**THE ORGANIZATION MEETING OF NORTH IRWIN BOROUGH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON JANUARY 2, 2024 AT 6:00 PM AT THE NORTH IRWIN BOROUGH TOWN HALL**

Pledge of Allegiance recited

Moment of Silence

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor John McIntyre, Sue Kochman, Dawn Ziros, Sharon Ziros, Lisa Kovac, Thom Swenson, Bob Kennedy and Tom Youngworth

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

NONE

Mayor McIntyre led the meeting by swearing in new and existing council members. After all were sworn in, he asked for nominations of a President of Council.

**NOMINATIONS**

Lisa Kovac nominated Sue Kochman for president. Dawn Ziros made the motion, with a second by Bob Kennedy, motion passed unanimously, and the gavel was handed to Sue to continue with the meeting.

Motion: Dawn Ziros

 Second: Bob Kennedy

Question – 0 Yes – All No – 0 Abstentions –

Tom Youngworth was appointed to the vacant seat of council, by resolution, for a two-year term.

Sue asked that we skip the vacancy board this month, and asked if anyone knows of anybody to fill the position, at a later date.

Sue asked for nominations of a Vice President of Council. Dawn Ziros nominated Sharon Ziros. Lisa Kovac made the motion, with a second from Sue Kochman, motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Lisa Kovac

 Second: Sue Kochman

Question – 0 Yes – All No – 0 Abstentions –

Sue asked for nominations of a Pro-tem. Dawn Ziros nominated Lisa Kovac. Sharon Ziros made the motion, with a second from Sue Kochman, motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Sharon Ziros

 Second: Sue Kochman

Question – 0 Yes – All No – 0 Abstentions –

**LIST OF VENDORS FOR 2024**

Sue asked for a motion to accept all of our existing vendors, as follows:

* Bruce E. Dice and associates as solicitor
* Opst and Associates as our auditor
* Gibson-Thomas as our engineer
* S & T bank as our depository
* Appoint Lisa Gesler as the Borough Secretary, by resolution.
* BIU as our Code and Zoning officer
* Sam Vargo – Animal Control

 Sharon Ziros made the motion, with a second from Lisa Kovac, motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Sharon Ziros

 Second: Lisa Kovac

Question – 0 Yes – All No – 0 Abstentions –

Sue asked for a motion to set the Council meetings for the 2024 calendar year, with additional, special meetings, as needed for budget concerns. The meetings will continue to be the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm at Town Hall. The dates will be as follows: February 13, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12 and December 10.

Motion: Dawn Ziros

 Second: Tom Youngworth

Question – 0 Yes – All No – 0 Abstentions –

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS** -

 Motion: Dawn Ziros

 Second: Lisa Kovac

Question – 0 Yes – All No – 0 Abstentions –

**VISITORS**

**APPROVAL OF DECEMBER, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

 Motion: Bob Kennedy

 Second: Dawn Ziros

Question – 0 Yes – All No – 0 Abstentions –

**APPROVAL OF TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT**

NO REPORT

Motion:

Second:

Question – 0 Yes – All No – 0 Abstentions –

**APPROVAL OF TREASUERER REPORT**

 Motion: Lisa Kovac

 Second: Sharon Ziros

Question – 0 Yes – All No – 0 Abstentions –

**VISITORS COMMENTS:**

NONE

**POLICE REPORT**

NO REPORT

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***Community Relations:*** NO REPORT

***Budget and Finance:*** NO REPORT

***Public Works:*** NO REPORT

***Parks and Recreation:*** NO REPORT

**OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Payment request #3 / First Street Grant –** Sue asked for a motion to approve the third payment request to KGD for the work that has been done to date, for the amount of $121,462.55. After some discussion as to when they will come back to fix the mistakes that were made, Bob Kennedy said no to paying them. Sue explained that she reached out to Steve, our engineer and he said this is not payment to close out the entire project, it is just payment for the work they have done so far. Bob asked what Council is willing to do if we are not satisfied with the work, once they finish. Sue said, we will not release the final payment until we are completely satisfied with the work. Bob Kennedy contacted Commissioner Chew to look at the sidewalks, to get his thoughts, because he felt the issue was not being addressed correctly. Sue explained that she already spoke to the engineer and he is going to look into the problem, and, if council is still not happy, then we can take it the next step further, which would include our solicitor’s help.

Motion: Lisa Kovac

 Second: Dawn Ziros

Question – 0 Yes – 6 No – 1 Abstentions –

An executive session was called from 6:47 to 6:57 regarding personnel issues.

**GOOD OF THE BOROUGH**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dawn Ziros made the motion to adjourn @ 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

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Lisa Gesler

Secretary/Treasurer