

MILFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 7, 2018

The Annual Organizational Meeting of Milford City Council was held Monday, May 7, 2018 in the Joseph Ronnie Rogers Council Chambers of Milford City Hall at 201 South Walnut Street, Milford, Delaware.

PRESIDING: Mayor Bryan W. Shupe

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

City Manager Eric Norenberg, Police Chief Kenneth Brown and City Clerk/Recorder Terri Hudson and Deputy City Clerk Christine Crouch

COUNSEL: City Solicitor David Rutt

ABSENT: Second Ward Council Seat Vacant

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shupe called the Annual Organizational Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He acknowledged those that attended this evening, noting we have an overflow crowd and appreciates the support.

Mayor Shupe then thanked everyone stating he is very humbled and extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve the Milford Community over the last four years. He stated that this Council has worked tirelessly with him and the community as a team, to make the quality of life even better in Milford.

He thanked each Councilmember individually as well as each resident in Milford, stressing that they are each a part of this community and everyone's efforts together have made the City what it is today.

The Mayor stated that tonight is not about him, but about an individual who is about to take the next step in Milford Government and the Community is extremely excited about the change. He personally looks forward to working with Mayor-Elect Campbell and is anxious to see what he has in store for the City.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the heartwarming invocation given by Councilmember Wilson.

RECEIPT OF CERTIFICATION BY ELECTION BOARD OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

The following letter was submitted by the Board of Elections of the City of Milford:

April 28, 2018

*Mayor and City Council
City of Milford
Milford, DE 19963*

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 28, 2018 Annual Election, in which two offices were contested, to be as follows:

<i>Total Votes Cast for Mayor:</i>	871
<i>Archie J. Campbell</i>	537
<i>F. Todd Cullota</i>	334
<i>Total Votes Cast for Ward One Council Seat:</i>	426
<i>Michael J. Boyle</i>	245
<i>Cindy L. Schofield</i>	181

Hence, Arthur F. Campbell and Michael J. Boyle have been declared winners of their respective races. Mayor-Elect Campbell and First Ward Councilman-Elect Boyle will both serve two-year terms beginning on May 7, 2018, at which time they will be officially sworn in by the Honorable Noel E. Primos of the Delaware Superior Court.

There being only one candidate for each Office of Councilperson in Ward Two, 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 7, 2018:

*Lisa Ingram Peel - Ward Two
Owen S. Brooks, Jr. - Ward Three
Katrina E. J. Wilson - Ward Four*

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*

Karen F. Boone

Joanne Leuthauser

Katrina L. White

Councilman Brooks moved to accept the Election Results, as Certified by the Board of Elections, seconded by Councilman Mergner. Motion carried with no one opposing.

2018 ELECTION REPORT - CITY MANAGER ERIC NORENBURG

City Manager Eric Norenberg stated it is his honor to present the 2018 City of Milford Election Report adding his gratitude to the City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk, City Staff and Election Workers who ensured the Election ran smoothly.

He then read the following report into record:

The Board of Election, appointed by City Council as required by the Charter of the City of Milford, has convened to determine the results of the election in order to certify the names of the winning candidates in the 2018 Annual Election.

A total of 871 votes were recorded in the Mayor's Race with Archie J. Campbell receiving the majority of votes over F. Todd Culotta, as indicated in the Certification Letter presented by Board Members Karen Boone, Joanne Leuthauser and Katrina White, dated April 28, 2018.

In the Contested Ward 1 Councilperson race, the Certification Letter verifies that of the 426 votes cast, Michael J. Boyle emerged as the winner over opponent Cindy L. Schofield. As a result, Arthur J. Campbell and Michael J. Boyle will be officially sworn in on May 7, 2018.

Given Incumbents:

*2nd Ward Councilperson Lisa Ingram Peel,
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.

SWEARING IN OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

The Honorable Noel Eason Primos of the Superior Court of Delaware, then administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Arthur J. Campbell.

Following, Judge Primos administered the Oath of Office individually to the following Councilmembers:

Michael J. Boyle	First Ward Seat
Lisa Ingram Peel	Second Ward Seat
Owen S. Brooks, Jr.	Third Ward Seat
Katrina E. Wilson	Fourth Ward Seat

Family members participated in the ceremonies.

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

ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

Motion was then made by Councilman Brooks, seconded by Councilman Mergner, to appoint Councilman Douglas Morrow as the Vice Mayor for Council Year May 7, 2018 to 2019.

Motion passed.

REAPPOINTMENT OF CITY SOLICITOR

Motion by Councilman Brooks, seconded by Councilman Morrow, to appoint Esquire David N. Rutt as Milford's Solicitor for the Council Year May 7, 2018 to 2019.

Motion passed.

COMMENTS

Mayor Campbell then stated the room is full with residents that have lived here for many years and residents that have lived here only a few years. As he stated during the debate, he feels that the Mayor and Council are able to learn from the old and learn from the new. His goal is to make our City one Milford. He wants the Haitians, Latinos, African Americans and Caucasians that are here tonight to continue to work together and especially to become active in the community. He also encourages them to attend future meetings and looks forward to continuing some of the many conversations he has had with our residents.

He is very grateful to those in attendance and thanked those that supported him and in particular his wife. He also acknowledged his son, who surprised him with his attendance, as well as an old friend that came to Milford tonight for the ceremony.

He encouraged those in attendance to remember this is 'one Milford' as we move ahead as one group. Becoming a team is the only way we will be successful and he prays that each of us stays positive and is willing to work with their neighbors to become an even better Milford.

Mayor Campbell then thanked outgoing Mayor Shupe for the time and service he has given to this community and the many improvements that have been made while he was in office.

RECOGNITION

Mayor Campbell acknowledged former Mayor Dan Marabello who was in attendance, Mayor Bryan Shupe and himself, who all live in the same neighborhood.

City Manager Norenberg then thanked outgoing Mayor Bryan Shupe and his family for sharing him the past four months. He noted the presence of so many residents who were here to celebrate the election of the new Mayor and Councilmembers, but to also express their appreciation to Mayor Shupe for the service to this City, adding that he, along with the Mayor's fellow elected officials, really appreciates the leadership displayed over the past four years.

City Manager Norenberg then presented Mayor Shupe with a golden gavel in honor of his years as Mayor of the City of Milford.

Following, Chief Brown thanked Mayor Shupe, for his role in selecting him to be Milford's Chief of Police. He then presented him with a token of appreciation that stated:

Presented to Mayor Bryan W. Shupe in recognition of his honorable service as Mayor with the City of Milford and outstanding leadership and dedicated service to the Men and Women of Milford Police Department 2014-2018.

Mayor Campbell then thanked his Councilmembers for all of their hard work and congratulated those newly and re-elected members whom he is anxious to work with to continue serving the Citizens of Milford. He knows that in addition to his door, their door is always open to our residents and they all welcome any comments and suggestions.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Mayor Campbell announced the following Committee assignments for the Council Year May 7, 2018 to 2019:

Annexation Committee:	Owen Brooks, Chair James Starling Chris Mergner
Community and Economic Development Committee:	Chris Mergner, Chair Owen Brooks Katrina Wilson
Finance and Public Works Committee:	Doug Morrow, Chair Lisa Peel Michael Boyle
Police Committee	Katrina Wilson, Chair Lisa Peel Michael Boyle

He reiterated that he looks forward to working together as a team and continuing to make this City an even better Milford.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Morrow moved to adjourn the Organizational Meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Wilson. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned by Mayor Campbell at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terri K. Hudson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "H".

Terri K. Hudson, MMC
City Clerk/Recorder