

MILFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 5, 2014

The Annual Organizational Meeting of Milford City Council was held Monday, May 5, 2014 in the Joseph Ronnie Rogers Council Chambers of Milford City Hall at 201 South Walnut Street, Milford, Delaware.

PRESIDING: Honorable Mayor Joseph Ronnie Rogers

IN ATTENDANCE: Councilpersons Bryan Shupe, Garrett Grier III, S. Allen Pikus, Dirk Gleysteen,
Owen Brooks, Jr., Douglas Morrow, James Starling, Sr. and Katrina Wilson

City Manager Richard Carmean, Police Chief Keith Hudson and
City Clerk/Recorder Terri Hudson

COUNSEL: City Solicitor David Rutt

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rogers called the Organizational Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

The Invocation, given by Councilman Starling, followed the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTION REPORT

City Manager Richard Carmean read the following results of the 2014 City of Milford Election:

“On behalf of the Board of Elections for the City of Milford, I am reporting the certified results of the April 26, 2014 City of Milford Annual Election to be as follows-

In the Mayor's Race, a total of 988 persons voted, with James A. Oechsler, Jr. receiving 280 votes, Betty Lou Schiedenhelm receiving 60 votes and Bryan W. Shupe receiving 648 votes. As a result, Bryan W. Shupe has been elected Mayor of the City of Milford and will begin a two-year term on this date May 5, 2014.

Given:

1st Ward Councilperson Garrett L. Grier III,
2nd Ward Councilperson Sylvan Allen Pikus,
3rd Ward Councilperson Owen S. Brooks, Jr.
and
4th Ward Councilperson Katrina E. J. Wilson
each ran unopposed,
an Election for those Offices was not required.

The Special Election scheduled on June 14, 2014, to fill the remaining term of the 1st Ward Council Seat left vacant by the election of Mayor Shupe, is not required to be conducted due to only one person filing for the office. Christopher H. Mergner, is therefore deemed elected, and shall take the Oath of Office in this chambers on June 23, 2014.”

Motion to accept the results was made by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Pikus. Motion carried with no one opposed.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Rogers announced that Honorable William J. Walls, Jr. of Kent County Family Court, was present to swear in the reelected members of City Council and Mayor Elect Shupe.

Judge Walls first administered the Oath of Office to the following Council Members:

Councilman Garrett L. Grier III	First Ward
Councilman S. Allen Pikus	Second Ward
Councilman Owen S. Brooks, Jr.	Third Ward
Councilwoman Katrina E. J. Wilson	Fourth Ward

Family members participated in the ceremony.

After the swearing in procedure concluded, the reelected Council Members signed their Oaths of Office.

Prior to the Mayor Elect's Oath of Office, Mayor Rogers thanked City Manager Richard Carmean, Police Chief Keith Hudson, Council Members, City Employees and residents for the number of years he has been able to serve on council and as mayor. He said he has enjoyed every moment over the past forty years. He is proud of how council works together to accomplish things and is pleased to leave the city in such good financial shape.

When he was first elected, he felt he was part of a good council and he feels he is leaving the city with a very capable council. Though he does not know Council Elect Mergner, he is sure he will do a good job as well.

He concluded by stating that on behalf of his family, he again wants to thank everyone for allowing him to serve the past forty years.

Mayor Rogers then congratulated Mayor Elect Shupe and thanked him for coming forward.

Mayor Rogers then received a standing ovation.

Mayor Rogers then asked Mayor Elect Shupe to come forward to be officially sworn in.

The Mayor Elect's mother, Sherrie Shupe, then held the bible while Judge Walls administered the Oath of Office to her son. Following, Mayor Shupe signed the Oath of Office.

Certificates of Office, certified by the City of Milford Board of Election, were presented to Mayor Shupe and Council Members Grier, Pikus, Brooks and Wilson.

Outgoing Mayor Rogers then officially turned the gavel over to the newly elected Mayor Shupe.

Mayor Shupe then thanked everyone. He stated the last several months have been an incredible and a humbling experience for himself and his family. As he went door-to-door, homes were opened with great enthusiasm and excitement to talk about the future of Milford.

He said the driving force in Milford has always been the people and he looks forward to continuing the discussion with everyone over the next two years. In addition to engaging our residents at town halls, he also will have an open door policy. He would like the people to bring their ideas of Milford directly to city hall.

Mayor Shupe said that the large crowd here tonight is evidence the commitment and desire to write the next chapter of our town exists.

He said he is grateful for the opportunity to serve Milford as the next Mayor and is excited to see where the future takes us.

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Prior to a standing ovation, he concluded by stating let's take this excitement, re-engage our leaders of all ages and all industries to ensure we move Milford forward.

VICE MAYOR NOMINATION & ELECTION

Mayor Shupe then opened the floor to nominations for Vice Mayor.

Councilman Brooks nominated Councilman Morrow. The nomination was then seconded by Mr. Pikus.

Mr. Pikus moved that nominations be closed. With no further nominations, nominations were closed.

Mayor Shupe asked if there is any discussion before the vote is taken. No response was made.

All present voted in favor of electing Councilman Morrow as the Vice Mayor with no one opposed.

CITY SOLICITOR APPOINTMENT

On motion of Mr. Grier, seconded by Mr. Brooks, Esquire David Rutt was reappointed Solicitor for the City of Milford.

All present voted in favor of reappointing David Rutt as the City Solicitor with no one opposed.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENTS

Motion made by Mr. Grier and seconded by Mr. Pikus to reappoint the following persons as Workforce Development Commissioners:

Mayor Bryan Shupe
Sylvia Henderson*
Councilwoman Katrina Wilson
David Markowitz
Grant Curtis

*Designee for Superintendent of Milford School District

Motion carried with no one opposed.

ADJOURN

Mr. Pikus moved to adjourn the Organizational Meeting, seconded by Mr. Grier. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Terri K. Hudson, MMC
City Clerk/Recorder

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