

# East Brady Borough Council Reorganization Meeting Minutes

Media: Evanne Garies

Regular Meeting -01/02/2024  
East Brady Borough Council  
Room 14 6:00 PM

Meeting brought to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

**PRESENT:** Barb Mortimer, Joe Hillwig, Denny King, Jenny Switzer, Devon Weidenhof, Justin Wagner, Joy McCluskey and Mayor Bill Rode.

**ABSENT:** No one.

**ROLL CALL:** As Above

**ATTENDANCE:** Curtis Double, Rick Barnett, Evanne Garies, Steve Boyle and Tom Boyle.

## **Swearing in of Council Members:**

Barbara Mortimer, Joe Hillwig, Denny King, Devon Weidenhof and Joy McCluskey.  
Members sworn in by Mayor Bill Rode.

Election of Council President - Nomination: Barbara Mortimer

Motion: Joe Hillwig 2<sup>nd</sup>: Denny King Motion Carried

Vice President – Nomination: Joe Hillwig

Motion: Denny King 2<sup>nd</sup>: Joy McCluskey MC

President Pro Tem – Nomination: Denny King

Motion: Joe Hillwig 2<sup>nd</sup>: Joy McCluskey MC

Vacancy Board Chairman – Nomination: Raymond Eichler

Motion: Joe Hillwig 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jenny Switzer MC

Appointment of Secretary/Treasurer – Nomination: Susan Buechele

Motion: Joe Hillwig 2<sup>nd</sup>: Joy McCluskey MC

Solicitor – Nomination: Amy Schrempf with Andrews & Price LLC.

Motion: Joy McCluskey 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jenny Switzer MC

Engineers – Nomination: Senate Engineering/LSSE

Motion: Joe Hillwig 2<sup>nd</sup>: Denny King MC

Financial Institution – Nomination: Farmers National Bank

Motion: Joy McCluskey 2<sup>nd</sup>: Joe Hillwig MC

Open Records Officer – Nomination: Susan Buechele

Motion: Joe Hillwig 2<sup>nd</sup>: Justin Wagner MC

Auditor: Nomination: McGill Power & Bell

Motion: Joe Hillwig 2<sup>nd</sup>: Denny King MC

Council Committee Assignments: A list of Council assignments will be added to the end of the minutes.

## **Regular order of Business:**

**MINUTES:** *It was moved by Joe Hillwig and seconded by Joy McCluskey to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as presented. Motion carried.*

**CITIZENS TO SPEAK:** **Tom Boyle.** Mr. Boyle lives on Robinson Street. He had a clogged sewer line. He provided a letter from Bob Nelson stating that the clog was approximately 75 feet from his home. He is requesting that the Borough pay for the drain cleaning. Cost from Nelson Hardware is \$331.33.

***Motion to pay: Joe Hillwig 2<sup>nd</sup>: Denny King MC***

**Maintenance Report:** Curtis Double provided a verbal report.

We are anticipating a snow storm this coming weekend. Susan will order another load of salt.

The High Rise needs a new water meter. Mark Lynn with LB Water is coming to look at the one that is there now and order a new one. It is a 3 inch meter.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Rode welcomed Devon Weidenhof as our newest council member. He commented that Curtis Double and our maintenance department are doing a very good job. He is contacting Eric Funk and will be active in the Main Street initiative.

**EMS Report:** Next board meeting is January 15, 2024 at 6 pm in Shipperville. Barb and Joy will attend.

**Police:** The Annual Brady Cup Basketball Tournament will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2024 in the East Brady Gym at 5 pm.

The next Police Association Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2024 at 7 pm in the Community Center in Rimersburg.

The next Regional Board meeting is Thursday, January 25 at 7 pm in New Bethlehem.

The Civil Service Commission is meeting on Wednesday, January 3 at 3 pm here in East Brady. Barb, Joe and Denny will attend.

**Engineer's Report** – Provided by Senate/LSSE Engineering.

The engineer has completed the Chapter 94 (Sewage) Report previously. Motion for them to complete it again this year.

***Motion: Denny King 2<sup>nd</sup>: Joe Hillwig MC***

Rick Barnett will be retiring in March and we will be assigned a new engineer from the firm.

**Water/Sewer-** 4<sup>th</sup> quarter bills were mailed December 29, 2023.

Meeting with our attorney to finalize the water contract is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10. Barb will begin to make calls to legislators concerning the LSA Grants.

**Personnel** – Financial Interest forms are in Council folders. Please fill out and return to Secretary if you have not already.

**Streets & Street Lights:** N/A

**Building:** Denny has replaced all of the burnt out lights in the scoreboards and they are working! Denny commented that we need to order an AED for the Gym. Barb would like Paris to bring bigger rugs for the hall outside of the Gym.

**Rental Approval:** Ashley Rodgers would like to rent the Gym and Locker room for a Birthday party on Saturday, January 6, 2024 from 5-7 pm.

***Motion: Joy McCluskey 2<sup>nd</sup>: Denny King MC***

**Municipal Approval:** N/A

**Parks and trails:** N/A

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** N/A

**NEW BUSINESS:** N/A  
**CORRESPONDENCE:** N/A

**MONTHLY BILLS:**

*Motion to pay the bills: Justin Wagner 2<sup>nd</sup>: Denny King MC*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Not needed.

*Motion to adjourn meeting: Jenny Switzer 2<sup>nd</sup>: Justin Wagner MC*  
*Meeting adjourned at: 6:38 pm.*

*Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Susan D. Buechele*  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

**2024 EAST BRADY BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**Water & Sewer Committee**

Joe Hillwig, Barb Mortimer and Denny King

**Personnel Committee**

Joe Hillwig, Joy McCluskey and Denny King.

**Police**

**Regional Board:** Justin Wagner and Mayor Bill Rode

**Association:** Justin Wagner, Devon Weidenhof and Mayor Bill Rode.

**Streets & Street Lights**

Joe Hillwig, Joy McCluskey & Devon Weidenhof

**Building Committee**

Denny King, Barb Mortimer and Jenny Switzer.

**Parks Committee**

Jennifer Switzer, Justin Wagner & Devon Weidenhof

**EMS Committee:**

Joy McCluskey, Barb Mortimer & Jenny Switzer

**Main Street Committee:**

Barb Mortimer, Joe Hillwig & Bill Rode