

MOUNT GRETNA BOROUGH
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2026

Mayor Kerry Royer called the reorganization meeting of the Mount Gretna Borough Council to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Mount Gretna Borough Office, Mount Gretna, Pennsylvania.

Council members and staff present:

Michael Bell

Mark Malay

Deborah Simpson

Kerry Royer, Mayor

Betsy Goepfert, Secretary/Treasurer

Allan Feldman

Linda Bell

Solicitor Keith Kilgore

William Care, Director of Public Works

Council members absent:

none

Also present:

Patricia and Sam Malay

Oath of Office:

Mayor Royer swore in newly elected council member Mark Malay.

Mayor Royer swore in re-elected council member Allan Feldman.

Mayor Royer swore in newly elected council member Linda Bell.

Nominations and Elections:

Mayor Royer asked for nominations for the position of Borough Council President. Michael Bell nominated Deborah Simpson and Linda Bell seconded the motion. Mayor Royer asked if there were any other nominations for Borough Council President. Allan Feldman stated that he believed the position of president should default to the member with the most seniority. Solicitor Kilgore stated this was not the case. Mayor Royer asked again if there were any additional nominations for Borough Council President. Allan Feldman nominated Michael Bell, and he deferred. Mayor Royer called for a vote for Deborah Simpson as president, and all were in favor.

Mayor Royer then turned the meeting over to Borough Council President Deborah Simpson. Deborah Simpson then nominated Linda Bell for Vice-President. Michael Bell seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. A vote was taken, and Linda Bell was elected as Borough Council Vice-President.

Reappointment of Borough Positions:

Deborah Simpson made a motion, seconded by Michael Bell to approve Betsy Goepfert as secretary/treasurer. All were in favor.

Deborah Simpson made a motion, seconded by Michael Bell to approve Keith Kilgore of Spitler, Kilgore and Enck, as Borough Solicitor. All were in favor.

Deborah Simpson made a motion, seconded by Michael Bell to approve William Care as Director of Public Works. All were in favor.

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Adjournment

Michael Bell made a motion, to adjourn the meeting at 5:44PM. Allan Feldman stated he wanted to discuss a conversation he had at the Chautauqua Board of Managers meeting. Solicitor Kilgore stated that the item was not on the agenda, so it needed to be tabled. Deborah Simpson stated that there was a motion on the floor to adjourn the meeting and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy H. Goepfert, Secretary/Treasurer
Mount Gretna Borough Council