

# MINUTES VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA

SPECIAL MEETING

April 12, 2018



## **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Abby Brennan at 6:00 p.m. A roll call was taken by Village Clerk Lori McWilliams. Present were: Mayor Abby Brennan, Council Member Vince Arena, Council Member Laurie Brandon, Council Member Tom Paterno and Council Member Kristi Johnson.

## **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pastor Paul Beresford spoke an invocation.

**MOTION:** *Council Member Arena moved approval of the agenda; seconded by Council Member Kristi Johnson; motion carried unanimously 5-0.*

## **1. COUNCIL OATHS OF OFFICE**

Village Manager Mike Couzzo administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Arena (seat 1), Council Member Laurie Brandon (seat 3) and Council Member Kristi Johnson (seat 5).

## **2. VILLAGE COUNCIL REORGANIZATION**

Village Attorney Keith Davis outlined the nomination and motion processes for Council reorganization. Council Member Paterno opined that residents wished The Village to proceed in a new direction with a different Mayor.

**MOTION:** *Council Member Arena nominated Mayor Abby Brennan to continue her role as Mayor; seconded by Kristi Johnson; a roll call vote was taken:*

	<u>Johnson</u>	<u>Brandon</u>	<u>Paterno</u>	<u>Arena</u>	<u>Brennan</u>
Vote:	Aye	Aye	No	Aye	Aye

Council Member Vince Arena nominated Council Member Tom Paterno as Vice Mayor and Mayor Brennan nominated Council Member Vince Arena as Vice Mayor. Both Council Members Paterno and Arena accepted the nomination; however when a roll call vote was taken, Council Member Paterno was unanimously appointed as Vice Mayor.

	<u>Johnson</u>	<u>Brandon</u>	<u>Paterno</u>	<u>Arena</u>	<u>Brennan</u>
Vote:	Paterno	Paterno	Paterno	Paterno	Paterno

## **3. COUNCIL REMARKS**

Mayor Brennan expressed gratitude to her fellow Council Members for their continued faith in her and reminded them of her equal role with them to carry out the will of the people. She welcomed the new Council Members, complimented the incumbents, thanked Village staff, and especially the Public Safety Departments.

Vice Mayor Paterno thanked those present and appreciated the opportunity to speak for the people whom he would represent in the best way possible.

Council Member Kristi Johnson said it was an honor to sit on the Council. She thanked the residents and promised to serve to the best of her ability.

Council Member Laurie Brandon promised to work hard, listen to residents and answer questions. She welcomed contact from residents and expressed gratitude for their support.

Council Member Arena also thanked the residents for allowing him to serve for another two years. He attempted to explain what the next two years would be like for the new Council Members and described it as exciting.

#### **4. PRESENTATION**

Village Clerk Lori McWilliams presented the children of each new Council Member with a gift basket.

**ADJOURNMENT:** *Council Member Arena moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Council Member Laurie Brandon. The motion to adjourn carried 5-0 therefore the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Lori McWilliams, MMC  
Village Clerk

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