

MANOR BOROUGH COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING -- JANUARY 5, 2026

The Manor Borough Council held a Reorganization Meeting on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. in the Manor Borough Building Community Room for the purpose of reorganizing Borough Council, making appointments for the new term, and discussing any other general business to come before Council.

1. Prior to starting the meeting, Mayor Lewis Brant administered the "Oath of Office" to the following re-elected and elected members of Council: Mr. Tony Gockel, Mr. Jim Vacha, Mr. Collin Brant and Mr. David Gongaware. Residency affidavits are on file in the Borough Office. The "Oath of Office" was also administered to Michael Radakovich, Tax Collector.
2. Mayor Lewis Brant called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. and
3. Led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call of Attendance:

(Present) Mayor Lewis Brant	Dave Gongaware
Jim Vacha	Collin Brant
Dawn Lynn	Ted Dornin
Terry Nemitz	Mike Radakovich, Tax Collector
Tony Gockel	Ed Antonacci, Engineer
Chelsea Dice, Solicitor	

(Absent) Jason Krainbucher, Zoning Officer

5. Mayor Brant asked for nominations for the position of President of Council. Mr. Gongaware nominated Mr. Tony Gockel. The voting was as follows:

Mr. Tony Gockel	- Yes	Mr. Ted Dornin	- Yes
Mr. Collin Brant	- Yes	Mr. Terry Nemitz	- Yes
Mr. Dave Gongaware	- Yes	Mr. James Vacha	- Yes
Ms. Dawn Lynn	- Yes		

Mr. Gockel received a unanimous vote and will serve as President of Council.

6. Mayor Brant then asked for nominations for the position of Vice President of Council. Mr. Gongaware nominated Mr. Jim Vacha. Mr. Vacha declined the nomination. Mr. Gockel nominated Ms. Dawn Lynn for Vice President of Council. The voting was as follows:

Mr. Tony Gockel	- Yes	Mr. Ted Dornin	- Yes
Mr. Collin Brant	- Yes	Mr. Terry Nemitz	- Yes
Mr. Dave Gongaware	- Yes	Mr. Jim Vacha	- Yes
Ms. Dawn Lynn	- Yes		

Ms. Lynn received a unanimous vote and will serve as Vice President of Council.

The Mayor then asked the Council President and Council Vice-President to take their appropriate seats at 6:10 PM.

7. Mr. Gockel asked for nominations for the position of Council President Pro-Tempore. Ms. Lynn nominated Mr. Vacha. The vote for Mr. Vacha was as follows:

Mr. Tony Gockel	- Yes	Mr. Ted Dornin	- Yes
Mr. Collin Brant	- Yes	Mr. Terry Nemitz	- Yes
Mr. Dave Gongaware	- Yes	Mr. Jim Vacha	- Yes
Ms. Dawn Lynn	- Yes		

Mr. Vacha received a unanimous vote and will serve as President Pro-Tempore of Council.

Mr. Gockel thanked everyone for their vote.

8. Mr. Gockel entertained nominations for the position of Vacancy Board Chairperson. Mr. Dornin motioned to re-appoint Mr. Jeff Herman as the Vacancy Board Chairperson. Mr. Herman was not present. The voting for Mr. Herman was as follows.

Mr. Tony Gockel	- Yes	Mr. Ted Dornin	- Yes
Mr. Collin Brant	- Yes	Mr. Terry Nemitz	- Yes
Mr. Dave Gongaware	- Yes	Mr. Jim Vacha	- Yes
Ms. Dawn Lynn	- Yes		

The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Herman continues to be the Vacancy Board Chairperson.

9. Other appointments are as follows:

- a. **Secretary-Treasurer** -- Mr. Joseph Lapia was nominated by Mr. Vacha. The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Tony Gockel	- Yes	Mr. Ted Dornin	- Yes
Mr. Collin Brant	- Yes	Mr. Terry Nemitz	- Yes
Mr. Dave Gongaware	- Yes	Mr. Jim Vacha	- Yes
Ms. Dawn Lynn	- Yes		

The re-appointment of Mr. Joseph Lapia was approved unanimously.

- b. **Solicitor** – Mr. Vacha nominated Bruce E. Dice and Associates to continue as Solicitor. The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Tony Gockel	- Yes	Mr. Ted Dornin	- Yes
Mr. Collin Brant	- Yes	Mr. Terry Nemitz	- Yes
Mr. Dave Gongaware	- Yes	Mr. Jim Vacha	- Yes
Ms. Dawn Lynn	- Yes		

The re-appointment of Bruce E. Dice and Associates was approved unanimously.

- c. **Engineer** -- Antonacci Design Associates, Inc. was nominated by Ms. Lynn, to continue as Borough Engineer. The roll call vote is as follows:

Mr. Tony Gockel	- Yes	Mr. Ted Dornin	- Yes
Mr. Collin Brant	- Yes	Mr. Terry Nemitz	- Yes
Mr. Dave Gongaware	- Yes	Mr. Jim Vacha	- Yes
Ms. Dawn Lynn	- Yes		

The re-appointment of Antonacci Design Associates, Inc. was approved unanimously.

- d. **Zoning Officer** – Mr. Jason Krainbucher of B.I.U. was nominated by Mr. Jim Vacha to continue as Building Inspector and Zoning Officer. The roll call vote is as follows:

Mr. Tony Gockel	- Yes	Mr. Ted Dornin	- Yes
Mr. Collin Brant	- Yes	Mr. Terry Nemitz	- Yes
Mr. Dave Gongaware	- Yes	Mr. Jim Vacha	- Yes
Ms. Dawn Lynn	- Yes		

The re-appointment of Mr. Jason Krainbucher was approved unanimously.

- e. **Emergency Management Coordinator** -- Ms. Lynn nominated Mr. Terry Nemitz to continue as the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator. The roll call vote is as follows:

Mr. Tony Gockel	- Yes	Mr. Ted Dornin	- Yes
Mr. Collin Brant	- Yes	Mr. Terry Nemitz	- Yes
Mr. Dave Gongaware	- Yes	Mr. Jim Vacha	- Yes
Ms. Dawn Lynn	- Yes		

The re-appointment of Mr. Terry Nemitz was approved unanimously.

- f. **Delegate to Westmoreland County Boroughs Association** -- Mr. Vacha nominated Mr. Gockel as Delegate to the Westmoreland County Boroughs Association. The roll call vote is as follows:

Mr. Tony Gockel	- Yes	Mr. Ted Dornin	- Yes
Mr. Collin Brant	- Yes	Mr. Terry Nemitz	- Yes
Mr. Dave Gongaware	- Yes	Mr. Jim Vacha	- Yes
Ms. Dawn Lynn	- Yes		

The re-appointment of Mr. Gockel was approved unanimously.

- g. **Delegate to Turtle Creek Watershed Association** – Ms. Lynn nominated Mr. Dornin as a Delegate to the Turtle Creek Watershed Association. The roll call vote is as follows:

Mr. Tony Gockel	- Yes	Mr. Ted Dornin	- Yes
Mr. Collin Brant	- Yes	Mr. Terry Nemitz	- Yes
Mr. Dave Gongaware	- Yes	Mr. Jim Vacha	- Yes
Ms. Dawn Lynn	- Yes		

The appointment of Delegate to Turtle Creek Watershed Association, Mr. Dornin was approved unanimously.

- h. **Delegate and Two Alternates to the Westmoreland County Tax Collection Committee** –

Mr. Lynn nominated Mr. Vacha as delegate to the Westmoreland County Tax Collection Committee. The roll call vote is as follows:

Mr. Tony Gockel	- Yes	Mr. Ted Dornin	- Yes
Mr. Collin Brant	- Yes	Mr. Terry Nemitz	- Yes
Mr. Dave Gongaware	- Yes	Mr. Jim Vacha	- Yes
Ms. Dawn Lynn	- Yes		

The appointment of Mr. Vacha as Delegate was approved unanimously.

Mr. Vacha then nominated Mr. Gongaware as First Alternate to the Westmoreland County Tax Collection Committee. The roll call vote is as follows:

Mr. Tony Gockel	- Yes	Mr. Ted Dornin	- Yes
Mr. Collin Brant	- Yes	Mr. Terry Nemitz	- Yes
Mr. Dave Gongaware	- Yes	Mr. Jim Vacha	- Yes
Ms. Dawn Lynn	- Yes		

The appointment of Mr. Gongaware as First Alternate was approved unanimously.

Mr. Jim Vacha nominated Mr. Collin Brant as Second Alternate. The roll call vote is as follows:

Mr. Tony Gockel	- Yes	Mr. Ted Dornin	- Yes
Mr. Collin Brant	- Yes	Mr. Terry Nemitz	- Yes
Mr. Dave Gongaware	- Yes	Mr. Jim Vacha	- Yes
Ms. Dawn Lynn	- Yes		

The appointment of Mr. Brant as Second Alternate was approved unanimously.

10. **Approval of the Minutes** - A motion "to accept the minutes of the meeting held on December 10, 2025, Ms. Lynn made the motion to accept the meeting minutes. Mr. Nemitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
11. **Public Comment on Agenda Items** – Ms. J. Lewis asked if the Summer Celebration going to be the Manor Community Day celebration. Ms. Lewis asked that the Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations be address for the safety of people who will need to use special accommodations.
12. **Unfinished Business** - None.
13. **New Business**
 - a. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action to amen list of Authorized Signatures for all Borough Bank Accounts. Mr. Lapia stated that there was no need to amend the signature list at this time.
 - b. Discussion and/or Deliberation and/or Official Action on a summer celebration to be held August 6-9, 2026. With Sunday being a date held for a car cruise. Mr. Vacha made the motion to approve the celebration. Seconded by Mr. Gongaware. The motion carried unanimously.
14. **Correspondence** - None
15. **Approval to Pay Bills** – Ms. Lynn motioned to pay the bills as of January 5, 2025. Seconded by Mr. Gongaware, the motion carried unanimously.
16. **Executive Session.** Ms. Lynn made the motion to enter Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Nemitz. The motion carried unanimously. Executive Session started at 6:45 pm. Mr. Nemitz made the motion to bring the council meeting back into session, seconded by Ms. Lynn. Council meeting went back into session at 7:10pm. The motion carried unanimously. The executive session was held for personal discussions.
17. **Public Comment** – Ms. J. Lewis asked if any of council members read the Constitution of The United States and PA Constitution and suggested that everyone should read it.

18. **Motion to Adjourn.** There being no other business to discuss, a motion “to adjourn the meeting” was made by Ms. Lynn and seconded by Mr. Nemitz, the motion carried unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 7:14PM.

Joseph N. Lapia
Borough Manager