

## **FERGUSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Organizational Meeting  
Monday, January 4, 2016  
7:00 pm

### **I. ATTENDANCE**

The Board of Supervisors held its Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 4, 2016 at the Ferguson Township Municipal Building. In attendance were:

**Board:** Steve Miller  
Janet Whitaker  
Laura Dininni  
Peter Buckland

**Staff:** Mark Kunkle, Township Manager  
David Pribulka, Assistant Township Manager  
Dave Modricker, Director of Public Works  
Ray Stolinas, Director of Planning & Zoning  
Joseph Green, Township Solicitor

Others in attendance included: Heather Bird, Recording Secretary; Enica C., Ron Horner, Mike Twomley, Tim Gleason, Keith Farwell, Travis Foster, Sam and Lisa Strickland, Jane Sleight, Bernie Hoffman, Sue and Dick Mascolo, Bob Whitaker, Cristen Mitchell, Kelli Hoover, Joseph Cusumano, Bill Keough, Ralph Wheland, V. Belser, Marc McMaster, Bob and Marian Stonis, Andy McKinnon, Keith Jervis, Arthur Curtze, Sue Hutchison, Erik Scott, Natalie Harrison, Pam Steckler, Bill Hechinger

### **II. SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS – DISTRICT JUDGE RONALD HORNER**

Mr. Buckland and Ms. Dininni were sworn in. Ms. Colleen Unroe respectively declined her position on the Board.

### **III. SEATING OF THE BOARD**

The newly sworn Board members were seated.

### **IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Ms. Whitaker made a motion that Mr. Kunkle act as temporary chair. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kunkle requested nominations for 2016 Chairperson. Ms. Whitaker made motion nominating Mr. Miller. Mr. Buckland seconded the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Miller requested nominations for Vice Chairperson. Ms. Dininni made a motion nominating Mr. Buckland. Ms. Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion to appoint Mr. Kunkle to the Secretary and Treasurer positions for 2016. Mr. Buckland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **V. ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS**

Ms. Whitaker made a motion to re-appoint Joseph Green as Township Solicitor. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 3 – 1 with Ms. Dininni opposed.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion to re-appoint Linda Welker as Local Services Tax Collector. Mr. Buckland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Buckland made a motion to re-appoint Kevin Kassab as the Health Officer. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion to re-appoint Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP as the Certified Public Accountant – Auditor for the Township. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Buckland made a motion to re-appoint Charles F. Herr, Jr. as Primary, Pamela Winters as Alternate and Tom Bowes as Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officers. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion to re-appoint Centre Tax Agency as collector of Earned Income and Net Profits Tax. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Dininni made a motion to appoint Eric Endresen as Tax Administrator. Ms. Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Buckland made a motion to extend the services of Dan Miller, Pennoni Associates, Inc. as Primary and Scott Brown, NTM Engineering as Alternate consulting engineers until the first meeting of February for further review of their qualifications. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VI. APPOINTMENTS TO AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, & COMMISSIONS (ABCs)**

Ms. Whitaker made a motion to re-appoint Robert Crassweller as a core member of the Planning Commission. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Dininni made a motion to appoint Erik Scott as a core member of the Planning Commission. Mr. Buckland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion to appoint Richard Mascolo as an alternate member to the Planning Commission. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion failed with a vote of 2 – 2; Mr. Miller and Ms. Whitaker for and Mr. Buckland and Ms. Dininni opposed.

Ms. Dininni made a motion to appoint Cristin Mitchell as an alternate member to the Planning Commission. Mr. Buckland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion to appoint Bill Keough as an alternate member to the Planning Commission. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion to re-appoint Karen English to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Buckland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion to re-appoint Michael MacNeely as an alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Buckland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion to re-appoint Ted Wentz to the Tax Review Board. Mr. Buckland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion to appoint George Pytel to the Industrial and Commercial Development Authority. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion failed with a vote of 2 – 2; Mr. Miller and Ms. Whitaker for Mr. Buckland and Ms. Dininni opposed.

Ms. Dininni made a motion to re-appoint Jonathan Dietz as a University Area Joint Authority representative. Ms. Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion to appoint Richard Mascolo as a University Area Joint Authority representative. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion failed with a vote of 2 – 2; Mr. Miller and Ms. Whitaker for Mr. Buckland and Ms. Dininni opposed.

Mr. Buckland made a motion to appoint Cristin Mitchell as a University Area Joint Authority representative. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion. The motion failed with a vote of 2 – 2; Mr. Buckland and Ms. Dininni for Mr. Miller and Ms. Whitaker opposed.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion to re-appoint Steven Jackson as the State College Borough Water Authority representative. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion failed with a vote of 2 – 2; Mr. Miller and Ms. Whitaker for Mr. Buckland and Ms. Dininni opposed.

Ms. Dininni made a motion to appoint William Kephart as the State College Borough Water Authority representative. Mr. Buckland seconded the motion. The motion failed with a vote of 2 – 2; Mr. Buckland and Ms. Dininni for Mr. Miller and Ms. Whitaker opposed.

Ms. Dininni made a motion to re-appoint Thomas Giles as the C-Net representative. Ms. Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VII. APPOINTMENTS TO C.O.G. COMMITTEES**

Mr. Miller stated the Transportation and Land Use Committee requested the appointment be for a two year period. Ms. Whitaker made a motion appointing Ms. Whitaker to the Transportation and Land Use Coordinating Committee and Centre County MPO. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Buckland made a motion appointing Ron Seybert to the Centre County MPO Technical Committee. Ms. Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion appointing Mr. Miller to the Executive Committee. Mr. Buckland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion appointing Ms. Dininni to the Public Safety Committee. Mr. Buckland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion appointing Mr. Miller to the Finance Committee. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Buckland made a motion appointing Mr. Buckland to the Human Resources Committee. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Dininni made a motion appointing Mr. Buckland to the Public Services and Environmental Committee. Ms. Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion appointing Mr. Buckland as the primary to the Spring Creek Watershed Commission. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Dininni made a motion appointing Ms. Dininni as the alternate to the Spring Creek Watershed Commission. Mr. Buckland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion appointing Ms. Whitaker to the Centre Area Cable Consortium. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Whitaker made a motion appointing Mark Kunkle as the representative and Eric Endresen as the alternate representative to the Centre County Tax Collection. Mr. Buckland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Buckland made a motion appointing Ms. Dininni to the Parks Capital Committee. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 2 – 2 Mr. Buckland and Ms. Dininni for Mr. Miller Ms. Whitaker opposed. Ms. Whitaker made a motion Mr. Miller to the Parks Capital Committee. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 2 -2 Mr. Miller and Ms. Whitaker for Mr. Buckland and Ms. Dininni opposed. Mr. Miller suggested three options for this tie: the chair be temporarily appointed, the Township Manager be temporarily appointed or have two representatives. Mr. Buckland made a motion appointing Ms. Dininni and Mr. Miller to the Parks Capital Committee. Ms. Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **VIII. APPOINTMENT TO POLICE PENSION ADVISORY BOARD**

Ms. Whitaker made a motion appointing Ms. Whitaker to the Police Pension Advisory Board. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **IX. APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANTS FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS**

Mr. Kunkle stated that the Township has one project that may receive Federal funding through the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization. This project is a Streetlight/Sidewalk Project located in Pine Grove Mills. By making this appoint of the engineer, the Township can avoid the process of selecting consultants for a small project such as this. Staff is recommending that Stahl Schaefer Engineering be appointed as Engineer for federally funded projects and Aumiller Appraisal Services for land acquisitions.

Ms. Dininni made a motion to APPROVE the consultants as Stahl Schaefer Engineering and Aumiller Appraisal Services. Mr. Buckland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **X. ESTABLISH MEETING DATES FOR 2016**

Ms. Dininni made a motion that meetings be set for first and third Monday of each month for 7pm, with certain exceptions for holidays and the December meetings to be held on the first and second Mondays. Mr. Buckland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **XI. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORY**

Ms. Whitaker made a motion that the Township remain with Jersey Shore State Bank as their primary depository and any FDIC insured bank and the PA Local Government Investment Trust for the Township investment policy for the year 2016. Ms. Dininni seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **XII. CITIZENS INPUT**

Mr. Keith Farwell, 149 East Aaron Drive, stated his hope is to have no animosity in any individual working on the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Joe Cusumano, resident, stated the Board needs to work together to get the job done for the people. He commented about the law suits filed by the Township.

Mr. George Pytel, resident, reminded the new Board members to remember what they said when they were sworn in. He also stated that the Home Rule Charter is the law.

Mr. Bob Lindsay, 3296 Shellers Bend, asked about the process for filling the vacancy on the Board.

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Miller adjourned the organizational meeting at 8:26 pm to the regular meeting.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Mark Kunkle, Township Manager  
For the Board of Supervisors

Date approved by the Board: 01/18/2016

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