Highspire Borough Reorganization Meeting
January 5, 2026

Mayor Hess administered the Oath of Office to Council Members Tyler Thatcher and Robert J. Sutch.

Mayor Hess called the reorganization meeting of the Highspire Borough Council to order at 7:02 p.m. The prayer was offered by Mayor Hess and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken.

Council Members Present:	Robert Sutch
	Mark Accorsi
	Dorothy Matesevac
	A. Kay Sutch
	Carolee Roman
	Tyler Thatcher
Mayor:	Von Hess
Borough Manager:	Mark Stonbraker
Assistant Borough Manager:	Deanna Proctor

Member Phillips was absent.

Nominations & Election of Council President

Mayor Hess opened the floor for nominations for Council President. Member Matesevac nominated A. Kay Sutch. After hearing no more nominations Mayor Hess closed the floor for nominations. A roll call vote was taken.

Robert Sutch	voted for	A. Kay Sutch
Mark Accorsi	voted for	A. Kay Sutch
Dorothy Matesevac	voted for	A. Kay Sutch
Carolee Roman	voted for	A. Kay Sutch
A. Kay Sutch	voted for	Abstained
Tyler Thatcher	voted for	A. Kay Sutch

By a vote of 5-0 A. Kay Sutch was elected as Council President.

Nominations & Election of Council Vice President

Mayor Hess opened the floor for nominations for Council Vice President. Member Roman nominated Mark Accorsi. After hearing no more nominations Mayor Hess closed the floor for nominations. A roll call vote was taken.

Robert Sutch	voted for	Mark Accorsi
Mark Accorsi	voted for	Mark Accorsi
Dorothy Matesevac	voted for	Mark Accorsi
Carolee Roman	voted for	Mark Accorsi
A. Kay Sutch	voted for	Mark Accorsi
Tyler Thatcher	voted for	Mark Accorsi

By a vote of 6-0, Mark Accorsi was elected as Council Vice President.

President A. Kay Sutch and Vice President Mark Accorsi then took their seats at the Council table and President A. Kay Sutuch took over the meeting.

After discussion regarding the Appointment of Committees, Council President A. K. Sutch noted that the 2026 Committee list will be tabled and will be reviewed and discussed at the next Borough Council Workshop meeting scheduled for January 13, 2026.

Motion moved by Member Thatcher seconded by Member R. Sutch to appoint Mark L. Stonbraker as Borough Manager/Secretary. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion moved by Member Roman, seconded by Member Matesevac to appoint Mark L. Stonbraker as Borough Treasurer. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion moved by Member Matesevac, seconded by Member Roman to appoint Deanna Proctor as Assistant Borough Manager/ Secretary. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion moved by Member Thatcher, seconded by Vice President Accorsi to appoint Michael Cassidy and the Law firm of Johnson, Duffie as Borough Solicitor. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion moved by Member R. Sutch seconded by Member Roman to appoint Hamilton & Musser, PC Certified Public Accountants as the Borough Auditor/Accountant. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion moved by Member R. Sutch, seconded by Member Thatcher to appoint Robert Lauriello, Frank Chlebnikow and Rettew Associates, Inc. as Borough Engineer. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to appoint a Chairman to the Borough Vacancy Board was tabled until the January 13, 2026 meeting.

Citizen's Comments
None

With no other business to discuss President A. K. Sutch asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion moved by Member Matesevac, seconded by Member Roman to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Deanna J. Proctor
Assistant Borough Manager