

BOROUGH OF WYOMISSING – COUNCIL MINUTES
REORGANIZATION

JANUARY 5, 2026 – 8:00 A.M.

The Borough of Wyomissing Council held their biennial reorganization meeting in the Borough of Wyomissing Council Chambers on the above date and time.

The Oath of Office was given by Berks County Judge Justin Bodor to the re-elected Mayor Frederick C. Levering, re-elected Tax Collector Betsy A. Heckman, and re-elected Councilmember Jana R. Barnett, and newly-elected Councilmembers Kristen M. Gajewski, Adam C. Berkeley, and Christopher F. Valente. Mayor Frederick C. Levering then called the meeting to order with the following persons present: Council members Stephen D. Brunner, Jennifer L. Reimer, Richard A. Weinhoffer, Jana R. Barnett, Kristen M. Gajewski, Christopher F. Valente, and Adam C. Berkeley. Also present were Solicitor Heidi Masano, Borough Manager Michele Bare, and Borough Secretary Melissa Miller.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session was held after newly elected and re-elected officials were sworn in, and prior to the official start of the reorganization meeting, regarding on-going litigation for the Berkshire Mall.

VISITORS:

Dr. Angela Adler – 1544 Cleveland Ave.
David Reeser – 1110 Farview Ave.
Ronald Stanko – 400 Wyomissing Blvd.
Crystal Kowalkski – 1500 Cleveland Ave.
TJ Gajewski – 462 Warwick Dr.
Jim McCarthy – McCarthy Engineering
James Babb – Public Works Director
Randy McKinley – Recreation and Communications Director
Betsy Heckman – Borough Tax Collector

PUBLIC COMMENTS (agenda items):

Dr. Angela Adler, 1544 Cleveland Avenue provided public comment congratulating Council, female involvement on Council, and supporting Kristen Gajewski for Council President.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT:

Borough Solicitor Heidi Masano explained that nominations will open, giving Councilmembers the opportunity to nominate someone, nominations will close, and motions will be made for each nominee on the list until a majority vote is received for one of the nominees.

Mayor Levering called for nominations for the office of President of Borough Council.

Councilmember Weinhoffer nominated Councilmember Reimer for the office of President, Councilmember Berkeley nominated Councilmember Gajewski for the office of President, and Councilmember Brunner nominated Councilmember Weinhoffer for the office of President.

Councilmember Barnett made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Weinhoffer to close nominations for the office of President, all in favor, 7-0.

Councilmember Barnett made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Weinhoffer to appoint Councilmember Reimer for office of the President, roll call vote, 3-4, motion does not carry. Councilmembers Brunner, Valente, and Berkeley opposed.

Councilmember Valente made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Berkeley to appoint Councilmember Gajewski for the office of the President, roll call vote, 4-3, motion carries.

Prior to the final vote, Councilmember Weinhoffer felt confident that while the Council President position is complex, that Councilmember Gajewski is capable of fulfilling the role. Councilmember Valente expressed that Councilmember Gajewski has the ability to perform the responsibilities of Council President bringing forth good ideas, is dedicated, has support from others, and he believes in her vision. Councilmember Berkeley appreciated Councilmember Gajewski's vision for moving Council and the Borough, forward.

Prior to the final vote, Councilmember Brunner opposed due to the concern of Councilmember Gajewski's first time on Council. Councilmember Reimer opposed due to the concern of lack of prior experience with Council. Councilmember Barnett noted that while Councilmember Gajewski is very talented, the role of Council President is complex, and opposed.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:

Council President Gajewski called for nominations for the office of First Vice President of Borough Council.

Councilmember Brunner nominated Councilmember Barnett for the office of First Vice President, Councilmember Gajewski nominated Councilmember Reimer for the office of First Vice President, and Councilmember Berkeley nominated Councilmember Valente for the office of First Vice President.

Councilmember Brunner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Reimer to close nominations for the office of First Vice President, all in favor, 7-0.

Councilmember Barnett indicated her disinterest in serving as the First Vice President, and Councilmember Brunner rescinded his nomination for Councilmember Barnett.

Councilmember Berkeley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Weinhoffer to appoint Councilmember Valente for the office of the First Vice President, roll call vote, 1-6, motion does not carry. Councilmembers Reimer, Weinhoffer, Barnett, Gajewski, Valente, and Berkeley opposed.

Prior to the final vote, Councilmember Valente indicated he would be happy to serve, but was going to be voting for Councilmember Reimer to fill the role.

Councilmember Weinhoffer made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Berkeley to appoint Councilmember Reimer for the office of the First Vice President, roll call vote, 5-2, motion carries. Councilmembers Brunner and Berkeley opposed.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:

Council President Gajewski called for nominations for the office of Second Vice President of Borough Council.

Councilmember Berkeley nominated Councilmember Weinhoffer for the office of Second Vice President, and Councilmember Brunner nominated Councilmember Barnett for the office of Second Vice President.

Councilmember Brunner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Barnett to close nominations for the office of Second Vice President, all in favor, 7-0.

Councilmember Barnett indicated her disinterest in serving as the Second Vice President, and Councilmember Brunner rescinded his nomination for Councilmember Barnett.

Councilmember Berkeley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Valente to appoint Councilmember Weinhoffer for the office of the Second Vice President, all in favor, roll call vote, 7-0.

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH MANAGER:

Councilmember Reimer made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Barnett to appoint Michele Bare as the Borough Manager, all in favor, 7-0.

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH SECRETARY:

Councilmember Reimer made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Barnett to appoint Melissa Miller as the Borough Secretary, all in favor, 7-0.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR:

Council was reminded that the Deputy Tax Collector term is also four years, and is selected by the Borough's Tax Collector.

Councilmember Brunner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Reimer to appoint Sharon Boyer as the Borough's Deputy Tax Collector, all in favor, 7-0.

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH SOLICITOR:

Councilmember Brunner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Barnett to appoint Masano Bradley as the Borough Solicitors, all in favor, 7-0.

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH CONSULTING ENGINEER:

Councilmember Brunner made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Barnett to appoint McCarthy Engineering as the Borough Consulting Engineer, all in favor, 7-0.

APPOINTMENT OF BUILDING CODE OFFICIALS AND RESIDENTIAL ZONING OFFICER:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01 – A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WYOMISSING, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPOINTING GLENN R. KRAFT OF KRAFT MUNICIPAL GROUP, INC. AS BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL AND APPOINTING KRAFT MUNICIPAL GROUP, INC. AS THIRD PARTY CODE INSPECTOR, PURSUANT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSTRUCTION CODE ACT AND THE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE, AND APPOINTING KRAFT MUNICIPAL GROUP, INC. AS RESIDENTIAL ZONING OFFICER AND MICHELE BARE AS ALTERNATE RESIDENTIAL ZONING OFFICER PURSUANT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPALITIES PLANNING CODE, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

Councilmember Barnett made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Reimer to adopt Resolution No. 2026-01, appointing Kraft Municipal Group as the Building Code Officials and Residential Zoning Officer, and Michele Bare as the alternate Residential Zoning Officer, 6-1, motion carries. Councilmember Berkeley opposed.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMERCIAL ZONING OFFICER AND ALTERNATE COMMERCIAL ZONING OFFICER:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02 – A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WYOMISSING, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPOINTING NICK PERILLI OF McCARTHY ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC. AS THE ZONING OFFICER FOR COMMERCIAL ZONING AND MICHELE BARE AS THE ALTERNATE ZONING OFFICER FOR COMMERCIAL ZONING

Councilmember Barnett made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brunner to adopt Resolution No. 2026-02, appointing Nick Perilli as the Commercial Zoning Officer and Michele Bare as the Alternate Commercial Zoning Officer, all in favor, 7-0.

PARK AND SHADE TREE COMMISSION APPOINTMENT:

Councilmember Reimer made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Barnett to appoint Jeff Doubek as the Park and Shade Tree Commission alternate for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2026, all in favor, 7-0.

2026 COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND BOARD MEMBER LISTING:

Councilmember Barnett made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Weinhoffer to adopt the Borough's 2026 Committee/Commission/Board member listing, 6-1, motion carries. Councilmember Berkeley opposed. Council and the public were reminded that terms were

reappointed based on prior performance, and it will be further discussed about articulating what the requirements are for reappointments, as well as any positions being reopen for advertisement.

PUBLIC COMMENT (non-agenda items):

Ronald Stanko, 400 Wyomissing Boulevard provided public comment related to committee appointments that occurred before the new Council took office.

Councilmember Barnett indicated that reappointments were made by reviewing attendance and their effectiveness in their roles.

Councilmember Reimer indicated that residents who served and served appropriately, were considered for reappointment, and reappointed with their approval.

Councilmember Berkeley and Council President Gajewski both indicated that further clarification for the process to fill committee, Commission, and Board vacancies will be discussed, but noted that they had to move forward with making reappointments or else the 2026 Board, Committee, and Commission list would have several vacancies.

The Wyomissing Borough Council meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

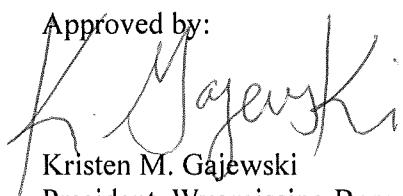
A second Executive Session was held at 8:59 a.m. to discuss the conflict of interest with an appointed position, and adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Melissa Miller
Borough Secretary

Approved by:



Kristen M. Gajewski
President, Wyomissing Borough Council