

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 WONDER STREET
JOHNSTOWN, PA 15905

REORGANIZATION MINUTES FOR JANUARY 5, 2026

The scheduled January 5, 2026 reorganization meeting was called to order by Mayor Mark Drummey at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Solicitor Eric Hochfeld; Mayor Mark Drummey; Council Members Doug Beri, Robert Morgan, Sheree Speicher, Eugene Kupchella, Richard Burkert, Matt McVicker, Kurt Wolford; Borough Manager Amanda Layton

Visitors: John Klanchar

Public Comment

Mr. Klanchar congratulated the recently elected members and informed council they are welcome to nominate him to fill the vacant seat on the Alternate Zoning Hearing Board.

Meeting Agenda

Mrs. Speicher nominated Doug Beri as Council President. A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to close the nominations and elect Doug Beri as Council President. Motion seconded by Mr. Burkert. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Mr. Kupchella nominated Sheree Speicher as Council Vice-President. A motion was made by Mr. Kupchella to close the nominations and elect Sheree Speicher as Council Vice-President. Motion seconded by Mr. McVicker. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Mrs. Speicher nominated Robert Morgan as Council President Pro Tem. A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to close the nominations and elect Robert Morgan as Council President Pro Tem. Motion seconded by Mr. McVicker. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to appoint Amanda Layton as Borough Manager. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to appoint Amanda Layton as Borough Secretary and Borough Treasurer. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to appoint Debra Riek as Assistant Borough Secretary and Assistant Borough Treasurer. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to appoint Attorney Eric Hochfeld of Sahlaney, Dudeck & Hochfeld as Borough Solicitor. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to appoint Attorney Toby McIlwain as Zoning Solicitor. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

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A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to appoint Kotzan & Associates as Borough Auditor. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to appoint Stiffler McGraw & Associates as Borough Engineer. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to appoint First Commonwealth Bank, Somerset Trust Company and PLGIT as Borough Banking Institutions. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. McVicker to appoint Sheree Speicher, Robert Morgan, Richard Burkert, Eugene Kupchella and Amanda Layton as approved signers on all bank accounts. Motion seconded by Mr. Wolford. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to reappoint Michael Huston to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 5-year term. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to reappoint Lary Koval to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to appoint Krysteen Duncan to the Alternate Zoning Hearing Board for a 3-year term. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to appoint Jim Moskal, Sheree Speicher, Doug Beri, and Mark Drummey to the Tax Appeal Board for a 3-year term. Motion seconded by Mr. McVicker. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to reappoint Nick Antonazzo to the Vacancy Board for a 4-year term. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to reappoint Eugene Kupchella and Sheree Speicher to the Greater Johnstown Water Authority Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Burkert. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Speicher for adjournment of the January 5, 2026 reorganization meeting 5:08 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Speicher to reconvene the January 5, 2026 reorganization meeting at 5:12 p.m. Mayor Drummey administered the Oaths of Office to Doug Beri, Richard Burkert, Matt McVicker, and Kurt Wolford.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the January 5, 2026 reorganization meeting 5:13 p.m. Motion seconded by Mrs. Speicher. All in favor, motion carried (7-0).

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Layton
Borough Manager