

PARKESBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATION MEETING
Monday, January 5, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Swearing in of re-elected and newly elected Council Members by Mayor John P. Hagan, II

- Todd Brade
- Melinda Keen
- Joshua Mellinger
- Nicholas Ohar

The meeting was called to Order by Mayor John P. Hagan, II at 7:01 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Council Members present were Monique Baylor, Todd Brade, Melinda Keen, Rhett Lipscomb, Joshua Mellinger, Nicholas Ohar, and Sharon Wolf. Also present were Mayor John P. Hagan, II, Borough Solicitor John Carnes, Borough Manager Raymond Sheller, and Chief of Police Ryan C. Murtagh.

Mayor Hagan requested a nomination for Council President:

- Sharon Wolf nominated Todd Brade as Council President
- Monique Baylor nominated Nicholas Ohar as Council President
- There were no further nominations

Mayor Hagan requested Council Members to raise their hand to show their vote on the nomination of Todd Brade for Council President.

Those in favor of the nomination: Todd Brade, Melinda Keen, and Sharon Wolf
(3 votes)

Those opposed: Monique Baylor, Rhett Lipscomb, Joshua Mellinger, and
Nicholas Ohar (4 votes)

Mayor Hagan requested Council Members to raise their hand to show their vote on the nomination of Nicholas Ohar for Council President.

Those in favor of the nomination: Monique Baylor, Rhett Lipscomb, Joshua
Mellinger, and Nicholas Ohar (4 votes)

Those opposed: Todd Brade, Melinda Keen, and Sharon Wolf (3 votes)

Nicholas Ohar was elected as Council President.

Mayor Hagan requested a nomination for Council Vice President:

- Nicholas Ohar nominated Joshua Mellinger as Council Vice President
- Melinda Keen nominated Sharon Wolf as Council Vice President
- There were no further nominations

Mayor Hagan requested Council Members to raise their hand to show their vote on the nomination of Joshua Mellinger for Council Vice President.

Those in favor of the nomination: Monique Baylor, Rhett Lipscomb, Joshua
Mellinger, and Nicholas Ohar (4 votes)

Those opposed: Todd Brade, Melinda Keen, and Sharon Wolf (3 votes)

Joshua Mellinger was elected as Council Vice President.

Those in favor of the nomination: Monique Baylor, Rhett Lipscomb, Joshua
Mellinger, and Nicholas Ohar (4 votes)

Those opposed: Todd Brade, Melinda Keen, and Sharon Wolf (3 votes)

Mayor Hagan requested a nomination for Council President Pro-Temp:

- Joshua Mellinger nominated Todd Brade as President Pro-Temp
- There were no further nominations

Mayor Hagan requested Council Members to raise their hand to show their vote on the nomination of Todd Brade for Council President Pro-Temp.

Those in favor of the nomination: Monique Baylor, Todd Brade, Melinda Keen,
Joshua Mellinger, Nicholas Ohar, and Sharon
Wolf (6 votes)

Those opposed: Rhett Lipscomb (1 vote)

Todd Brade was elected as Council President Pro-Temp

At this time the meeting was turned over to the newly elected Council President Nicholas Ohar.

Presentations – Police Ceremony honoring Sergeant Robert Kuech

A ceremony was held to honor Sergeant Robert Kuech. Police Chief Ryan C. Murtagh gave a speech acknowledging Sergeant Kuech's significant presence and contribution to the success of this borough. Chief Murtagh mentioned Sergeant Kuech's hard work, dedication, integrity, as well as his leadership. Sergeant Kuech gave a brief speech thanking his family and fellow officers for their support.

Roll Call was held. Council Members present were President Nicholas Ohar, Vice President Joshua Mellinger, Monique Baylor, Todd Brade, Melinda Keen, Rhett Lipscomb, and Sharon Wolf. Also present were Mayor John P. Hagan, II, Borough Solicitor John Carnes, Borough Manager Raymond Sheller, and Chief of Police Ryan C. Murtagh.

Adjournment:

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Baylor and seconded by Lipscomb. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wanda Harner
Borough Secretary