

**BOROUGH OF GREEN TREE
REORGANIZATION MEETING OF COUNCIL
JANUARY 2, 2024**

Call to Order / Moment of Silence / Pledge of Allegiance

Green Tree Borough Council met on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 8:00 pm in the Sycamore Room of the Green Tree Municipal Center, 10 West Manilla Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HONORABLE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE CRAIG STEPHENS

Ms. Diersen introduced the Honorable District Magistrate Craig Stephens to administer the Oath of Office and Loyalty Oath to the elected officials.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE AND LOYALTY OATH

Judge Stephens swore in Council members Ron Panza, Emily Schwartz, and Arthur Tintori.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Edward Schenck, Mayor
Arthur Tintori, President
Shannon Barron
Rino Lindsey
Ron Panza
David Rea
Craig Romanovich
James Turocy

Also Present:

Judy Miller, Borough Manager
Kate Diersen, Esq., Borough Solicitor
Kim Beck, Stenographer

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Mayor Schenck opened the floor for nominations for the President of Green Tree Borough Council.

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion to nominate Ms. Shannon Barron as President of Green Tree Borough Council.

There was no second on the motion, so the motion fell to the floor.

Motion:

Mr. Panza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Turocy, to nominate Mr. Art Tintori as President of Green Tree Borough Council.

Motion:

Mr. Panza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romanovich, to close the nominations.

The motion to close the nominations was carried unanimously.

When asked, Mr. Tintori said he would accept the nomination.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Barron	Yes
Mr. Panza	Yes
Mr. Rea	No
Mr. Romanovich	Yes
Ms. Schwartz	Yes
Mr. Turocy	Yes
Mr. Tintori	Yes

Motion passed, 6-1.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**Motion:**

Mr. Romanovich made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barron, to nominate Mr. Ron Panza as Vice President of Green Tree Borough Council.

Motion:

Mr. Romanovich made a motion, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, to close the nominations.

The motion to close the nominations was carried unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Barron	Yes
Mr. Panza	Yes
Mr. Rea	No
Mr. Romanovich	Yes
Ms. Schwartz	Yes
Mr. Turocy	Yes
Mr. Tintori	Yes

Motion passed, 6-1.

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**A. Council Person Ron Panza**

Mr. Panza made the following statement:

"First, I want to thank Council for electing me as Vice-President. I am honored and hope to serve well. One thing I will provide is my attendance at Council meetings. I have been attending them for 26 years, and I am probably at 99% attendance, so I will be here to serve. And I do want to say, yes, the last couple of years, maybe we have had some ups and downs. However, you know, last year Mr. Turocy made a statement that we have to remember we're all in this together. So even if we have some differences; yes, we can argue different sides of everything. But in the end, we should all work together for the betterment of Green Tree. You know, we have a couple of years coming up that are going to be tough, and we sure don't want to end up like Scott Township. So, we are going to keep our watch up and be vigilant. And I promise in the next couple of years you will see great improvements in Green Tree. Thank you, Mr. President."

B. Council Person Emily Schwartz

Ms. Schwartz made the following statement:

"I just want to thank everyone for supporting my involvement in Green Tree. I hope to be assertive for all in Green Tree, and I hope that we collectively can work as a team; not individuals, not different opinions, but work together collectively for the betterment of Green Tree for what the citizens are looking for. That is my role and I hope to serve it well."

C. Council Person Arthur Tintori

Mr. Tintori made the following statement:

"I would first like to thank everybody in the election who voted for me; I appreciate it very much. I want to thank Council for your support on the presidency. I do look forward to the next year. I really feel confident that we will all work together for the good of the Borough no matter what. I would also like to thank my wife for her support over the years. I really appreciate it. She knows how much she is appreciated and loved. And thank you, again."

STATEMENT BY MAYOR SCHENCK

Mayor Schenck made the following statement:

"I would like to thank Magistrate Judge Craig Stephens for coming tonight. He comes to a lot of Green Tree events. So, thank you for being active and showing your face so often. I would like to congratulate Emily Schwartz, the newest member of Council; we look forward to your input. I mean, we will have different opinions, which is good. So, we will have different opinions. I would like to congratulate the two other members that were re-elected for I think the third or fourth term, Art."

And then just lastly, I would like to, Rino Lindsey; I mean, this was done a little bit differently in the past because New Years fell on a Monday. Rino Lindsey did put in 12 years; it would have been nice if he could have been here before the new members gave their statements since he did serve 12 years. I am going to miss his input and I thank him. He worked as hard as anyone on Council. He was on the Finance committee and the Public Safety committee. He was very, he had a lot of opinions and a lot of insights. I thank him for his past service."

STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Mr. Tintori made the following statement:

"I do want to thank Judge Stephens for being here tonight. I really appreciate it. I know you had a hectic schedule today and I am glad you were able to get us in. I appreciate that very much. I also want to thank Rino Lindsey for all of his service. We appreciate it very much. He did a great job for this Borough, and I wanted to also thank him."

I think there is a lot of good stuff going on in this Borough. We have had three new businesses start again in the Borough, which is going to help us out. We have a pretty strong base, and I am once again looking forward to the future. I think we will hopefully be in good shape. We are lucky we have a seven-year contract with Waste Management. It has worked out for us. It was pretty innovative for Mr. Montz and the former Council to approve that."

SETTING DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF REGULAR, MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

Mr. Tintori set the regular meetings of the Borough of Green Tree Council on the first Monday of each month in 2024 except in the months of January and September. The Reorganization Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 8:00pm at the Green Tree Municipal Center, 10 W. Manilla Ave., Green Tree, PA 15220. The Regular Meetings for the months of January and September will be held on the second Monday. All Regular Meetings will begin at 7:30pm prevailing time at the Green Tree Municipal Center, 10 W. Manilla Ave., Green Tree, PA 15220. Meetings adjourned to be continued to another date will be held on the second, third, and/or fourth Mondays of each month, as determined necessary by Council at 7:30pm prevailing time in the Green Tree Municipal Center, 10 W. Manilla Ave., Green Tree, PA 15220. Meetings other than regular meetings shall be scheduled on a day and time determined necessary and duly advertised.

DESIGNATE OFFICIAL BANKS

Mr. Tintori designated PNC Bank and the PA Local Government Investment Trust as Green Tree Borough's official borough banks.

DESIGNATE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

Mr. Tintori stated that the Borough is looking into other viable options for the official publication in 2024. Ms. Barron said that certain laws regarding publications have changed, and Council is asking for additional time to explore the possibility of advertising in a different print newspaper.

DESIGNATE DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR CHAR WEST COG

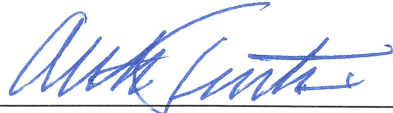
Mr. Tintori asked for a delegate and alternate for the Char West COG. He said he hoped to have Council members accept these roles within the next week or two.

ADJOURNMENT

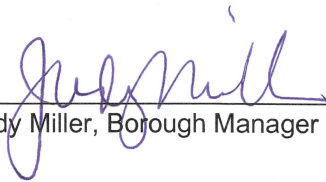
Motion:

Mr. Panza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romanovich, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Motion carried unanimously.



Arthur Tintori, President



Judy Miller, Borough Manager