

**Mount Pocono Borough Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 16, 2021
7:03 P.M.**

The Mount Pocono Borough Council meeting held on Monday, August 16, 2021 was called to order at 7:03pm by President Fran O'Boyle.

Roll call: Councilmember Patty Bucco, present; Councilmember Claudette Williams, present; Councilmember Aida Montanez, present; President Fran O'Boyle, present; Councilmember Stacy Stewart-Keeler, present; Councilmember Ron Emilie, present via telephone.

In Attendance: Michael Penn, Mayor; Joshua Walker, Borough Manager; Alexis Wilkinson, Zoning/ Codes Enforcement Officer; Danielle Hewitt, Treasurer.

Absent: Councilmember Tommy Neville

Preliminary Announcements

President F. O'Boyle read preliminary announcements related to councilmember cell phone use and the recording of council meetings. There was discussion.

A motion was made by Councilmember R. Emilie to not have cell phones on during the meeting. Seconded by Councilmember P. Bucco. There was further discussion. Borough Manager J. Walker asked for clarification as to who this motion would apply to. Solicitor J. Fareri clarified this motion applied to councilmembers.

Motion was a tie 3-3 with Mayor Penn breaking the tie in favor of the motion. Motion passes 4-3. President F. O'Boyle, Councilmembers P. Bucco and R. Emilie, and Mayor Penn voted in favor. Councilmembers C. Williams, S. Stewart-Keeler, and A. Montanez voted against.

Councilwoman Montanez indicated that she will continue to use her phone.

Officer's Reports

President

President O'Boyle announced that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Mayor

Mayor Penn read a resignation letter received on August 16, 2021 by email from Councilmember T. Neville effective immediately. There was discussion. A motion to accept the resignation by Councilmember T. Neville was made by Councilmember C. Williams. Seconded by Councilmember S. Stewart-Keeler.

Motion passes unanimously 6-0.

Councilmember P. Bucco made a motion "to adopt a resolution tonight, to appoint Mike Oser...(audio unclear)." There was discussion. Seconded by Councilmember R. Emilie. Motion was a tie 3-3 with Mayor Penn breaking the tie in favor of the motion. Motion passes 4-3. President F. O'Boyle, Councilmembers P. Bucco and R. Emilie, and Mayor Penn voted in favor. Councilmembers C. Williams, S. Stewart-Keeler, and A. Montanez voted against.

At this time, 7:30pm, Councilmembers C. Williams, S. Stewart-Keeler, and A. Montanez left the council chambers.

At 7:31pm President F. O'Boyle invited Mike Oser to take his seat on Council. Mayor Penn swore Mike Oser in as a new councilmember.

There was a question about whether a quorum existed to continue the meeting. Solicitor J. Fareri recommended pausing while he researched whether the meeting could continue or not.

After reviewing the borough code, it was determined by Solicitor J. Fareri that because the remaining physically present members which were President F. O'Boyle, and Councilmembers M. Oser, and P. Bucco did not establish a physical quorum, the meeting could not continue. Therefore, the meeting ended without a formal adjournment at 7:53pm with an announcement that there will be a Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Walker
Borough Manager