

**BOROUGH OF GREEN TREE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 23, 2009**

**Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**

Green Tree Borough Council met on Monday, November 23, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Green Tree Municipal Center, 10 West Manilla Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**Roll Call**

**Members Present:**

Vincent J. Abbato, Mayor  
Mark Sampogna, President  
Daniel Behanna  
Paul Kirsch  
Janine Palmer  
Ron Panza  
Edward Schenck  
Arthur Tintori

**Also Present:**

Deborah N. Gawryla, Stenographer

**MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Abbato**

Mayor Abbato had no report at this time.

**HEARING OF THE CITIZENS**

There was no one present who wished to be heard.

**REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**A. FINANCE - Mr. Behanna**

**1. Authorize Borough Manager to retain labor counsel.**

Mr. Behanna reported that three different law firms were being considered for the Borough's labor counsel. They were: Campbell, Durrant, Beatty, Palombo & Miller, P.C., Tucker/Arensberg Attorneys, and Babst, Calland, Clements & Zomnir, P.C. Mr. Sampogna said that he, Mr. Behanna, Mr. Schenck, Mr. Molinaro, and Mr. Montz had met with representatives from these firms.

Mr. Behanna felt it would be a close decision for him between Babst, Calland, Clements & Zomnir and Tucker/Arensberg. He was impressed with the attorney from Tucker/Arensberg, who has done a lot of work in the South Hills. Two attorneys had been present for the meeting with Babst, Calland, Clements & Zomnir and it appeared that both would work together on labor issues.

Mr. Schenck said that all three firms are excellent, have excellent reputations in the community, and have experience providing labor counsel. He felt the decision was very close between all three firms. Their prices were comparable and he did not think any of the firms would be a poor choice. He said that labor counsel would be used for negotiations in contracts with the Police and Public Works as well as with any grievances. Mr. Schenck said that after due consideration, he was favoring Babst, Calland, Clements & Zomnir.

Mr. Sampogna explained that the Borough is currently seeking new labor counsel due to the illness of the Borough's current labor attorney. New labor counsel is needed at the

present time because the Borough currently has two pending arbitrations as well as two pending contracts that need to move forward. Discussion continued regarding the strengths of these three firms. Mr. Behanna said that no matter which firm is chosen, he is certain that the Borough will get good representation.

**Motion:**

**Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Ms. Palmer, to authorize the Borough Manager to retain the labor counsel of Babst, Calland, Clements & Zomnir, P.C.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Sampogna said that the current labor counsel must be formally terminated.

**Motion:**

**Mr. Behanna made a motion, seconded by Ms. Palmer, to terminate the labor council services of W. Tim Barry & Associates.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Schenck requested that the Borough Manager write a letter to W. Tim Barry & Associates thanking them for their years of service to Green Tree Borough and express Council's gratitude for the help provided over the years.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:**

**There being no further business to discuss at this time, Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Ms. Palmer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

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Mark Sampogna, President

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W. David Montz, Manager