

MINUTES

REORGANIZATION -- JANUARY 4, 2010

LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Reorganization Meeting of the Lower Swatara Township Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Solicitor Peter R. Henninger. Solicitor Henninger then turned the floor over to the Honorable Magisterial District Mike Smith, who presented the oaths of office to Commissioner-elect William L. Leonard, Commissioner-elect Thomas L. Mehaffie III and Treasurer-elect Loretta A. Matz.

Roll call was then taken by Mr. Paul. The following officials were in attendance:

- Frank Linn, Commissioner
- Thomas R. Clark, Commissioner
- William L. Leonard, Commissioner
- Robert L. Loych, Commissioner
- Thomas L. Mehaffie III, Commissioner
- Ronald J. Paul, Manager
- Peter R. Henninger, Solicitor
- Loretta A. Matz, Treasurer
- Jean R. Arroyo, Recording Secretary

Residents and visitors in attendance:

- Mike Williams (Bryn Gweled Subdivision)
- Ronald Burkholder, (Colony of Old Reliance)
- Jackie Leonard (LST Fire Department)
- Pat Leonard, Linda Mehaffie, Melissa Grady, Joan Mehaffie, Ryan Grady, Kiersten Knepp, John Wilt, Julie Wilt, Dave Roeting, Ann Quinn

Solicitor Henninger called for nominations for President of the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Loych, seconded by Commissioner Leonard, to appoint Frank Linn, Sr. as President. Hearing no other nominations, the nominations were closed, and the motion to appoint Frank Linn, Sr. as President was unanimously approved. The gavel was then turned over to President Linn.

President Linn called for nominations for Vice President of the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Loych, seconded by Commissioner Mehaffie, to appoint

William L. Leonard, Jr. as Vice President. Hearing no other nominations, nominations were closed and the motion to appoint William L. Leonard, Jr. as Vice President was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Loych, to reappoint Ronald J. Paul as Township Secretary. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Vice President Leonard, seconded by Commissioner Clark, to reappoint Herbert, Rowland & Grubic as Township Engineer. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Loych, seconded by Commissioner Clark, to reappoint Peter R. Henninger, Jones & Henninger, P.C., as Township Solicitor. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Clark, seconded by Vice President Leonard, to reappoint Waggoner, Frutiger and Daub, Certified Public Accountants, as Township Auditor. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mehaffie, seconded by Vice President Leonard, to reappoint the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau as Earned Income Tax Collector. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mehaffie, seconded by Commissioner Loych, to approve the reappointment of M & T Bank as Township Depository. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Vice President Leonard, seconded by Commissioner Loych, to reappoint Powell, Rogers & Speaks as Lower Swatara Township delinquent tax collector for Act 511 taxes for the year 2010. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board acknowledged confirmation of the list of Special Fire Police for the year 2010 as submitted by Fire Chief Robert Furlong.

A motion was made by Vice President Leonard, seconded by Commissioner Loych, to approve the following commission/board appointments:

APPOINTEE	COMMISSION/COMMITTEE	TERM OF OFFICE
Leslie La Via	Non-Uniform Pension Board	2 years
Daniel Wagner	Non-Uniform Pension Board	2 years
Alex Billy	Non-Uniform Pension Board	2 years
William Leonard	Non-Uniform Pension Board	2 years
Robert Loych	Non-Uniform Pension Board	2 years
Daniel Tingle	Police Pension Advisory Board	2 years
Alex Billy	Police Pension Advisory Board	2 years
Thomas Clark	Police Pension Advisory Board	2 years
Frank Linn	Police Pension Advisory Board	2 years
Warren Guenther	Community Policing Advisory Committee	3 years
Rita Nagy	Community Policing Advisory Committee	3 years
Eric Breon	Planning Commission	4 years
Paul Wagner	Planning Commission	4 years
Randy Breon	Zoning Hearing Board	3 years
Richard Myers	Code Hearing Board	3 years
Tony Guerreri	Township Recreation Board	5 years
James Kazakavage	Township Recreation Board	5 years
Richard Wilkinson	Municipal Authority	5 years
Glenn Snavely	Fire Prevention Officer	2 years
Richard Myers	Assistant Fire Prevention Officer	2 years

President Linn noted that there is still a vacancy on the Police Pension Board which should be filled by one of the police officers. Chief Wiley noted he had put out the request, but has yet to receive a response. He will pursue this with the officers. The motion to approve the list of appointments was unanimously approved.

President Linn distributed his list of President's Appointments:

- Police Committee: Commissioner Clark, President Linn
- Police Education Committee: Commissioner Clark
- Public Works Committee: Commissioner Loych, Commissioner Clark
- Budget & Finance Committee: Vice President Leonard, President Linn
- Public Safety Committee: Commissioner Mehaffie, Vice President Leonard
- Community Development: President Linn, Commissioner Mehaffie
- Personnel Committee: President Linn, Vice President Leonard
- Building Committee: Vice President Leonard, President Linn
- West Shore/East Shore COG: Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Loych
- Commissioner-liaison to EMS: Commissioner Mehaffie

Commissioner-liaison to EMA: President Linn

Commissioner-liaison to Fire Department: Vice President Leonard

Commissioner-liaisons to Olmsted Regional Recreation Board: Commissioner Loych, Vice President Leonard

Commissioner-liaison to Municipal Authority: Commissioner Mehaffie

Commissioner-liaison to Dauphin Co. Ag. on Aging: Commissioner Mehaffie

Commissioner-liaison to PSU-Hbg. Advisory Board: President Linn

A motion was made by Commissioner Loych, seconded by Commissioner Mehaffie, to table the Final Land Development Plan of Residential Retirement Community, Phase 1, located along Fulling Mill Road at the intersection of Nissley Drive, prepared by Navarro & Wright, Inc. and submitted by Fulling Road LLC. The plan was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission on November 15, 2007 with stipulations. The plan was due to expire on February 20, 2008. 90-day time extensions were granted by the Board on February 20, 2008, May 21, 2008, August 20, 2008, November 19, 2008, February 18, 2009, May 20, 2009, August 19, 2009, and November 18, 2009. The plan is due to expire on February 17, 2010. The motion to table was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Loych, seconded by Vice President Leonard, to approve Ordinance No. 520. This ordinance amends the Code of Ordinances of the Township of Lower Swatara, No. 448, as amended, Sewage Disposal, setting the user charges at \$42.00 per EDU per month, effective February 1, 2010. President Linn stressed that this increase has nothing to do with upgrading the Middletown and Highspire treatment plants. It is a direct result of increased operating expenses at the plants. A roll call vote was taken with the following ballot tabulation: Commissioner Mehaffie – aye, Commissioner Loych – aye, Commissioner Clark – aye, Vice President Leonard – aye, President Linn – aye. Ordinance No. 520 was approved by a 5 – 0 margin.

A motion was made by Commissioner Loych, seconded by Vice President Leonard, to approve the Revised Agreement By and Between the Township of Lower Swatara and Lower Swatara Non-Uniformed Employees. Said Agreement is effective January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011. Mr. Paul explained that the non-uniformed employees had requested that the one-year agreement be revised to a three-year agreement, with a wage reopener in 2011 and 2012. Commissioner Loych, a member of the negotiating committee,

explained that the committee felt it would be better to make the contract a two-year agreement with a wage reopener during the second year; wages could go up or down. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Vice President Leonard, seconded by Commissioner Clark, to approve authorization of payment for the Highspire Waste Water Treatment Plant BNR construction upgrades, Requisition No. 2, in the amount of \$651,538.98 to Highspire Borough Authority. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Loych, to approve the appointment of Glenn R. Snavely as Assistant Zoning Officer. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Paul referenced a packet of information provided by the actuary regarding an upgrade to the police pension plan in order to meet legal requirements. The upgrade pertains to “killed in service” benefits. He requested Board authorization for the Solicitor to prepare and advertise the appropriate ordinance to amend the police pension plan. A motion was made by Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Mehaffie, to approve authorization of preparation and advertisement of an ordinance that would amend the Police Pension Plan. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Mehaffie, to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

ATTEST:

Ronald J. Paul
Manager/Secretary