

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MINUTES – JANUARY 3, 2022

The Organizational Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on January 3, 2022. Ms. Blundi called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and called the Roll.

Those present:

Board of Supervisors: James McCartney, Chair
Fredric K. Weiss, Vice Chair
Daniel Grenier, Secretary
Suzanne Blundi, Treasurer
John B. Lewis, Supervisor

Others: Kurt Ferguson, Township Manager
David Truelove, Township Solicitor
Andrew Pockl, Township Engineer
Kenneth Coluzzi, Chief of Police

SWEARING IN OF SUPERVISOR

John B. Lewis was sworn in as Supervisor at this time.

SWEARING IN OF AUDITOR

James Driscoll was sworn in as Auditor at this time.

SWEARING IN OF TAX COLLECTOR

Ms. Blundi noted that Rebecca Cecchine had been sworn in as Tax Collector earlier today.

SWEARING IN OF CONSTABLE

Mitchell Goldberg was sworn in as Constable at this time.

ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR 2022

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Truelove, Chair Pro-tem, who called for nominations for Chair of the Board of Supervisors for 2022.

Ms. Blundi moved, Dr. Weiss seconded and it was unanimously carried to elect James McCartney as Chair of the Board of Supervisors for 2022.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. McCartney

REMARKS BY THE NEW CHAIR

Mr. McCartney thanked the other Supervisors for their vote of confidence. He stated they have a big year ahead of them with some big financial decisions coming up, and he looks forward to working with the Township Manager and the Supervisors in order to make the best decisions for the Township going forward.

ELECTION OF OTHER OFFICERS

Election of Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors for 2022

Ms. Blundi moved and Mr. McCartney seconded to elect Dr. Weiss as Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors for 2022.

Motion carried with Ms. Blundi, Mr. McCartney, and Dr. Weiss in favor, Mr. Lewis opposed, and Mr. Grenier abstained.

Election of Secretary of the Board of Supervisors for 2022

Mr. McCartney moved, Ms. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to elect Mr. Grenier as Secretary of the Board of Supervisors for 2022.

Election of Treasurer of the Board of Supervisors for 2022

Mr. Grenier moved and Mr. Lewis seconded to elect John Lewis as Treasurer of the Board of Supervisors for 2022.

Motion did not carry as Mr. Grenier and Mr. Lewis were in favor and Ms. Blundi, Mr. McCartney, and Dr. Weiss opposed.

Dr. Weiss moved, Mr. Grenier seconded and it was unanimously carried to elect Ms. Blundi as Treasurer of the Board of Supervisors for 2022.

Election of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer for 2022

Ms. Blundi moved, Mr. Grenier seconded and it was unanimously carried to elect Mr. Ferguson as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer for 2022.

APPOINT CHAIR OF THE VACANCY BOARD

Mr. Lewis moved, Mr. Grenier seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Adrian Costello as Chair of the Vacancy Board.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Appointment of Solicitor for 2022

Ms. Blundi moved and Dr. Weiss seconded to appoint Hill Wallack as Solicitor for 2022. Motion carried with Ms. Blundi, Mr. McCartney, and Dr. Weiss in favor and Mr. Grenier and Mr. Lewis opposed.

Appointment of Township Engineer for 2022

Ms. Blundi moved, Mr. Lewis seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Remington & Vernick as Township Engineer for 2022.

Appointment of Sewer Engineer for 2022

Ms. Blundi moved and Dr. Weiss seconded to appoint Ebert Engineering as Sewer Engineer for 2022.

Mr. Ferguson noted that he had provided to the Board the information for the providers including their rate sheets; however, due to a problem with the system, Ebert Engineering's information was not provided. He stated their rates for 2022, the sale notwithstanding, would be flat, and there would not be a rate increase for 2022.

Motion carried with Mr. Grenier opposed.

Appointment of Traffic Engineer for 2022

Mr. Lewis moved, Mr. Grenier seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint SAFE Engineering as Traffic Engineer for 2022.

Mr. Grenier stated there are a number of other service providers, and he asked if they have to consider them at this time. Mr. Truelove stated the Second Class Township Code does not require those be approved tonight, and they can be done at any time during the year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one from the public wishing to speak at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUPERVISOR LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2022

Mr. McCartney stated all Liaison Assignments for 2022 will remain the same as 2021.

APPROVE ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF THE TREASURER'S BOND AT \$2,000,000

Mr. Lewis moved, Ms. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to establish the amount of the Treasurer's Bond at \$2,000,000.

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APPROVE ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF THE ASSISTANT TREASURER'S BOND AT \$2,000,000.

Mr. Grenier moved, Mr. Lewis seconded and it was unanimously carried to establish the Assistant Treasurer's Bond at \$2,000,000.

NEXT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Mr. Ferguson announced that the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, January 19.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Grenier', is written over the typed name.

Daniel Grenier, Secretary

