

Trumbauersville Borough Council
January 5, 2026, Council Reorganization Meeting Minutes
7:00 PM

Council Members Present: Chris Betz, Ed Child, Ally Goodin, Stephen Spor, Rebecca Spor, Robert Hyde, and Mike George. Dani McClanahan and Mayor Black were present. Solicitor Grim was absent.

SWEARING IN RECOGNITION OF NEWLY ELECTED / REELECTED OFFICIALS

Magisterial District Judge Lisa J. Gaier swore in Christopher J. Betz, Robert Hyde, Allyson Goodin, and Stephen Spor.

Mayor Black called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

- Election of Officers:
 - o Councilman Child nominated C. Betz to serve as Council President. C. Betz accepted the nomination. Vote: all in favor motion carries.
 - o Councilwoman Spor nominated E. Child to serve as Council Vice President. E. Child accepted the nomination. Vote: all in favor, motion carries.
 - o Councilman Betz nominated Councilwoman Spor to serve as President Pro Tem. R. Spor accepted the nomination. Vote: all in favor, motion carries.
- Mayor Black turned the meeting over to President Betz.

First order of business:

- Change in Water Engineer.
 - o Motion by Councilman George, seconded by Councilwoman Goodin, to appoint the engineering firm Remington & Vernick to the position of Trumbauersville Borough Water Works Engineer. Vote: all in favor, motion carries.
- Change in EMC, Fire Marshall, and Borough Code Enforcement Officer.
 - o Motion by Councilman Hyde, seconded by Councilman Spor, to hire Douglas Wilhelm to serve as the Borough's Fire Marshall, and Code Enforcement Officer at an hourly rate of \$22.50, and to serve as the Trumbauersville Borough Emergency Management Coordinator. Vote: all in favor, motion carried.

Resolutions

Appointments: Resolution 012026

APPOINTMENT / REAPPOINTMENT BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Borough Secretary/Treasurer – Dani McClanahan
- Planning Commission – Deb Seifter
- Zoning Hearing Board – George Cabot
- Water Superintendent – Ken Fulford
- Zoning Officer – Dani McClanahan
- MTSA - Arek Bolton
- UCC Building Code Official – Douglas Wilhelm
- Water Engineer – Remington & Vernick
- Borough Engineer – Wynn Associates
- Solicitor – Grim, Biehn, & Thatcher
- Auditor – Dunlap SLK
- Fire Marshall – Douglas Wilhelm
- Code Enforcement Officer – Douglas Wilhelm
- Vacancy Board Chair –
- Emergency Management Coordinator – Douglas Wilhelm
 - o Motion by VP Child, seconded by Councilwoman Goodin, to accept appointment and reappointments as presented. Vote: all in favor, motion carries.

FIRE POLICE: Resolution 02-2026

- Motion by Councilman Hyde, seconded by Councilwoman Spor, adopting Resolution 02-2026 as presented. Vote: all in favor, motion carries.

TRUMBAUERSVILLE FIRE COMPANY FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES. Act 108, Resolution 03-2026

- Motion by VP Child, seconded by Councilwoman Goodin, adopting Resolution 03-2026, fundraising activities typical of fire company fundraising events. Vote: all in favor, motion carries.

Close Reorganization Meeting

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2026

OPENING REMARKS:

Insurance Agent Bob Longley was on hand to review legislative updates to PA Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act. The changes in the law have increased the potential for exposure to liability in both length of time to report a violation and removing the financial cap to monetary award. Mr. Longley reviewed the steps the Insurance carrier wants the borough to implement with both elected and appointed officials and employees, to demonstrate the borough understands the risk and is actively implementing and enforcing policy to limit the exposure. Accountability requires an annual review and acknowledgement (signature) of the Abuse Prevention Policy, having Pa State Police criminal background checks and Child Abuse History clearances on file at the borough office. Because there is no monetary limit to this type of suit, failure to comply with these policies could label the borough 'high risk' and put limitations on elected officials interacting with the public in their official capacity.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

- Resident L. Betz suggested changing DHS and PSP clearances to every two years instead of every 5 years.

Minutes: Motion by VP Child, seconded by Councilwoman Spor, to accept the 12/04/2025, and 12/19/2025 minutes as they were presented. Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

Check Register: Motion by Councilwoman Goodin, seconded by Councilman Spor, to approve the December check register. Vote: All in favor, motion carried.

Borough Managers Report:

- Professional Services agreement for a lot line adjustment at 220 N Main St presented for review
- Professional Services agreement for conversion of 118 N. Main Street to 10 Apartments presented for review.
 - o Motion by VP Child, seconded by Councilman Hyde accepting the Professional Service Agreements as presented. Vote: All in favor, motion carries.

Report of Boards and Committees:

Planning Commission - no meeting, will meet on January 19th.

Public Services Committee: no meeting

Budget and Finance Committee: (see appointments Resolution 01-2026)

Park/Recreation: no meeting

Ordinance Committee: No meeting.

Personnel/Administrative Committee: (see actions above Resolution 01-2026)

Zoning: No permits issued

CEO/Fire Marshall – No report

Public Comment on Non-Agenda items - none

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Councilwoman Spor. Seconded by Councilwoman Goodin to adjourn. Vote: all in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dani McClanahan,
Borough Manager