

BELLE VERNON BOROUGH
Reorganization Meeting Minutes

The reorganization meeting of the Belle Vernon Council was called to order at 6:00pm on Monday January 5, 2026. Present were, Clifford Gorski, Frank Monack, Denise Stasko, Ed Stasko Sr., and Mike Amoroso. Also present were Mayor Gerald Jackson, Engineer Conner Tuttle and Borough Administrator Alison Figueroa.

Judge Kasunic sworn in newly elected council members, Frank Monack, Denise Stasko, and Ed Stasko Sr. Previously sworn in were Gerald Jackson as Mayor and Alison Figueroa as Tax Collector

Motion by Frank Monack and seconded by Mike Amoroso to appoint Cliff Gorski as Council President All in favor Roll Call. Cliff Gorski abstains Motion passed.

Motion by Ed Stasko Sr and seconded by Frank Monack to appoint Denise Stasko as Vice President All in favor. Roll Call. Motion passed.

Motion by Frank Monack and seconded by Denise Stasko to appoint Ed Stasko Sr. as president pro tem in the event that the president or vice president is not in attendance. All in favor. Roll Call. Motion passed.

Motion made by Ed Stasko Sr and seconded by Mike Amoroso to approve and advertise 2026 meeting dates as the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6pm. All in favor. Roll Call. Motion passed.

Motion made by Ed Stasko Sr and seconded by Denise Stasko to appoint Davee Spoto and Chelsea Brewer to the recreation board upon receiving an acceptance letter. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion made by Frank Monack seconded by Ed Stasko Sr to appoint Mike Amoroso as public safety committee All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion made by Denise Stasko and seconded by Frank Monack to appoint Ed Stasko Sr to streets and sewers committee All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion made by Denise Stasko and seconded by Mike Amoroso to appoint Cliff Gorski as finance committee All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion made by Frank Monack seconded by Mike Amoroso to table appointments to regional police commission until further review. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion made by Ed Stasko Sr and seconded by Mike Amoroso to appoint Denise Stasko as Tri County delegate. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mike Amoroso and seconded by Frank Monack to appoint Ray Icaboni to Municipal Authority Board as 4-year term expiring 12/31/29. All in favor. Ed Stasko Sr opposes Motion passed.

Motion made by Mike Amoroso and seconded by Frank Monack to appoint Alison Figueroa as Secretary. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion made by Frank Monack and seconded by Ed Stasko Sr to appoint Cypher & Cypher as auditor for Belle Vernon Borough All in favor Motion passed.

Motion made by Frank Monack and seconded by Ed Stasko Sr to appoint Alison Figueroa as the RTK Officer All in favor Motion passed.

Motion made by Mike Amoroso and seconded by Denise Stasko to appoint KLH Engineers Inc as the engineer for Belle Vernon Borough All in favor Motion passed.

Motion made by Frank Monack and seconded by Denise Stasko to appoint Ron Himich as Code Enforcement for Belle Vernon Borough All in favor Motion passed.

Motion made by Ed Stasko Sr and seconded by Mike Amoroso to appoint BV VFC chief, Rich Saxberg as the Emergency Management Coordinator All in favor Motion passed.

Motion made by Frank Monack and seconded by Ed Stasko Sr to table appointing an animal control officer All in favor Motion passed.

Motion made by Ed Stasko Sr and seconded by Frank Monack to appoint Fred Exley as the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority Representative All in favor Motion passed.

Motion made by Frank Monack and seconded by Mike Amoroso to accept the fixed mileage rate set by the IRS at 72.5 cents per mile All in favor Motion passed.

Motion made by Frank Monack and seconded by Denise Stasko to adopt reimbursement for council members traveling outside the borough for the purpose of council business with receipts provided. All in favor Motion passed.

Motion made by Frank Monack and seconded by Ed Stasko Sr to adopt hourly pay increase of 2% for borough employees as set in the 2026 Budget All in favor Motion passed.

Motion made by Frank Monack and seconded by Ed Stasko Sr to set the Tax Certification fee at \$50 each All in favor Motion passed.

Motion made by Mike Amoroso and seconded by Frank Monack to set the Lien Letter Rate to \$50 each All in favor Motion passed.

Motion made by Frank Monack and seconded by Denise Stasko to increase Tax Collector commission to 7% for 2026-2029 term. All in favor Motion passed.

Motion made by Frank Monack and seconded by Mike Amoroso to set council stipends at \$468.00 (\$156 per monthly meeting) to be paid quarterly for newly elected members that actively attend each meeting All in favor Ed Stasko Sr opposes Motion passed.

Motion made by Frank Monack and seconded by Mike Amoroso to set Mayor stipend at \$525.00 (\$175 per monthly meeting) to be paid quarterly Mayor speaks that he will not accept any form of payment that he would rather donate it to Parks and Recreation and also states he doesn't accept any payment for officiating marriages. All in favor Cliff Gorski opposes. Denise Stasko opposes. Ed Stasko Sr opposes. Motion did not pass.

Motion made by Frank Monack and seconded by Ed Stasko Sr to keep Community Bank as the Borough of Belle Vernon depository All in favor Motion passed.

Motion made by Frank Monack and seconded by Mike Amoroso to keep current account signatories as Alison Figueroa, Cliff Gorski, Frank Monack, remove Joseph Minniti and add Denise Stasko All in favor Motion passed.

Motion made by Denise Stasko and seconded by Frank Monack to advertise a request for proposal for legal aide to be appointed at the next council meeting. All in favor Motion passed.

Motion by Mike Amoroso and seconded by Frank. Monack to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:39pm.

ATTEST: _____
Cliff Gorski, Council President

Alison Figueroa, Borough Secretary

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