

MILFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 1, 2017

The Annual Organizational Meeting of Milford City Council was held Monday, May 1, 2017 in the Joseph Ronnie Rogers Council Chambers of Milford City Hall at 201 South Walnut Street, Milford, Delaware.

PRESIDING: Honorable Mayor Bryan W. Shupe

IN ATTENDANCE: Councilpersons Christopher Mergner, Arthur Campbell, Lisa Ingram Peel, James Burk, Owen Brooks Jr., Douglas Morrow, James Starling Sr. and Katrina Wilson

City Manager Eric Norenberg and City Clerk/Recorder Terri Hudson

COUNSEL: City Solicitor David Rutt

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shupe called the Annual Organization Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

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

CERTIFICATION BY BOARD OF ELECTION

Mayor Shupe referenced the Certification Letter submitted by the 2017 City of Milford of Elections which states as follows:

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council:

As members of the City of Milford Board of Election and in accordance with 15 Del. C. § 7558(d), we hereby certify the results of the April 22, 2017 Annual Election in which one office was contested, to be as follows:

<u>Total Votes Cast:</u>		131
	Absentee Ballots	13
	Machine Votes	118
Ward One Council Seat Votes:		
	John D. Bechtold	27
	James F. Burk	104

Hence, James F. Burk is hereby re-elected as Ward Two Councilperson for a two-year term to begin May 1, 2017.

There being only one candidate for the Office of Councilperson in Ward One, Ward Three and Ward Four, the Election Board of the City of Milford hereby declares the following candidates elected for a two-year term beginning May 1, 2017:

Christopher H. Mergner - Ward One
Douglas E. Morrow - Ward Three
James S. Starling Sr. - Ward Four

The above three candidates are entitled to assume office without a formal election pursuant to 15 Del. C. §7555(j).

Respectfully submitted,

*City of Milford Board of Elections**s/Board Member Karen Boone, Inspector s/Board Member Joanne Leuthauser s/Board Member Katrina White*

ELECTION REPORT

The official 2017 City of Milford Election report was then read into record:

On behalf of the Board of Elections whose members were appointed by the City Council of the City of Milford on March 13, 2017, I, Eric Norenberg, City Manager, do hereby report the certified results of the April 22, 2017 City of Milford Annual Election to be as follows:

With only one contested Council race in the Second Ward, a total of 131 persons voted, at which time John D. Bechtold received 27 votes and James F. Burk received 104 votes. As a result, James F. Burk has been declared the winner. Following his Oath of Office, Councilman Burk's second two-year term will commence this date, the 1st day of May 2017.

Given:

1st Ward Councilperson Christopher H. Mergner,

3rd Ward Councilperson Douglas E. Morrow

and

4th Ward Councilperson James S. Starling Sr.

each ran unopposed, an Election for those Offices was not required (pursuant to 15 Del. C. §7555(j)).

Each office carries a two-year term that commences this 1st day of May 2017.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Shupe announced that Honorable John D. McKenzie, State of Delaware Justice of the Peace, was present to administer the Oath of Office to the re-elected members of City Council.

After the swearing in procedure concluded, each Councilperson signed their Oaths of Office and was issued Certificates of Office.

Judge McKenzie congratulated the incumbents adding it has been a pleasure.

Mayor Shupe also congratulated the Councilmembers sworn in tonight adding that he is very pleased all four members were re-elected due to the great things this Council has accomplished for the City of Milford over the years. He feels this is a diverse group that has come together and puts what is best for the City ahead of everything else.

VICE MAYOR NOMINATION & ELECTION

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

Councilman Burk moved to nominate Councilman Douglas Morrow to serve as Vice Mayor for a one year term, seconded by Councilman Brooks.

There being no further nominations, City Council voted unanimously to elect Councilman Morrow as Vice Mayor.

CITY SOLICITOR APPOINTMENT

On motion of Councilwoman Peel, seconded by Councilman Mergner, Esquire David Rutt was reappointed Solicitor for the City of Milford with all present voting in favor and no one opposed.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE CONSIDERATIONS

Mayor Shupe announced that at this time, there will be no changes made to committee appointments.

Councilman Starling moved to accept the recommendation of the Mayor that no changes be made to the current committee assignments, seconded by Councilman Mergner. Motion carried.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENTS

Motion made by Councilman Burk, seconded by Councilwoman Peel, to reappoint the following persons as Workforce Development Commissioners with the new DMI Director filling the vacant position at the time of their hiring:

Mayor Bryan Shupe
Shawn Snyder*
Councilwoman Katrina Wilson
Grant Curtis
Anne Villalobos
Cheryl Doucette
VACANCY*

*DMI Designee (To be named)

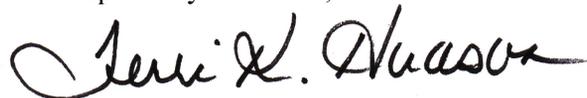
Motion carried with no one opposed.

ADJOURN

Councilman Mergner moved to adjourn the Annual Organizational Meeting, seconded by Councilman Starling. Motion carried.

The Annual Organizational Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Terri K. Hudson, MMC
City Clerk/Recorder