

Mayor Eisaman called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. City Administrator, Susan Trout, took roll call with the following members present: Councilman Tridico, Councilman Peterinelli, Councilman Johnson, Councilman Finfrock and Mayor Eisaman. City Solicitor, Timothy McCormick and Fiscal Director, Mary Perez were present.

**\*\*\*PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE\*\*\***Mayor Eisaman

**\*\*\*WELCOME\*\*\***Mayor Eisaman, “At this time I’d like to welcome family members, friends, honored guests and City employees to this Special Council Meeting for the swearing-in to office of the recently elected City officials. I will give a brief explanation; Judge Richard McCormick will administer the Oath of Office to me; State Representative Tom Tangretti will administer the Oath of Office to City Councilman-elect Emil Peterinelli and Judge Joseph Hudock will administer the Oath of Office to City Councilman-elect Thomas Tridico. We will then have the re-appointments of Sue Trout as City Administrator; Mary Perez as Fiscal Director and City Treasurer/Tax Collector and Tim McCormick as City Solicitor. I will be administering their Oaths of Office and I will also administer the Oaths of Office to the Police Chief and Police Supervisors later on during the meeting.”

**\*\*\*ADMINISTERING THE OATHS OF OFFICE\*\*\***

**Mayor Karl E. Eisaman:** The Mayor’s sister, Susan Yakubisin read the Certificate of Election; his wife, Carmen held the Bible and Judge Richard McCormick administered the Oath of Office.

Judge McCormick, “Four years ago I did this and I was reflecting upon what you see when you travel around Greensburg; when I walk my dog or go to the cleaners or whatever. This is a City that goes back over 200 years, but we constantly are changing and constantly improving and it is because of this Mayor, Council and administration. Greensburg never stands still; it gets better and better, and I’m very proud to be a resident of the City of Greensburg.”

Mayor Eisaman, “I would like to comment on what the Judge said. I think it’s all of us in this room working to make all of these changes, and that’s why we continue to move forward. I would like to thank my sister for filling in for my niece who is now 23 years old and working down east. Thank you, Susan.”

**Councilman Emil Peterinelli:** His daughter-in-law Stephanie read the Certificate of Election; his wife, Jovanna held the Bible and State Representative Thomas Tangretti administered the Oath of Office.

Representative Tangretti, “We’re not sure but we think Emil might be the longest serving, elected official, City Councilperson in the State. We’re going to check that out. And this is a true testimony to not having term limits anywhere. The stability and ability of this Council to do the kinds of things that Judge McCormick talked about only happen because of their good working relationship and the fact that they’ve been here a long time and know what to do. And I’m particularly proud to be

here with my friend, Emil, and be able to swear him in. We've been close for a number of years and I hope for a number of more years we'll remain close."

**Councilman Thomas Tridico:** His grandson, Alex Urban read the Certificate of Election; his grandson, Andrew Urban held the Bible and Judge Joseph Hudock administered the Oath of Office.

Judge Hudock, "I am a native 'Greensburger'. I left the City about 30 years ago, but my heart is still here. It is wonderful to hear all the wonderful things that you have in store for Greensburg. I've known Tom Tridico for over 50 years. My father and he were State Troopers; my father's career was ending and Tom's was beginning, but that's when I first knew Tom. As I look back upon his varied career I can only think of that Energizer bunny; he keeps going and going. He never stops. After his illustrious career with the State Police, during which he dealt with some of the most awful elements of society; namely the 'thrill for kill' murderers and bank robbers etc., he then retired and became the Chief of County Detectives, another career under John Driscoll. Following that career he went with the Attorney General's office as head of the Drug Strike Force. At that point you'd think he'd retire and go fishing or tend his garden, but he didn't. He ran for City Council and won and I had the pleasure and honor of swearing him in four terms ago. Anyway, he just keeps going and going and going, and I hope for the sake of all of us he continues to keep going and going."

Mayor Eisaman, "Judge Hudock I understand you will be retiring?"

Judge Hudock, "I am a Senior Judge now."

Mayor Eisaman, "Congratulations, and also congratulations to your family, I believe your father was a mayor of Greensburg; quite a history there. Thank you."

**\*\*\*REMARKS\*\*\***

**Councilman Peterinelli,** "I'm glad to see 2007 go by. It was a bad year for the Peterinelli family. Also, my wife, nurse and secretary out there, I love her dearly. If it wasn't for her I wouldn't be getting around. Also, Sue Trout, the City Administrator, is doing a 'helluva' job; Mary Perez watches the money quite well; Barb Ciampini in Planning and Zoning does a good job for us; Les Harvey, Pat Cribbs in the Electric Department, Frank Lehman and Trudy Ivory of the Recreation Department, Rick Hoyle handles the Street Department and Tom Bell is a great guy. Out of 24 hours a day, I think Tom Bell spends 18 hours at Mt. Odin. This past year the Tribune-Review, you know how tough the Tribune-Review is, they gave us an honor saying it's the best public golf course in the area. Bob Charley handles the parking; Wally Lyons, the Captain and the policemen do a great job for us. And all the secretaries; we can't get along without these secretaries. If it wasn't for them we wouldn't have anything done. Also, thanks to our two new Councilpersons up here and you, Mayor. I've seen three mayors come and go; Scott Brown and Danny Fajt were good people and good mayors, but you, you're something else. You're around town more than anybody else I know and anytime we need you, you agree to be called out to do things. My friend here, Tim McCormick, God bless his soul; he's here to check on us quite a bit. So thank you and that's all I have to say."

**Councilman Tridico**, “Over the past several years there has been a change from downtown shopping to mall shopping. During that period of time it has drastically affected downtown Greensburg. Mayor and Council set some goals to revitalize Greensburg with the help of all the City employees and several Federal and State grants. We have accomplished some of these goals. The focus has been to make Greensburg a hub of cultural and tourist activities. The groundwork has been laid by several developments including the Palace Theatre, St. Clair Park, the museum, the railroad station, the Troutman building, the State office building, several new parking lots and the soon-to-be constructed Seton Hill project. I want to thank the Mayor and all the members of Council for working as a team to make this dream come true. I also want to thank everyone connected to this revitalization effort for their assistance, patience and understanding. I thank Judge Hudock for administering my Oath of Office and for these kind words. I also want to thank my two grandsons for their role in this ceremony. We have a lot more work to do in our quest to make Greensburg a proud City and a wonderful place to raise a family. Thank you and we pledge to move forward.”

**Mayor Eisaman**, “I would like to thank everyone for their support over my past 14 years on Council and in this past election. I want to thank my wife, Carmen, along with both my family and Carmen’s for their support and encouragement over the years. I am honored to assume the duties of Mayor for the next four years and I believe as a cohesive team our goal is to continue to promote revitalization of downtown Greensburg, utilizing both public and private partnerships and to maintain fiscal responsibility to the citizens of Greensburg. Our intention is to continuously review, maintain and/or improve our programs including public safety, finances, streets, parking, redevelopment and recreation. It is my hope that we can explore regionalization with our neighboring communities regarding the combination of services or purchase powers with the intention of benefiting our taxpaying citizens. I believe the communities in different sections of Westmoreland County need to work together so that we may all be successful in providing services at a competitive tax rate to our citizens. I would also like to acknowledge in attendance today we have U.S. Congressman Tim Murphy; Senator Bob Regola; District Justice James Albert; outgoing Treasurer, Rob DePasquale, who campaigned hard in favor of abolishing his position; and also we have a candidate here for State House Representative Tangretti’s seat, Roland ‘Bud’ Mertz; as well as all the gentlemen here involved with the swearing-in of the elected officials. In regard to a lot of the projects that have happened in the City of Greensburg, I would like to thank our local representatives, Representative Tangretti and Senator Regola, for the Federal and State support we received since Governor Rendell and his team have had the vision to support downtown revitalization, which has been quite an asset for all of us as far as accomplishing our goals within the City of Greensburg. I wish everyone a successful and healthy 2008 and look forward to working over the next four years with City Council, administration, employees, volunteers and the citizens of Greensburg. Thank you all very much.”

**\*\*\*REAPPOINTMENTS\*\*\*** Mayor Eisaman **MOVED** to reappoint Susan M. Trout as City Administrator; Mary Perez as Fiscal Director, City Treasurer and Tax Collector; and Timothy McCormick as the City Solicitor. **SECONDED:** Councilman Peterinelli. Roll call vote was taken. **Unanimously all voted in favor of the reappointments.**

**\*\*\*OATHS OF OFFICE FOR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, FISCAL DIRECTOR AND CITY TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR AND CITY SOLICITOR\*\*\*** Mayor Eisaman administered the Oaths of Office to Susan Trout, Mary Perez and Timothy McCormick.

**\*\*\*OATHS OF OFFICE FOR THE POLICE CHIEF AND POLICE SUPERVISORS\*\*\*** Mayor Eisaman administered the Oaths of Office to Police Chief Walter Lyons; Lieutenant Stan Joyce; Lieutenant Doug Marcoz; Lieutenant Robert Stafford; Detective Sergeant Henry Fontana; Sergeant Frank Newill; Sergeant Chad Zucco and Sergeant Gerald Stofko. Mayor Eisaman, "Captain George Seranko will be sworn in at a later date; he is away and was unable to be here today."

**\*\*\*DESIGNATION OF CITY DEPARTMENTS\*\*\*** Mayor Eisaman **MOVED** to designate the City Departments under the directorship of the following Councilpersons:

Department of Accounts and Finances – Councilman Randy Finfrock;  
Department of Administration, Development and Public Operations – Councilman Thomas Tridico;  
Department of Public Works – Councilman Emil Peterinelli;  
Department of Parks and Recreation– Councilman Wayne Johnson;  
Department of Public Affairs and Safety – Mayor Eisaman.

**SECONDED:** Councilman Tridico. Roll call vote was taken. **Unanimously all voted in favor to approve.**

**\*\*\*ADDITIONAL REMARKS\*\*\*** Councilman Peterinelli, "I forgot to name one person, the Fire Chief. God bless his soul. If you go around town you can see everything he's done for this City."

**\*\*\*ADJOURNMENT\*\*\*** Councilman Peterinelli **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. **SECONDED:** Councilman Tridico. Unanimously all voted in favor to **adjourn.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Susan M. Trout, City Administrator

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