



**TELFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 15, 2024  
7:30 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Emiline Weiss called the Telford Borough Council Workshop meeting of January 15, 2024 to order at 7:30 p.m.

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The invocation was given by Mayor Jerry Guretse, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

Present at the meeting were President Emiline Weiss, Vice President Carolyn Crouthamel, and Council Members John Taylor, Robert Jacobus, Meredith Torres and Katherine Farina. Also in attendance were Mayor Jerry Guretse, Borough Manager Kyle Detweiler, Recording Secretary Diane Windfelder, and Junior Councilperson Madison Gulden.

Council President Emiline Weiss confirmed with attendee John Waldenberger, resident of 149 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, that he was live streaming the meeting.

**IV. Motion – Acceptance of Resignation**

Council Member Taylor made a motion to accept the resignation of Council Member Eric Kratz effective December 29, 2023. Council Member Farina seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

**V. Motion – Acceptance of Vacancy Board Recommendation & Council Appointment**

Vacancy Board Chairman Bob Baker recommended Robert Sparks to fill the vacancy. Council Member Farina made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Vacancy Board. Council Vice President Crouthamel seconded the motion and passed 5-1 with Council Member Jacobus opposing the motion.

Kaitlyn Derstine, resident of 21 S. Hamilton Street, made a comment on the lack of public knowledge of Eric Kratz's resignation and the lack of advertisement to the public about the vacant seat. She suggested tabling fulfillment of the vacant seat and that the next in line should be someone who officially ran for a position but did not win. Council President Weiss and Council Member Taylor affirmed that at the last Council meeting the topic of nomination was discussed and how those who were interested should have contacted Bob Baker.

Karl Harpel, resident of 202 School Lane, made a comment on how the next official in line to fill the vacant seat on Borough Council should be someone to balance out the political party representation of Borough Council.

Council Member Taylor made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-02, appointing Robert Sparks to fill the vacant Council seat. It was seconded by Council Member Farina and passed 5-1 with Council Member Jacobus opposing the motion.

#### **VI. Motion – Approval of Telford Fire Company Activities Calendar**

Council Member Crouthamel made a motion to approve the calendar. Council Member Farina seconded the motion and it passed with a 7-0 vote.

#### **VII. Nomination & Appointment – Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission**

Council Member Torres made a motion for Council Member Farina to become the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission Representative for Telford Borough. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion and passed with a 7-0 vote. Council Member Farina will attend the next NMCRC meeting on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm in North Wales Borough.

#### **VIII. Nomination & Appointment – Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission**

Council Member Taylor made a motion for Council Member Torres and Council Member Farina to become the Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission Representatives for Telford Borough for 2-year terms. Council Vice President Crouthamel seconded the motion and passed with a 7-0 vote. Council Members Farina and Torres will attend the next IVRPC meeting on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm in Franconia Township.

#### **CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

There were no citizens' comments.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council Vice President Crouthamel motioned for adjournment and Council Member Farina seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.