

TOWN OF MCCANDLESS
COUNCIL'S ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2026
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CALL TO ORDER

Town Council's Organization Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Town Attorney Stephen L. Korbel of Babst Calland, with participation of the following Councilmembers: Doug Arlow (Ward 1), Nick Giorgetti (Ward 3), Joe Wall (Ward 5) and Trish Cloonan (Ward 7). Laureen Alt (Ward 2), Jack Hickerson (Ward 4) and Nathan Babich (Ward 6) were sworn in at the beginning of the meeting and participated immediately afterward. Other participants included: Town Manager, John F. Schwend, Finance Director, Brittany Yavorka, Executive Assistant, Diane Romanek, Parks & Rec Director, Abby Lucostic and Magisterial District Judge Matthew J. Brungo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmembers.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

Town Councilmembers agreed that Town Attorney Stephen L. Korbel would act as temporary Chairman.

The motion carried (4-0).

OATH OF OFFICE

Magisterial District Judge Matthew J. Brungo administered the Oath of Office to Councilmembers-elect: Laureen Alt (Ward 2), Jack Hickerson (Ward 4) and Nathan Babich (Ward 6).

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

- Ellen Wright inquired about check signing abilities with the change of Town Council President.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A nomination was made by Councilmember Giorgetti to elect Councilmember Cloonan as President of Council. There were no other nominations.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wall and seconded by Councilmember Hickerson to elect Councilmember Cloonan as President of Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

A nomination was made by Councilmember Hickerson to elect Councilmember Giorgetti as Vice President of Council.

There were no other nominations.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wall and seconded by Councilmember Babich to elect Councilmember Giorgetti as Vice-President of Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN SECRETARY

A motion was made by Councilmember Giorgetti and seconded by Councilmember Arlow to appoint John F. Schwend as Secretary of the Town of McCandless for a two-year term for the years 2026 and 2027.

The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

Council President Cloonan noted the Memo provided by Mr. Schwend regarding these appointments.

A motion to approve the Memorandum was made by Councilmember Wall and seconded by Councilmember Alt regarding the 2026 and 2027 Appointed Officials list.

The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS BY PRESIDENT:

Planning Commission- Laureen Alt and Jack Hickerson (alternate);

Zoning Hearing Board- Joe Wall and Doug Arlow (alternate);

McCandless Township Sanitary Authority- Doug Arlow and Nathan Babich (alternate);

McCandless Franklin Park Ambulance Authority- Nick Giorgetti and Laureen Alt (alternate);

Northland Public Library Authority- Nathan Babich and Jack Hickerson (alternate);

North Hills Council of Governments- Nick Giorgetti and Jack Hickerson (alternate);

McCandless Industrial Development Authority- Jack Hickerson and Nick Giorgetti (alternate);

Volunteer Firefighter's Steering Committee- Trish Cloonan and Nathan Babich (alternate);

Environmental Advisory Committee- Jack Hickerson and Doug Arlow (alternate);

Financial Development and Promotional Committee- Laureen Alt and Nick Giorgetti (alternate);

Personnel Board- Nick Giorgetti and Joe Wall (alternate);

Pittsburgh North Chamber of Commerce- Joe Wall and Nick Giorgetti (alternate)

Stormwater Ad-hoc- Nathan Babich and Trish Cloonan (alternate);

Code Appeals- Nathan Babich and Joe Wall (alternate);

President Cloonan noted that the Event appointment was not a Committee, however, regarding Town Events-Trish Cloonan and Laureen Alt (alternate).

PUBLIC NON-AGENDA COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Giorgetti and seconded by Councilmember Wall to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Schwend

Town Manager

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