Schwartzmier..... Mr. Schwartzmier  
Ms. Striz..... Mr. Malkin

Since the result of the roll call vote was a 3-3 tie, Mayor O'Keefe was called upon to cast the tie-breaking vote. Mayor O'Keefe cast his tie-breaking vote for Tom Schwartzmier. Mr. Schwartzmier was elected as the Second Vice President of Borough Council

Mayor O'Keefe turned the meeting over to Council President James W. Hogg.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Mr. Thaddeus Popovich, 1654 Stone Mansion Drive - Mr. Popovich congratulated everyone on Council who won their seats, and he congratulated Council on the letter sent to Governor Wolfe, State Senator Lindsey Williams and State Representative Mike Turzai regarding the municipal code.

**AUTHORIZE PROPER OFFICERS TO SIGN CHECKS** - Mr. Parks moved the President of Council be authorized to sign checks, and in his absence the Vice President of Council or Second Vice President of Council be authorized to sign checks, and to authorize the Treasurer to sign checks, seconded by Mr. Schwartzmier and carried.

**DESIGNATE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES** – Mr. Schwartzmier moved the official depositories for the Borough funds for the year 2020 be: Charles Schwab Institutional, First Commonwealth Bank, First National Bank, Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust, Pennsylvania Treasurer's INVEST Program, PNC Bank, S&T Bank, USBank and West View Savings Bank, seconded by Mr. Parks and carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1213-2020 APPOINTING PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS FOR 2020** – Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 1213-2020. Mr. Malkin moved to adopt Resolution No. 1213-2020 appointing Part-time Police Officers for the year 2020, seconded by Mr. Parks and carried.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 1214-2020 RECOGNIZING THE FRANKLIN PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

**NO. 1 FOR 2020** – Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 1214-2020. Ms. Striz moved to adopt Resolution No. 1214-2020 recognizing the Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 as the fire company for the Borough of Franklin Park for the year 2020, seconded by Mr. Schwartzmier and carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1215-2020 APPOINTING FIRE POLICE OFFICERS FOR 2020** – Mr. Junker summarized Resolution No. 1215-2020. Dr. Li moved to adopt Resolution No. 1215-2020 appointing Fire Police Officers for the year 2020, seconded by Ms. Striz and carried.

**DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER** - Mr. Parks moved the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette be designated as the official newspaper of the Borough, seconded by Mr. Malkin and carried.

**RETAIN ROBERT MAX JUNKER AND THE FIRM OF BABST, CALLAND, CLEMENTS & ZOMNIR, P.C. AS SOLICITOR FOR 2020** - Mr. Parks moved Council retain Robert Max Junker and the firm of Babst, Calland, Clements & Zomnir, P.C. as Borough Solicitor for the year 2020 at a retainer of \$6,000 per year, which shall remain in effect until superseded by future Borough Council action, seconded by Dr. Li and carried.

**APPOINT SENATE ENGINEERING COMPANY AS BOROUGH ENGINEER FOR 2020** -

Mr. Schwartzmier moved Senate Engineering Company be appointed Borough Engineer for the year 2020 at a retainer of \$4,800 per year, which shall remain in effect until superseded by future Borough Council action, seconded by Mr. Parks and carried.

**RATIFY EXPENDITURE POLICY** - Mr. Parks moved to ratify Resolution No. 987-2010, adopted September 15, 2010, setting forth a municipal expenditure policy to safeguard borough resources and prevent unauthorized expenditure of borough funds, and to authorize the administrative staff to distribute the policy to borough boards/commissions, seconded by Mr. Malkin and carried.

**REAPPOINT ROY WERNER TO THE BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS** - Mr. Malkin moved Roy Werner be reappointed to the Building Board of Appeals for a five-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2024, seconded by Mr. Parks and carried.

**APPOINT CASSANDRA MILLER-BUTTERWORTH TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Ms. Striz moved Cassandra Miller-Butterworth be appointed to the Environmental Advisory Council for a three-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2022, seconded by Mr. Parks and carried.

**APPOINT KIM FREITHALER TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL** - Dr. Li moved Kim Freithaler be appointed to the Environmental Advisory Council for a three-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2022, seconded by Mr. Malkin and carried.

**REAPPOINT STEPHANIE GUNDLING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL** -

Mr. Schwartzmier moved Stephanie Gundling be reappointed to the Environmental Advisory Council for a three-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2022, seconded by Dr. Li and carried.

**REAPPOINT JIM PORCELLI TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL** - Mr. Malkin moved Jim Porcelli be reappointed to the Environmental Advisory Council for a three-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2022, seconded by Mr. Parks and carried.

**REAPPOINT ROBERT BURKLEY TO THE McCANDLESS-FRANKLIN PARK AMBULANCE**

**AUTHORITY BOARD** - Mr. Parks moved Robert Burkley be reappointed to the McCandless-Franklin Park Ambulance Authority Board for a five-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2024, seconded by Dr. Li and carried.

**APPOINT WAYNE CHANG TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION** - Dr. Li moved Wayne Chang be appointed to the Planning Commission for a four-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2023, seconded by Ms. Striz and carried.

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**REAPPOINT BLAINE LAMPERSKI TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION** - Mr. Malkin moved Blaine Lamperski be reappointed to the Planning Commission for a four-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2023, seconded by Ms. Striz and carried.

**REAPPOINT CHRISTINE HUWEART TO THE RECREATION BOARD** - Mr. Parks moved Christine Huweart be reappointed to the Recreation Board for a five-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2024, seconded by Dr. Li and carried.

**REAPPOINT NANCY HAMILTON TO THE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE** - Mr. Schwartzmier moved Nancy Hamilton be reappointed to the Scholarship Selection Committee for a five-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2024, seconded by Mr. Parks and carried.

**APPOINT RAY OJERHOLM TO THE VACANCY BOARD** - Ms. Striz moved Ray Ojerholm be appointed to the Vacancy Board for a one-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2020, seconded by Mr. Malkin and carried.

**APPOINT LUKE MYSLINSKI TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD** - Mr. Parks moved Luke Myslinski be appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board for a five-year term, which term will expire December 31, 2024, seconded by Mr. Malkin and carried.

**REAPPOINT SAILESH KAPADIA TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD** - Mr. Malkin moved Sailesh Kapadia be reappointed to the Zoning Hearing Board to fill the unexpired term of Brian Malkin, which term will expire December 31, 2023, seconded by Mr. Schwartzmier and carried.

Mr. Hogg welcomed the new Council members and congratulated Mr. Parks on his re-election. Mr. Hogg thanked all of the volunteers who have stepped up to serve on all of the borough boards, commissions and committees.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR** - None

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** - Mr. Parks moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Schwartzmier and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy L. Krummert  
Borough Secretary

Audience Present: 29