

**LATROBE CITY COUNCIL  
REORGANIZATION/SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY JANUARY 5, 2026  
LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA**

Mayor Bartels called to order the yearly Reorganization Meeting of Latrobe City Council at 6:45 P.M.

Mayor Bartels asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bartels asked all for a moment of silence.

Eric Bartels, who was reelected as Mayor, was sworn into office by Magistrate Mahady. Councilmember Ann Amatucci, who was reelected, was sworn into office by Magistrate Mahady.

Newly elected Councilmembers, Sam Leach and Eric Hauser, were sworn into office by Magistrate Mahady.

Secretary to Council read Roll Call:

Deputy Mayor Ralph Jenko – present  
Dawn Vavick – present  
Sam Leach – present  
Lenor Rivera – present  
Eric Hauser – present  
Ann Amatucci – present  
Mayor Eric Bartels – present

Also present were the following: Lee Demosky, Solicitor; Susan Trout, City Manager; Melanie McGregor, Assistant Public Works Director; Robert Daerr, Police Captain; Josh Mayer and Andy Matheny, Code/Zoning Officers.

Mayor Bartels recognized Jim Kelley, former Councilmember and Solicitor, along with his wife, Dr. Kathleen Kelley, former member of the Planning Commission, for their time and civil service to the City of Latrobe and the community. Mr. Kelley had spent 50 years serving as the city Solicitor and then as a Councilmember. Mrs. Kelley served on the Planning Commission. Mayor Bartels made a proclamation for both Mr. and Mrs. Kelley honoring their devoted years of civic service to the community. Mayor Bartels stated that Mr. and Mrs. Kelley have embodied the finest traditions of public service, giving generously their time, talents and hearts to strengthen the community they love. Their contributions have left a positive impact on the City of Latrobe.

Mayor Bartels presented the Greater Latrobe School District Student Showcase award from the fall semester to Sarah LeVan. Miss LeVan was praised by Ms. Vavick as an excellent lifeguard who goes above and beyond while working at the Latrobe Memorial Pool. Dr. Benning, principal of Greater Latrobe Senior High School, also praised Miss LeVan for being a standout student involved in student council, cross-country and a volunteer at a retirement home. Miss LeVan had interned at the Latrobe Foundation and plans to major in civil engineering at college.

Mayor Bartels announced that January 6, 2026, will be Sarah LaVan Day and presented Miss LeVan with a proclamation that honors her for outstanding achievements and for serving as inspiration to the Greater Latrobe community.

Organization of Council per Section 313 of Charter is as follows:

**RESOLUTION #2026-01**

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-01 appointing Ralph Jenko as Deputy Mayor. Ms. Vavick made a motion to retain Mr. Ralph Jenko as Deputy Mayor, seconded by Mr. Hauser. Vote 6-Yes, 1- Abstain (Jenko).

**RESOLUTION #2026-02**

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-02 appointing Lee Demosky as City Solicitor. Ms. Rivera made a motion seconded by Mrs. Amatucci. Vote 7-0.

**RESOLUTION #2026-03**

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-03 appointing David DeRose as the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor. Mr. Jenko made the motion seconded by Mr. Leach. Vote 7-0.

**RESOLUTION #2026-04**

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-04 appointing Gibson-Thomas Engineering as the City Engineering firm. Mr. Jenko made the motion seconded by Ms. Rivera. Vote 7-0.

**RESOLUTION #2026-05**

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-05 appointing Jared Trunzo as a member of the Planning Commission for a 4-year term. Mrs. Amatucci made the motion seconded by Mr. Hauser. Vote 7-0.

**RESOLUTION #2026-06**

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-06 appointing Jim Burica as a member of the Planning Commission for a 4-year term. Mrs. Amatucci made the motion seconded by Mr. Hauser. Vote 7-0.

**RESOLUTION #2026-07**

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-07 appointing Matthew Hedman as a member of the Planning Commission for a 4-year term. Mr. Jenko made the motion seconded by Mr. Leach. Vote 7-0.

### **RESOLUTION #2026-08**

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-08 appointing Thomas Horwat as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board for a 5-year term. Mrs. Amatucci made the motion seconded by Ms. Rivera. Vote 7-0.

### **RESOLUTION #2026-09**

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-09 appointing Eric Hauser as a member of the Latrobe Municipal Authority for a 5-year term. Ms. Vavick made the motion seconded by Mrs. Amatucci. Vote 7-0.

### **RESOLUTION #2026-10**

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-10 appointing James Kelley as an alternate Zoning Hearing Board Member for a 5-year term. Ms. Vavick made the motion seconded by Mr. Hauser. Vote 7-0.

### **MOTION**

Motion to appoint Sam Leach to the Library Board. Mr. Jenko made the motion seconded by Mrs. Amatucci. Motion carried 7-0.

### **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR BARTELS**

Public Safety (Police & Fire) – Vavick, Amatucci, Rivera

Finance Committee – Bartels, Jenko, Hauser

Public Works Committee – Vavick, Rivera, Hauser

Personnel Committee – Bartels, Amatucci, Jenko

Strategic Planning Committee – Amatucci, Jenko, Leach

Events Committee – Amatucci, Vavick, Leach

GLSD Student Showcase Committee – Bartels, Vavick, Rivera

Motion to approve the Committee Appointments. Mrs. Amatucci made the motion seconded by Mr. Hauser. Motion carried 7-0.

### **NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**CITIZEN'S REQUEST**

None.

The Reorganization Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:21 P.M. with a motion by Mr. Jenko seconded by Mr. Hauser. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janina Hall*

Janina Hall, Council Secretary