

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WELLSBORO BOROUGH COUNCIL

June 3, 2024

Council President Matthew DeCamp called the special meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending were Councilors Matt DeCamp (interim Mayor), Rachel Smith, Rhonda Pearson, Mike Wood, Louis Prevost, Borough Solicitor Chris Lantz and Borough Manager Louis Rachiele.

Also attending were Donna LeSchander (Wellsboro Gazette), Mark Thompson, Gabe Hakvaag (Mayor Candidates), John Vogt, Andrew Moore (Home Page), Lee Stocks, Kara Grosso and Carry Heath.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carry Heath spoke in support of Gabe Hakvaag to fill Mayor Vacancy.

Solicitor Chris Lantz presented an outline on the process of legally acquiring an appointed mayor following the PA Code.

AGENDA ITEMS

Councilor Prevost spoke on community concerns regarding the importance of the mayor's appointment for various reasons, including safety and quality of life as top priorities. Also, spoke highly of all candidates and their backgrounds.

Councilor Prevost made a motion to appoint Mark Thompson as Mayor, seconded by Councilor Wood.

Councilor Smith spoke about all candidates and their qualifications.

Councilor Pearson spoke about all candidates and their qualifications and made a motion to appoint Craig West as Mayor, seconded by Councilor Smith.

A roll call vote for both motions was called.

Motion for Mark Thompson as appointed Mayor

Councilor Prevost – Yes

Councilor Wood – Yes

Councilor Pearson – No

Council Smith – No

Resulting in a Tie.

Motion for Craig West as appointed Mayor

Councilor Prevost – No

Councilor Wood – No

Councilor Pearson -- Yes

Councilor Smith - Yes

Resulting in a Tie

Councilor DeCamp (interim Mayor) cast his vote for Craig West as appointed Mayor breaking the tie.

Council will need to appoint a councilor member to fill the vacancy of Councilor West (Ward 1)

The Council will accept Letters of Interest and Resumes

A Special Meeting will take place Friday, June 21, 2024, @ 9:30 AM at the Borough office located at 14 Crafton Street, Wellsboro, PA 16901 to interview interested candidates.

ADJOURN

Councilor Wood made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Smith and carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:36 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Borough Manager