

CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 3, 2022

SWEARING IN
CEREMONY FOR
ELECTED OFFICIALS

Honorable Judge Shawn McMahon provided his comments and insight on the importance of the elected positions.

Honorable Judge McMahon swore in the following City elected officials:

Mayor Lyle Garner
Councilman Nedward Jacob
Councilman Jerome Sorg
Councilwoman Sally Geyer

Councilman Shane Schneider was already sworn in.

CALL TO ORDER

A Council reorganization meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Lyle Garner, on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 7:11 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council on December 30, 2021, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Lyle Garner, Andrew Mohnery, Ned Jacob, Sally Geyer, Jerome Sorg, Bob Roberts, Manager Joe Fleming, and Recording Secretary Lorrie Levenduski.

Shane Schneider and Solicitor Tom Wagner dialed in.

City Staff: Tina Gradizzi, Community & Economic Development Director.

VISITORS

Visitors included: Brady Garner, Amy Garner, Nancy Plows and Amy Cherry.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
December 16, 2019

Sally Geyer made a motion to approve the minutes of December 20, 2021, seconded by Shane Schneider and all were in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

REORGANIZATION ITEMS

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- SETTING MEETING DATES AND TIMES- Council’s regular meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.- Council’s workshop meetings by default, on the 1st Monday of the month, subject to rescheduling as needed, for dedicated workshop purposes	Ned Jacob made a motion to keep the same dates and times for Council meetings, seconded by Sally Geyer and all were in favor.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- DEPUTY MAYOR	Mayor Garner made a motion to reappoint Bob Roberts as Deputy Mayor, seconded by Jerome Sorg and all were in favor.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- VACANCY BOARD CHAIRMAN: (appointed by Council for 2 years)	Deputy Mayor Roberts made a motion to appoint Nancy Plows as the Vacancy Board Chairman, seconded by Ned Jacob and all were in favor.

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- NON-UNIFORM PENSION BOARD, Mayor and (2) members of Council, City Manager, (1) Non-Uniform Employee	Andrew Mohny made a motion to appoint the Mayor, Ned Jacob and Sally Geyer to the Non- Uniform Pension Board, seconded by Jerome Sorg and all were in favor.
- POLICE PENSION COMMITTEE, Mayor and (2) members of Council, City Manager, (2) Police Officers	Mayor Garner made a motion to appoint the Mayor, Ned Jacob and Sally Geyer to the Police Pension Committee, seconded by Jerome Sorg and all were in favor.
- NON-UNIFORM GRIEVANCE COUNCIL DESIGNEE: (1) Member of Council	Deputy Mayor Roberts made a motion to appoint himself as the Non-Uniform Grievance Council Designee, seconded by Ned Jacob and all were in favor.
- TAX BOARD: City representative appointed at Council's reorganizational meeting for 2 years County representative School District representative	Sally Geyer made a motion to appoint Jerome Sorg as the City Tax Board Representative, seconded by Mayor Garner and all were in favor.
- OTHER COUNCIL COMMITTEES	- Under Topics for Discussion

APPOINTMENTS TO AUTHORITIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

BOARD	NUMBER OF VACANCIES	TERMS EXPIRING	LETTERS RECEIVED FROM	RECOMMENDED
Benzinger Township Golf Authority 5-year term	2 Vacancies	Thomas Farley Unexpired term of Herb Straub (01/01/24)	W. Jeffrey Smith Thomas Farley	W. JEFFREY SMITH THOMAS FARLEY
Redevelopment Authority 5-year term	5 vacancies	N/A	Aaron Bleggi	N/A
St. Marys Area Airport Authority 5-year term	1 Vacancy- St. Marys	Dr. Robert Baker - St. Marys Position	Dr. Robert Baker	DR. ROBERT BAKER
St. Marys Area Water Authority 5-year term	1 Vacancy	Robert J. Breindel, Jr.	Robert J. Breindel, Jr.	ROBERT J. BREINDEL, JR.
St. Marys Municipal Authority 5-year term	1 Vacancy	Joseph W. Goetz	Joseph W. Goetz	JOSEPH W. GOETZ
Board of Health 5-year term	1 Vacancy	Rosemaria Cienciva Sorg	Rosemaria Cienciva Sorg	ROSEMARIA CIENCIVA SORG
Recreation Board 5-year term	3 Vacancies	Kurt Nesbitt Kelly Breindel Gregory Gebauer	Kurt Nesbitt Kelly Breindel Gregory Gebauer Randy Geci	KURT NESBITT KELLY BREINDEL GREGORY GEBAUER
Zoning Hearing Board 5-year term	3 Vacancies	Steve Schneider Sally Geyer Alternate Position	Steve Schneider Sally Geyer (withdrew) None rec.'d for alternate	STEVE SCHNEIDER
Planning Commission 4-year term	3 Vacancies	Matthew Quesenberry Lisa Sorg John Schatz	Matthew Quesenberry Lisa Sorg John Schatz	MATTHEW QUESENBERRY LISA SORG JOHN SCHATZ
Police Civil Service Commission 3-year term	1 Vacancy	Derek Hansen	Derek Hansen	DEREK HANSEN

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Shade Tree Commission of the City of St. Marys 3-year term	2 Vacancies	Clythera Hornung David Larkin	Clythera Hornung Robert M. Bauer II	CLYTHERA HORNUNG ROBERT M. BAUER II
Youth Activities Commission 2-year term	2 adult and 7 youth Vacancies	All members	None Received	N/A

Redevelopment Authority and Youth Activities Commission

It was noted the Redevelopment Authority and the Youth Activities Commission did not receive enough applicants to appoint at this time.

Benzinger Township Golf Authority
5 years
Motion Passed

Ned Jacob made a motion to appoint W. Jeffrey Smith, to the 5 year term and Thomas Farley to fill the unexpired term of Herb Straub, seconded by Sally Geyer and all were in favor.

St. Marys Area Airport Authority
5 years
Motion Passed

Shane Schneider made a motion to re-appoint Dr. Robert Baker to the St. Marys Position, seconded by Jerome Sorg and all were in favor.

St. Marys Area Water Authority
5 years
Motion Passed

Sally Geyer made a motion to re-appoint Roberts J. Breindel, Jr., seconded by Shane Schneider and all were in favor.

Municipal Authority
5 years
Motion Passed

Deputy Mayor Roberts made a motion to re-appoint Joseph Goetz, seconded by Andrew Mohny and all were in favor.

Board of Health
5 years
Motion Passed

Mayor Garner made a motion to re-appoint Rosemaria Cienciva Sorg, seconded by Sally Geyer and all were in favor.

Recreation Board
5 years
Motion Passed

Ned Jacob made a motion to re-appoint Kurt Nesbitt, Kelly Breindel and Gregory Gebauer, seconded by Sally Geyer and all were in favor.

Zoning Hearing Board
5 years – full member
Motion Passed

Sally Geyer made a motion to re-appoint Steve Schneider, seconded by Andrew Mohny and all were in favor.

Planning Commission
4 years
Motion Passed

Ned Jacob made a motion to re-appoint Matthew Quesenberry, Lisa Sorg and John Schatz, seconded by Shane Schneider and all were in favor.

Police Civil Service Commission
3 years
Motion Passed

Andrew Mohny made a motion to re-appoint Derek Hansen, seconded by Sally Geyer and all were in favor.

Shade Tree Commission
3 years
Motion Passed

Andrew Mohny made a motion to re-appoint Clythera Hornung and appoint Robert M. Bauer II, seconded by Ned Jacob and all were in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS

There were no comments on non-agenda topics.

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TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION: The following list of Council Committees was reviewed:
Council Committees

Name	Date Formed	Membership	Mission
Changed to Personnel Committee (Manager's Evaluation)	8/20/2018	Members last revised at January 18th, 2021 Council Meeting	Per Manager's Evaluation Policy revised 07/02/2012 To be completed no later than September 30th of each year - Modified to expand the Personnel Committee's scope of work to search for a new City Manager at the 11/16/20 Council Meeting.
Finance and Budget Committee	5/21/2018	Mayor Deputy Mayor Councilmember City Manager Finance Director	Mission: To explore new revenue options and to review the budget with current City staff, to ensure fiscal stability within the City and within the capital maintenance program over the next two years.
Parking Committee	5/21/2018	3 members of Council	Mission: Create a plan for parking with the input of City staff and residents, and identify a permanent group to staff a permanent parking authority.
Emergency Management Committee	6/16/2014	Council representation was revised to be comprised of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and one Council person at the Jan. 6th, 2020 Council Meeting Structure and membership clarified and approved at May 18th, 2020 Council Meeting	Mission: An advisory board for the Emergency Management Coordinator in the execution of his duties.
Sewer Rate Committee	06/21/21	To be comprised of 3 Council members and 2 residents	Mission: To investigate prior legislation including the flat rate structure and the current rate; Not deviate from non-discrimination or reasonable rate clauses as mandated by the Home Rule Charter; explore Phase II sewer rate reform for industrial customers.

Discussion on Council Committees Deputy Mayor Roberts suggested the Personnel Committee be dissolved. He stated he believed the evaluation of the Manager should be performed by all of Council and not a committee of three.

Personnel Committee Ned Jacob explained all of Council does an evaluation, but the committee reviews them with the Manager.

Deputy Mayor Roberts stated he believed that all of Council should review the evaluation with the Manager in an Executive Session.

Motion Passed Deputy Mayor Roberts made a motion to dissolve the personnel committee, seconded by Andrew Mohney and all were in favor, except Ned Jacob and Sally Geyer who opposed.

Finance and Budget Committee Motion Passed Andrew Mohney made a motion to appoint Mayor Garner, Ned Jacob and Deputy Mayor Roberts to the Finance and Budget Committee, seconded by Sally Geyer and all were in favor.

Parking Committee Andrew Mohney commented the parking committee has been inactive for some time now but may be necessary in the future with the pending downtown development.

Motion Passed Deputy Mayor Roberts made a motion to dissolve the Parking Committee, seconded by Andrew Mohney and all were in favor.

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**Emergency Management
Committee
Motion Passed**

Andrew Mohney made a motion to appoint the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and himself to the Emergency Management Committee, seconded by Ned Jacob and all were in favor.

Sewer Rate Committee

Manager Fleming explained the relationship between the Municipal Authority and the City was currently being reviewed and this committee was no longer needed.

Motion Passed

Deputy Mayor Robert made a motion to dissolve the Sewer Rate Committee, seconded by Ned Jacob and all were in favor.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Jacob commented he was happy to be back and hoped to help the City move forward.

Deputy Mayor Roberts congratulated the new members of Council.

Councilwoman Geyer commented she was glad to be back.

Mayor Garner commented he believed Council was a good group.

Councilman Schneider commented he was looking forward to working together.

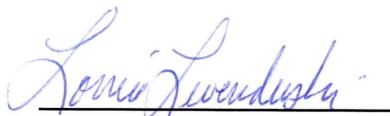
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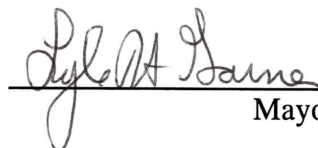
Mayor Garner made the following announcement:

- Council's next meeting will be held Monday, January 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Garner adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.


Recording Secretary


Mayor