

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2019

The Organizational Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on January 7, 2019. Mr. Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and called the Roll.

Those present:

Board of Supervisors: Daniel Grenier, Chair
Frederic K. Weiss, Vice Chair
Kristin Tyler, Secretary
Suzanne Blundi, Treasurer
John B. Lewis, Supervisor

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Harold Kupersmit, 612 B. Wren Song Road, discussed his concerns with the Pennsbury School District and his Court Motion before the Supreme Court.

Mr. Robert Abrams, 652 Teich Drive, stated he feels the intent here is to shut down the public, and he feels the public should be shutting down the Board; and the next time they are up for election, he feels the public should “get rid of you.” Mr. Abrams stated he wants to know what happened with the \$2 million from the tower. Mr. Abrams stated they are closing down the recycling yard that 1,000 people use and let the trash haulers take it all to the landfill and have the public pay more for their trash disposal.

Mr. Abrams stated with regard to the water issue, he called the Water Company and told them he did not want to purge his pipes for their mistake. He stated he received his water bill today and did not receive any credit. Mr. Abrams stated he sent an e-mail out to the “Board President” and the Township Manager asking if the water that was supplied by the Water Company had a filtration system on it, and he did not get an e-mail back from either of them. Mr. Abrams stated he went out himself and checked, and there was no filtration system on the water that was sitting in the hot sun in plastic. Mr. Abrams stated the Water Company was telling them that water was safe to drink. Mr. Lewis stated Mr. Abrams indicated that he had e-mailed him and that he had not return his e-mail; and Mr. Lewis stated Mr. Abrams had e-mailed Mr. Ferguson on November 30, 2018. Mr. Abrams stated Mr. Lewis

was copied on it. Mr. Lewis stated the e-mail was addressed to Mr. Ferguson. Mr. Lewis stated if Mr. Abrams expected to be responded to, he should direct his e-mail to him. He added he has always answered Mr. Abrams e-mails when they are addressed to him, and Mr. Abrams agreed.

ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR 2019

The meeting was turned over to Chair Pro-tem, David Truelove. Mr. Truelove stated this is warranted by the Second Class Township Code, and the organization of the Board occurs the first Monday of every year; and it is a transition of authority.

Mr. Truelove stated he will accept nominations for Chair of the Board of Supervisors for 2019.

Ms. Tyler nominated Daniel Grenier as Chair of the Board of Supervisors for 2019. Ms. Blundi seconded. Motion carried with Mr. Lewis opposed.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Grenier

REMARKS BY THE NEW CHAIR

Mr. Grenier thanked the Board and the community for the opportunity to lead the Board in 2019. He stated his primary goal for the Board is to continue on the path set during 2018 by the 2018 Chair. Mr. Grenier stated their greatest responsibility as a Board continues to be to provide for the financial stability of the Township and the health and welfare of the citizens. He stated with the hiring of the new Township Manager they can further implement the professional processes and procedures to manage Township functions in a fiscally-responsible manner. He stated the Budget process going into 2019 shed some light on some issues they have set out to correct in 2019 and future years to further insure the financial stability of the community for years to come, and he sees this as the primary goal for the next several years. Mr. Grenier stated they will accomplish these goals in a transparent manner during the meetings with regular project, financial, and schedule updates, RFPs for all professional services which was voted on last year, and open discussion of issues of concern to the residents as we have done in the past. Mr. Grenier stated addressing the long-term concerns with our sewer system and other historically delayed infrastructure improvements will continue to be at the top of the priority list. He stated he hopes that the members of the community will continue to stay involved and bring the Board ideas for improving the Township.

Mr. Grenier asked residents to volunteer and attend both the formal advisory Board and Commission meetings as well as other events set up throughout the Township during the year. He stated he looks forward to working with the Board and the Community.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR 2019

Mr. Grenier asked for a Motion for election of Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors for 2019.

Ms. Blundi moved, Ms. Tyler seconded and it was unanimously carried to elect Frederic Weiss as Vice Chair.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR 2019

Mr. Grenier asked for a Motion for election of Secretary of the Board of Supervisors for 2019.

Ms. Blundi moved and Ms. Tyler seconded to elect John Lewis as Secretary.

Mr. Lewis stated he would not accept and declined the nomination.

Dr. Weiss moved, Ms. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to elect Kristin Tyler as Secretary.

ELECTION OF TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR 2019

Mr. Grenier asked for a Motion for election of Treasurer of the Board of Supervisors for 2019.

Ms. Tyler moved, Mr. Grenier seconded and it was unanimously carried to elect Suzanne Blundi as Treasurer.

ELECTION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY/TREASURER FOR 2019

Ms. Tyler moved, Ms. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to elect Township Manager, Kurt Ferguson, as the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF THE VACANCY BOARD

Mr. Lewis moved to appoint Ron Schmid as Chair of the Vacancy Board. Motion died for lack of a Second.

Ms. Blundi moved, Ms. Tyler seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Adrian Costello as Chair of the Vacancy Board.

APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Mr. Grenier stated a few months ago the Board voted to implement an RFP process, and the Township Manager is currently going through that process for all the professional service providers. Mr. Grenier stated he feels that the Board could re-appoint everyone from 2018 using the same terms and conditions as 2018 on an interim basis subject to the RFP process, and Mr. Truelove stated that would be appropriate.

Ms. Tyler moved, Dr. Weiss seconded, and it was unanimously carried to maintain the status quo for all professional services under the terms and conditions of the 2018 Agreements until such time as we have reviewed the RFPs referred to by the Chair.

APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF PENNSYLVANIA TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS TO BE HELD APRIL 14-17, 2019 AT HERSHEY LODGE

Ms. Tyler moved, Dr. Weiss seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Suzanne Blundi as the Delegate.

Ms. Tyler moved, Ms. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Dr. Weiss as the second Delegate.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUPERVISOR LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2019

Mr. Grenier announced the Supervisor Liaison assignments for 2019 as follows:

Dr. Weiss: Zoning Hearing Board
 Disabled Persons Advisory Council
 Historical Commission
 Sewer Subcommittee
 Economic Development

Mr. Lewis: Park & Recreation Board
Planning Commission
Farmland Preservation
Agricultural Security Board

Ms. Tyler: Historic Architecture Review Board
Golf
Electronic Media Advisory Council
Veterans Committee

Ms. Blundi: Environmental Advisory Council
Seniors
Citizens Traffic Commission
Trenton Mercer Airport Review Panel
BOCA Board of Review

Mr. Grenier: Electricity Reliability Committee
Financial Advisory Committee
Sewer Authority
Sewer Subcommittee
Board of Auditors
Emergency Management Committee

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

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

ESTABLISH THE AMOUNT OF THE ASSISTANT TREASURER'S BOND AT \$2,000,000

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

AUTHORIZE BIDDING PROCESS FOR REPAIRS TO THE POOL

Ms. Blundi stated they have discussed necessary repairs to the Pool as part of the Budget discussion.

Ms. Blundi moved, Ms. Tyler seconded and it was unanimously carried to authorize the bidding process for the repairs to the Pool modifying our Responsible Contractor Ordinance to five days.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Ms. Blundi moved, Ms. Tyler seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Ross Bruch to the Planning Commission.

Ms. Blundi moved, Ms. Tyler seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Dennis Steadman to Farmland Preservation.

There being no further business, Dr. Weiss moved, Mr. Lewis seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Tyler, Secretary