

**FLEETWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES**

       BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

  X   BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP

**Date: September 23, 2019**

**Roll Call:**

       Suzanne Pittella Touch  
  X   Pete Merkel  
  X   Jim Meals  
  X   Chris Young  
  X   Ralph Touch  
  X   Colin Boyer  
  X   John Rothenberger

  X   Tammy Gore, Mayor  
  X   Doreen O’Neil, Secretary  
  X   Andy George, Esq.

**Also Present:**

  X   Craig Conrad, Public Works Director  
  X   Robert Weidner, Highway Commissioner  
       Chief Stinsky, Police Sergeant  
       John Manmiller, Fleetwood Fire Company Chief  
       Ryan Kern, Barry Isett & Associates  
       \_\_\_\_\_, Reading Eagle  
       \_\_\_\_\_, Patriot

The regular monthly Borough Council workshop meeting held at 110 West Arch Street, Suite 113 was called to order at 6:33pm by Vice-President Peter Merkel.

**Borough Manager Contract - Amended**

Andy George, Esq. had emailed amended borough manager contract to Council. Paragraph 7B was amended to address termination clause. Andy reviewed the details of the termination clause. Motion to approve the amended borough manager contract agreement that is effective September 24, 2019.

**Made by: Ralph Touch**  
**Colin Boyer: Opposed**  
**Chris Young: Abstained**

**Seconded by: John Rothenberger**

  X   Motion Carried

       Motion Failed

**Chris Young – Council Resignation**

Motion to accept Chris Young’s resignation from his Council position effective September 23, 2019 at 10:00pm.

**Made by: Ralph Touch**  
  X   Motion Carried

**Seconded by: John Rothenberger**  
       Motion Failed

## **Appointment of Council Replacement**

Discussion regarding the now vacant council seat, with Chris Young's resignation.

Chris Young mentioned that he had spoken to Mark Watkins, who is willing to fill the position.

Mayor Tammy Gore stated that Mark was previously on the Fleetwood School board.

Jim Meals mentioned that Mark is an active member of the Fleetwood Lion's club and is active in the community.

A motion was made to appoint Mark Watkins to the council position and discussion followed.

Colin Boyer stated he did not feel this was the correct way to appoint a new council member. He stated that Council has 30 days to fill the vacancy (advertising on website and other social media).

Andy George, Esq. mentioned that if the position is not filled in 30 days then it goes to the Vacancy Board. Jim Meals mentioned that currently there are 3 open seats for the upcoming election year and only 2 seats are running for election. There isn't a lot of interest in council positions. Mayor Tammy Gore stated that Mark is being asked to fill the remaining 2 year term to fulfill Chris Young's term.

Motion to appoint Mark Watkins as replacement for the vacant council position.

**Made by: Ralph Touch**

**Seconded by: Jim Meals**

**Colin Boyer and John Rothenberger: Opposed**

**X   Motion Carried**

**Motion Failed**

## **Bills**

Motion to pay bills.

**Made by: John Rothenberger**

**Seconded by: Ralph Touch**

**X   Motion Carried**

**Motion Failed**

**Submitted by:**

**Doreen O'Neil, Borough Recording Secretary**