

BOROUGH OF WINDBER
Borough Council Reorganization Meeting
Monday, January 5, 2026

The Reorganization Meeting of Windber Borough Council was called to order by Mayor Michael Thomas at 7 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The following council members were present: Barry Jerley, Greg Klonicke, Pete LaMonaca, Ed Marcinko, Herb Moore, and Richard Rummel. Brian Bahorik was absent. Mayor Mike Thomas, was present. Manager Ronald Allison and Attorney Joseph Green were absent.

- Oath of Office** Mayor Thomas swore in the four newly elected councilman; Barry Jerley, Pete LaMonaca; Ed Marcinko, and Richard Rummel. All four councilman were congratulated and took their seats.
- Election of President** Mayor Thomas opened the floor for nominations for a Council President. Mr. LaMonaca nominated Barry Jerley for Council President. Mayor Thomas asked if there were any other nominations. There were no further nominations. Mr. LaMonaca made a motion to close nominations for Council President. Roll call vote: Mr. Bahorik, absent; Mr. Jerley, yes; Mr. Konicke, yes; Mr. LaMonaca, yes; Mr. Marcinko, yes; Mr. Moore, yes; and Mr. Rummel, yes. Motion carried, Mr. Jerley took his seat.
- Vice President** Mr. Jerley opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Mr. LaMonaca nominated Richard Rummel for Vice President. Mr. Marcinko nominated Herb Moore for Vice President. There were no further nominations. Mr. LaMonaca made a motion to close nominations. Roll call vote for Richard Rummel who was nominated first: Mr. Bahorik, absent; Mr. Jerley, yes; Mr. Klonicke, yes; Mr. LaMonaca, yes; Mr. Marcinko, no; Mr. Moore, no; and Mr. Rummel, yes; Motion carried. Mr. Rummel received majority vote and took his seat as Vice President.
- President Pro-temp** Mr. Jerley opened the floor for nominations for President Pro-Temp. Mr. Klonicke nominated Pete LaMonaca for President Pro-Temp. There were no further nominations. Motion to close nominations by Mr. Jerley. Roll call vote: Mr. Bahorik, absent; Mr. Jerley, yes; Mr. Klonicke, yes; Mr. LaMonaca, yes; Mr. Marcinko, yes; Mr. Moore, yes; and Mr. Rummel, yes. Motion carried. Pete LaMonaca is the President Pro-Temp.
- Manager's Contract** Mr. Moore said he confused by this because one contract is overlapping another. He thinks he should be required to finish out his contract before they renew a new one. Mr. Moore said he knows the reason they are doing that is because in the code it says a manager can only serve two years and he was sent a copy by Rich Rummel and that was passed July 7, 2011. Why wasn't that checked out when he had a three-year contact and seen that, that was wrong.

Mr. Rummel said that was their mistake with the last council and it wasn't 2011 it was 2023. Mr. Moore said it says July 7, 2011 and he has it on his phone. Mr. Rummel said the reason the three years came into question was when Ron attended the manager part of the PSAB conference they said that managers could only be under a two-year contract. So, he came back from that and said I am under a three-year contract. So fast forward up until last year he wanted to get away from that three contract and go with a two-year contract. Mr. Moore said that was with an increase in salary. That shouldn't be allowed he should serve out his whole contract. Mrs. Gates said if you read the contract, he still gets an increase in salary according to what the Uniformed employees get. Mr. Moore said it is wrong. Mrs. Gates said it is not wrong. Mr. Moore said yes, it is. Mr. Rummel said let's go into an executive session.

Council convened to an executive session at 7:10 p.m. for personnel matters.

A motion was made by Mr. LaMonaca and seconded by Mr. Moore for council to reconvene from executive session at 7:26 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. LaMonaca to table the approval of the manager's contract to the next meeting to discuss questions with the solicitor. One absent, Mr. Bahorik, motion carried.

Borough Treasurer A motion was made by Mr. Rummel and seconded by Mr. LaMonaca to appoint Ronald Allison as the Borough Treasurer. Roll call vote: Mr. Rummel, yes; Mr. LaMonaca, yes; Mr. Bahorik, absent; Mr. Jerley, yes; Mr. Klonicke, yes; Mr. Marcinko, no; and Mr. Moore, no. Motion carried.

Borough Secretary A motion was made by Mr. Rummel and seconded by Mr. LaMonaca to appoint Ronald Allison as the Borough Secretary. Roll call vote: Mr. Rummel, yes; Mr. LaMonaca, yes; Mr. Bahorik, absent; Mr. Jerley, yes; Mr. Klonicke, yes; Mr. Marcinko, no; and Mr. Moore, no. Motion carried.

Borough Solicitor A motion was made by Mr. LaMonaca and seconded by Mr. Klonicke to appoint Attorney Joseph Green as the Borough Solicitor. Roll call vote: Mr. LaMonaca, yes; Mr. Klonicke, yes; Mr. Bahorik, absent; Mr. Jerley, yes; Mr. Marcinko, yes; Mr. Moore, yes; and Mr. Rummel, yes. Motion carried.

Borough Auditor A motion was made by Mr. Rummel and seconded by Mr. LaMonaca to appoint Kotzan CPA & Associates as the auditor for Windber Borough. Roll call vote: Mr. Rummel, yes; Mr. LaMonaca, yes; Mr. Bahorik, absent; Mr. Jerley, yes; Mr. Klonicke, yes; Mr. Marcinko, yes; and Mr. Moore, yes. Motion carried.

Banking Institutions A motion was made by Mr. LaMonaca and seconded by Mr. Klonicke to approve First Commonwealth Bank, Slovenian Savings and Loan, AmeriServ and 1st Summit Bank as the Borough's Banking institutions. Roll call vote: Mr. LaMonaca, yes; Mr. Klonicke, yes; Mr. Bahorik, absent; Mr. Jerley, yes; Mr. Marcinko, yes; Mr. Moore, yes; and Mr. Rummel, yes. Motion carried.

- Council Meeting Dates** A motion was made by Mr. LaMonaca and seconded by Mr. Rummel to approve the second and fourth Mondays of the month as the meeting dates for Windber Borough Council meetings. Roll call vote: Mr. LaMonaca, yes; Mr. Rummel, yes; Bahorik, absent; Mr. Jerley, yes; Mr. Klonicke, yes; Mr. Marcinko, yes; and Mr. Moore, yes. Motion carried.
- Approval Minutes** A motion was made by Mr. LaMonaca and seconded by Mr. Rummel to approve the Minutes of December 15, 2025 meeting. One absent, Mr. Bahorik, motion carried.
- Uniform Pension Admin.** A motion was made by Mr. LaMonaca and seconded by Mr. Rummel to approval Resolution No. 2026-1 approving Ronald Allison as the Uniformed Pension Plan Administrator. Remarks: Mr. Moore asked what a plan administrator does? Mrs. Gates said oversees the plan and signs off on the reports. One absent, Mr. Bahorik, motion carried.
- Non-uniform Pension Admin.** A motion was made by Mr. LaMonaca and seconded by Mr. Rummel to approve Resolution No. 2026-2 approving Ronald Allison as the Non-uniformed Pension Plan Administrator. One absent, Mr. Bahorik, motion carried.
- Right-to Know Officer** A motion was made by Mr. Rummel and seconded by Mr. LaMonaca to appoint Ronald Allison as the Right-to-Know Officer for Windber Borough. One absent, Mr. Bahorik, motion carried.
- Reappoint Planning Commission** A motion was made by Mr. Klonicke and seconded by Mr. LaMonaca to reappoint Pete Bartolomucci to the Windber Borough Planning Commission. (Four Year Term- January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2029) One absent, Mr. Bahorik. Motion carried.
- Next Meeting** Mrs. Gates said there will be a Workshop Monday, January 12, 2026 at 6 p.m. to discuss the sanitary sewer system rules and regulations draft. Following the workshop will be the Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Adjourn** Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Rummel and seconded by Mr. LaMonaca. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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