

2021 95th REORGANIZATION and FIRST COUNCIL MEETING OF 2021 MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 6, 2021

The 95th Reorganization of the Borough of Lawnside was called to order by Mayor Mary Ann Wardlow on **January 6, 2021 at 7:00p.m. Via Free Conference Call.**

Following a prayer, a moment of silence and flag salute led by Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley, The Acting Municipal Clerk called the roll.

Roll Call showed present:

Mary Ann Wardlow	Mayor
Ronald DeAbreu	Councilperson
Robert Lee	Councilperson
Steven Pollard	Councilperson
Rhonda Wardlow Hurley	Councilperson
Eric J. Wilcox, Sr.	Councilperson
Dawn Wright-McLeod	Councilperson

Also present were:

Edward H. Hill	Borough Solicitor
Sean S. Smith, Sr.	Borough Engineer
Angelique Rankins	Business Administrator
Marsharee A. Wright	Acting Borough Clerk
Captain Plenty	Public Safety
Rafiq Golphin	Public Works Assistant Supervisor

Mayor Wardlow declared the meeting officially open and the Acting Borough Clerk read that the meeting had been properly publicized as to the time, date, and place, in accordance with P.L. 1985, Chapter 231.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wright-McLeod and seconded by DeAbreu to cancel the order of business:
Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried

Nomination & Election of President of Council – Steve Pollard

A motion was made by Wardlow-Hurley and seconded by Lee to **Nominate Steve Pollard as President of Council.**

Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard abstain; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention
Motion declared carried.

Nomination & Election of Vice President of Council – Dawn Wright-McLeod

A motion was made by DeAbreu and seconded by Wardlow-Hurley to **Nominate Dawn Wright-McLeod as Vice President of Council.**

Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod abstain; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention
Motion declared carried.

Swearing in of President of Council and Vice President of Council by Edward H. Hill, Esquire

Remarks were given by President of Council, Vice President of Council, and Council Members.

NEW BUSINESS STATEMENT READ BY THE ACTING BOROUGH CLERK

It was moved by Wilcox and seconded by DeAbreu to **Open Public Comment.**

Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried

Mrs. Bull – 325 Ashland Ave – Thanked Councilwoman Wright-McLeod for help about Ashland Avenue construction project; she also thanked DPW for a good job with their snow removal and salting duties. Mrs. Bull questioned the new construction of three homes being built on Ashland Avenue, the hours of operation and if there was an ordinance in town regarding starting time. She also inquired about parking ordinances as nearby neighbors park multiple cars on the street although they have a 6 car driveway and sometimes their cars are in the way of the snow plow trucks. Mrs. Bull also complained about a trailer being parked on Ashland Avenue for roughly 6 months.

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It was moved by Wardlow-Hurley and seconded by Pollard to **Close Public Comment**.

Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion declared carried

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Resolutions:

1. Resolution No. 01-2021 – Resolution to Award Month to Month Contract for Solid Waste and Bulky Waste Collection

B. Payment of Bills

A motion was made by DeAbreu and seconded by Wilcox to **Accept the Items listed under the Consent Agenda:**
Roll Call: DeAbreu y; Lee y; Pollard y; Wardlow-Hurley y; Wilcox y; Wright-McLeod y; 6 Ayes, 0 Nays,
Motion declared carried.

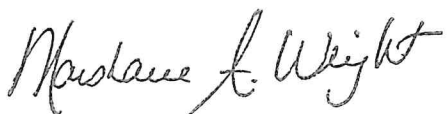
REMARKS BY MAYOR: Thanked all the volunteers and employees who have helped during this time. She stated that Councilpersons' End of Year Report will be posted on the website. Mayor Wardlow wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the 5th Legislature District for all their help and support with Lawnside.

REMARKS:

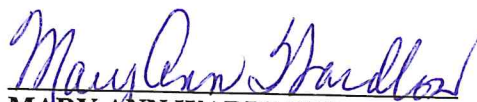
- **Councilman Lee:** Congratulated Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley and Councilman Wilcox and stated he is happy to be on their team. "It's been a trying time, it's been tough, and we must work together and move the town forward. Today it was tough to hear of the loss of Mr. Perry. We all know we want to honor Carlton in some way for all he has done with the youth."
- **Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley:** Thanked everyone for the support in her campaign and her "rock" Councilwoman Wright-McLeod. She mentioned she lost an 18 year old student from Youth Build and Carlton Perry and she is very saddened by these deaths. Thanked everyone who attended the swearing in-ceremony that was held earlier in the day. Councilwoman's plan is that in 2021, The Council continue to move forward and thanked Ms. Rankins and Clerk's Office for keeping Councilpersons well informed. Councilwoman Acknowledged Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez who is on the call.
- **Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez:** Expressed her Condolences to The Perry Family and the Lawnside community. She congratulated Councilwoman Wardlow-Hurley and Councilman Wilcox. She wished everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year. Senator Cruz-Perez encouraged everyone to continue to take the necessary precautions as COVID-19 is not over, continue to wash your hands, wear masks and help the senior citizens.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned 07:44pm



MARSHAREE A. WRIGHT
ACTING BOROUGH CLERK


MARY ANN WARDLOW
MAYOR