

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING
SPECIAL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

January 2, 2025 – 2:00 p.m.

West Reading Borough Council held a special meeting at Borough Hall on Thursday, January 2, 2025, with the following persons present: Council President Ryan Lineaweaver; Council Vice President Philip Wert; Council Pro-Tem Patrick Kaag; Council Members Denise Drobnick and Zanna Leiendecker; Solicitor Daniel Becker; Chief of Police Richard Tornielli; and Borough Manager Randall Miller; Members Zachary Shaver, Bethany Bower, and Mayor Samantha Kaag were unable to attend.

VISITORS:

James Rogers, Resident

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Ryan Lineaweaver called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m., which was followed by the Roll Call.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
Mr. Rogers asked about the changes to dates for Planning Commission and Traffic & Infrastructure meetings from their normally scheduled day of the month. Mr. Wert noted this was due to holidays pushing dates from the normal scheduled days and would possibly happen multiple times.
3. **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:**
Mr. Lineaweaver noted that Michelle Mayfield, the Solicitor for the Civil Service Commission, had contacted him to advise that there are pending appeals to the Commission which is being held on January 8, 2025. This issue is that the Chairman will be away and there are no appointed Alternate Members. She requested that Borough Council make these appointments so the Commission can meet. Mr. Lineaweaver advised that there is an interested resident, Mr. Frank Arguelles, who has expressed a desire to serve the community. Additionally, Mr. Lineaweaver noted that a Member of Borough Council may also serve as a Commission Member, and that Mr. Kaag had recommended Councilman Zachary Shaver since he is a graduate of Alvernia University having studied Criminal Justice.

Mr. Wert commented that Borough Council likely dropped the ball on not having appointed alternates previously since all three members of the commission must be present to constitute a quorum. Solicitor Becker noted that the commission also must re-organize the same day as Borough Council and must do so prior to the council meeting that day.

Following these discussions; a motion to approve the appointment of Frank Arguelles and Zachary Shaver as Alternate Members of the Civil Service Commission. **Moved** by Ms. Leiendecker and seconded by Mr. Kaag. **Motion carried 5-0.**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
There was no additional comment.
17. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:08 p.m. **Moved** by Ms. Drobnick and seconded by Ms. Leiendecker. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Randall Miller
Borough Manager