

# CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 2, 2024

## 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:

Councilman Anthony Gregory  
Councilman Stephen Bagley  
Councilman Joe Sarginger

## CALL TO ORDER

A Council reorganization meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Lyle Garner, on Monday, January 2, 2024 at 7:05 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 27, 2023, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

## PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

## ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Lyle Garner, Shane Schneider, Ned Jacob, Jerome Sorg, Anthony Gregory, Stephen Bagley, Joe Sarginger, Manager Joe Fleming, and Recording Secretary Lorrie Levenduski.

## VISITORS

Visitors included: Lauren Brennen, Curt Brennen, Ashley Gregory, Tony Alfieri, Amy Cherry, Kathy Sarginger, Bradley Kraus, Richard Sadley, Andrew Mohny, and Joe and Roben Daghir.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES December 18, 2023

Nedward Jacob made a motion to approve the minutes of December 18, 2023, seconded by Shane Schneider and all were in favor.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS

There were no citizen comments on agenda topics.

## REORGANIZATION ITEMS

### - SETTING MEETING DATES AND TIMES

- Council's regular meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Nedward Jacob made a motion to keep the same dates and times for Council meetings, seconded by Joe Sarginger and all were in favor.

- Council's workshop meetings by default, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the

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month, subject to rescheduling as needed, for dedicated workshop purposes

- **DEPUTY MAYOR** Mayor Garner made a motion to appoint Shane Schneider as Deputy Mayor, seconded by Anthony Gregory and all were in favor.
- **SOLICITOR** Nedward Jacob made a motion to appoint Lauren Brennen as the City Solicitor, seconded by Jerome Sorg and all were in favor.
- **VACANCY BOARD CHAIRMAN:** (appointed by Council for 2 years) Nedward Jacob made a motion to reappoint Nancy Plows as the Vacancy Board Chairman, seconded by Shane Schneider and all were in favor.
- **NON-UNIFORM PENSION BOARD,** Mayor and (2) members of Council, City Manager, (1) Non-Uniform Employee Anthony Gregory made a motion to appoint the Mayor, Nedward Jacob and Jerome Sorg to the Non-Uniform Pension Board, seconded by Stephen Bagley and all were in favor.
- **POLICE PENSION COMMITTEE,** Mayor and (2) members of Council, City Manager, (2) Police Officers Nedward Jacob made a motion to appoint the Mayor, Nedward Jacob and Jerome Sorg to the Police Pension Committee, seconded by Anthony Gregory and all were in favor.
- **NON-UNIFORM GRIEVANCE COUNCIL DESIGNEE:** (1) Member of Council Jerome Sorg made a motion to appoint Mayor Lyle Garner as the Non-Uniform Grievance Council Designee, seconded by Anthony Gregory and all were in favor.
- **TAX BOARD:** City representative appointed at Council's reorganizational meeting for 2 years  
County representative  
School District representative Nedward Jacob made a motion to reappoint Jerome Sorg as the City Tax Board Representative, seconded by Shane Schneider and all were in favor.
- **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
- **FINANCE COMMITTEE- Mayor, Two Council members, Manager and Finance Director** Jerome Sorg made a motion to appoint Nedward Jacob and Joe Sarginger to the Finance Committee, seconded by Stephen Bagley and all were in favor.
- **EMERGENCY** Note: The Mayor is by default on the Committee

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- MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Emergency Management Coordinator, Mayor, Deputy Mayor and one Council Representative - (Changed to Community Representative), Police Chief, Fire Chief, Elkland Search and Rescue Chief, St. Marys Ambulance Representative, Elk County EMS Representative**  
 - **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**  
**Mayor and two members of Council**

Jerome Sorg made a motion to change the Council Representative position to a Community Representative position to be appointed by the Emergency Management Coordinator, seconded by Stephen Bagley and all were in favor.

Note: The Mayor and Deputy Mayor are by default on the committee

Stephen Bagley made a motion to appoint Jerome Sorg and Shane Schneider to the Personnel Committee, seconded by Anthony Gregory and all were in favor.

Note: The Mayor is by default on the committee

## APPOINTMENTS TO AUTHORITIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

BOARD	NUMBER OF VACANCIES	TERMS EXPIRING	LETTERS RECEIVED FROM	RECOMMENDED
<b>Benzinger Township Golf Authority (5 year term)</b> Motion Passed	1 Vacancy	Tom Farley	Steven Fritz Brian Guido	Steven Fritz
		Nedward Jacob made a motion to appoint Steven Fritz, as recommended, seconded by Anthony Gregory and all were in favor.		
<b>St. Marys Area Airport Authority (5 year term)</b> Motion Passed	1 Vacancy- St. Marys	Lance Mohny	Lance Mohny Joe Chicola Erica O'Dell	Lance Mohny
		Nedward Jacob made a motion to appoint Lance Mohny, as recommended, seconded by Joe Sarginger and all were in favor, except Stephen Bagley who opposed.		
<b>St. Marys Area Water Authority (5 year term)</b> Motion Passed	2 Vacancies	Randall Gradizzi Stephen M. Straub	Randall Gradizzi Stephen M. Straub Erica O'Dell	Randall Gradizzi Stephen M. Straub
		Jerome Sorg made a motion to appoint Randall Gradizzi and Stephen M. Straub, as recommended, seconded by Nedward Jacob and all were in favor.		

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<b>St. Marys Municipal Authority (5 year term)</b>	3 Vacancies	Robert M. Bauer Joe Daghir Derek Wolfanger (resigned)	Joe Daghir Erica O'Dell	Joe Daghir Erica O'Dell
Motion Passed		Jerome Sorg made a motion to appoint Joe Daghir and Erica O'Dell, as recommended, seconded by Nedward Jacob and all were in favor.		
		The remaining vacancy will be advertised.		
<b>Board of Health (5 year term)</b>	1 Vacancy	Justin Bauer	Justin Bauer	Justin Bauer
Motion Passed		Shane Schneider made a motion to appoint Justin Bauer, as recommended, seconded by Jerome Sorg and all were in favor.		
<b>Recreation Board (5 year term)</b>	3 Vacancies	Aaron Straub Heather Kocjancic Matt Pasi	Aaron Straub Heather Kocjancic Matt Pasi Kim Fenice Erica O'Dell	Aaron Straub Heather Kocjancic Kim Fenice
Motion Passed		Anthony Gregory made a motion to appoint Aaron Straub, Heather Kocjancic and Kim Fenice, as recommended, seconded by Stephen Bagley and all were in favor.		
<b>Zoning Hearing Board (5 year term)</b>	1 Vacancy	Clark Pearson	Clark Pearson Kelli E. Hall Erica O'Dell	Clark Pearson
Motion Passed		Jerome Sorg made a motion to appoint Clark Pearson, as recommended, seconded by Nedward Jacob and all were in favor.		
<b>Planning Commission (4 year term)</b>	3 Vacancies	Jim Heary Jr. Jonathan Shuttleworth Edward Schlimm	Jonathan Shuttleworth Edward Schlimm Ed Crowe Erica O'Dell	Jonathan Shuttleworth Edward Schlimm Ed Crowe
Motion Passed		Jerome Sorg made a motion to appoint Jonathan Shuttleworth, Edward Schlimm and Ed Crowe, as recommended, seconded by Nedward Jacob and all were in favor.		
<b>Police Civil Service Commission (3 year term)</b>	1 Vacancy	David Brown	Ryan Heary Erica O'Dell	Ryan Heary
Motion Passed		Jerome Sorg made a motion to appoint Ryan Heary, as recommended, seconded by Shane Schneider and all were in favor.		
<b>Shade Tree Commission of the City of St. Marys (3 year term)</b>	2 Vacancies	Gail Shturtz Gwendolyn Hoffman	Gail Shturtz Gwendolyn Hoffman Kelli E. Hall Erica O'Dell	Gail Shturtz Gwendolyn Hoffman

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Motion Passed

Jerome Sorg made a motion to appoint, Gail Shturtz and Gwendolyn Hoffman, as recommended, seconded by Nedward Jacob and all were in favor.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**  
**Consider for adoption:**  
**Resolution No. 24-01 – Elk**  
**County 2023 Hazard**  
**Mitigation Plan**  
**Motion Passed**

Manager Fleming explained Resolution No. 24-01 was being presented for adoption, which will adopt the Elk County 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official plan for the City.

Nedward Jacob made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-01, seconded by Shane Shneider and all were in favor.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON**  
**NON-AGENDA TOPICS**

There were no citizen comments on non-agenda topics.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council welcomed their new members and the newly appointed Solicitor.

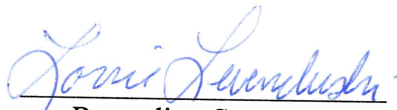
The newly sworn in members expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to serve.

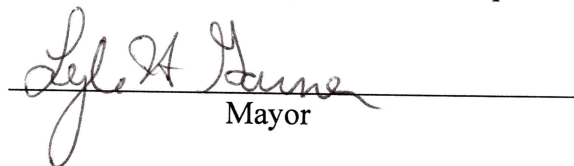
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regular Council meeting – Monday January 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jerome Sorg made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nedward Jacob. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
Recording Secretary

  
Mayor