

**BRIDGEVILLE BOROUGH
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2016
7:30 P.M.
425 BOWER HILL ROAD
BRIDGEVILLE, PA 15017**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Council President,
Mike Tolmer
Council Vice President,
Bruce Ghelarducci
Council,
William Henderson
William Colussy
Joe Colosimo

Neil Lyons, absent

ALSO PRESENT:

Solicitor, Tom McDermott
Borough Manager, Lori Collins
Mayor, Pasquale DeBlasio

The Special Meeting is called to order with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for the sick, handicapped, departed and military personnel of the community.

ROLL CALL

VISITORS

Robert Kelly – 141 Pennsylvania Avenue
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Mr. Kelly expressed his regret and noted that it was a sad day for Bridgeville in losing Mr. Sarasnick as a councilman. He also expressed his concern and hoped that the members of Council would be very careful in their selection of a replacement for Mr. Sarasnick following the proper procedures.

President Tolmer stated that Council is taking this appointment very seriously and have spoken to potential candidates at great length. He noted that the Borough Council has the best interest of Bridgeville in the forefront when making this decision.

Eric Schmidt – 965 Ridge Road
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Mr. Schmidt introduced himself and spoke about his history within the Borough along with his family and job. He stated that he has been involved with Borough issues and would like to be considered as a candidate to fill the vacant position.

Elizabeth Mansfield – 233 Calvert Street
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Ms. Mansfield introduced herself and stated that she had also been interested in the position. She stated that in conversations that she had conducted with members of Council and the manager; her impression was that the Council was truly working to find the most qualified candidate to fill the position.

Virginia Schneider – 677 Chartiers Street
Bridgeville, PA

Ms. Schneider noted that she had decided to make Bridgeville her permanent home. With that being said, her intention is to become more involved within the community.

Joseph Verduci – 631 Elm Street
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Mr. Verduci introduced himself supplying the meeting members with some history regarding his length of time within the Borough, family, work and involvement with the Bridgeville Athletic Association. He stated that after careful consideration and conversations with council members, the borough manager and his family he has made the decision to be considered to fill the vacant position.

Councilman Colussy requested Council consider Joseph Mizia to fill the current vacancy.

COUNCIL RECOGNITION OF RESIGNATION

Council President Tolmer read a resignation letter submitted by Jason Sarasnick into the record:

RE: Resignation from Council

January 11, 2016

Dear Mike:

I have greatly enjoyed the privilege of serving our community as a member of the Bridgeville Borough Council these past eight years. However, due to personal issues, I am no longer able to serve our community as a member of the Bridgeville Borough Council. Accordingly, I hereby regrettably submit my resignation from Council effective immediately.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Sarasnick

President Tolmer then read a statement into the record:

It is with a heavy heart that I have to accept this resignation. I want to thank Jason for his many years of service to this community. He served two terms on Council and was elected to his third term in overwhelming fashion. Jason has worked tirelessly for Bridgeville whether it was on the Finance Committee or for the parks department.

Jason, I know you will put that same effort into rectifying this situation and when you do so, I look forward to the day you can formally serve this community again.

A motion was made by M. Tolmer, seconded by B. Ghelarducci recognizing the resignation of Jason Sarasnick effective January 11, 2016. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor DeBlasio stated that this situation has taken away the voters rights to choose our councilperson through the voting process. He noted that Mr. Verduci was a very good candidate.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02

A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-02 appointing Joe Verduci as a member of Council was made by W. Henderson, seconded by B. Ghelarducci. Councilman Henderson stated that Mr. Verduci had

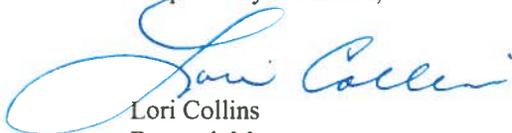
been diligent in obtaining information, speaking with his family and workplace, councilpersons and the manager prior to making the decision to commit to serve the community. Motion carried 5-1 with Bill Colussy voting no.

Several minutes of discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by B. Ghelarducci, seconded by W. Henderson. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Lori Collins
Borough Manager