

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MINUTES - JANUARY 2, 2018

The Reorganizational Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on January 2, 2018. Ms. Tyler called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. and called the Roll.

Those present: John B. Lewis, Chair
 Fredric K. Weiss, Vice Chair (joined Board following swearing in)
 Kristin Tyler, Secretary
 Daniel Grenier, Treasurer (joined Board following swearing in)
 Judi Reiss, Supervisor (resigned Board position during course of meeting)

Others: Terry Fedorchak, Township Manager
 David Truelove, Township Solicitor
 Kenneth Coluzzi, Chief of Police

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment at this time.

RESIGNATION AND REMARKS BY JUDI REISS

Ms. Reiss stated as she been elected and duly sworn in as Prothonotary of Bucks County, in accordance with the Second Class Township Code, she must tender her resignation as Supervisor. She stated it has been her greatest pleasure to serve the residents of Lower Makefield Township and to work with hard-working and caring colleagues as well as the Township's professional staff. She stated while she will no longer be a member of the Board of Supervisors, she will remain vigilant in working toward preserving our open space, provide automobile alternatives for people, and keep Lower Makefield Township the great place it is to live. Ms. Reiss thanked the Township employees, the professional staff, and those Committees she had the opportunity to serve as liaison. She thanked Mr. Fedorchak for all his assistance, her fellow Supervisors, and the Chief of Police as well as his staff. Ms. Reiss stated the Board of Supervisors has been involved in a lot of changes over the last two years, adding that sometimes change is hard. She stated she plans to stay involved in Lower Makefield Township.

Ms. Reiss left her seat on the Board at this time.

Ms. Tyler wished Ms. Reiss her best on her new position, and she thanked her for her service to the Township. Ms. Tyler stated now that Ms. Reiss has resigned, there is a vacancy on the Board of Supervisors. She stated Ms. Reiss has two years left on her term. Mr. Truelove stated the resignation was compelled by the Second Class Code which does not allow someone to hold a Legislative position, which the Board of Supervisor position is, simultaneously with a Row Office. He stated by virtue of Ms. Reiss' resignation, when the full Board is constituted after the swearing in, the vacancy will be declared; and normally the process is that there is a thirty-day period for the Board to choose a successor, and they can decide on the process. He stated in the past the Township has received letters of interest and have interviewed candidates although that is not statutorily required, and the Board can determine how they wish to do this. He stated there is a thirty-day window of time to choose the successor, and after that the decision would go to the Court of Common Pleas in Bucks County. He stated once the two new members are sworn in this evening, the Board can decide how they wish to proceed. He stated the vacancy is in existence now, and the clock starts tonight.

SWEARING IN OF SUPERVISORS

The Honorable Gary B. Gilman was present. Mr. Truelove stated Judge Gilman is a resident of Lower Makefield Township and has been on several Boards and Commissions in the Township and was a coach for PAA. Mr. Truelove stated many in the profession think very highly of him and consider him a friend, and they are very glad he can be with them this evening.

Judge Gilman stated it is a privilege to be able to swear people in, and many people understand that more than ever we need good people to be involved in public service; and he is honored to be swearing in good people who are dedicated and committed.

Mr. Daniel Grenier was sworn in as Supervisor at this time.

Mr. Fredric K. Weiss was sworn in as Supervisor at this time.

SWEARING IN OF AUDITOR AND TAX COLLECTOR

Ms. Barbara Joseph was sworn in as Auditor.

Ms. Rebecca Cecchine was sworn in as Tax Collector.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR 2018

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Truelove as Chairman Pro Tem. Mr. Truelove stated he is the Chairman Pro Tem just for the limited purpose of accepting nominations for Chairman.

Ms. Tyler moved to nominate John Lewis, Mr. Weiss seconded, and the Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Truelove turned the meeting over to Mr. Lewis.

REMARKS BY THE NEW CHAIRMAN

Mr. Lewis read his remarks into the Record as follows:

“I would like to thank my fellow Supervisors and the community for entrusting me with the opportunity to serve this great Township.

While Lower Makefield has some important challenges to address in the coming year, it is a wonderful, vibrant community and a caring community – one that we can all be proud of.

As Supervisors, we are charged with the general governance of the Township and the execution of legislative, executive, and administrative powers in order to ensure sound fiscal management and to secure the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Lower Makefield.

As your Chairman, our work this year should be to resolve the following:

Fiscal Management and Accountability:

Over the past two years, the Board has made many positive investments. We have made needed infrastructure improvements and Township equipment purchases to ensure and help us maintain our roads. We have added additional Police Officers to help improve our public safety. We invested in open space for the first time ever in many years to preserve the bucolic character of Lower Makefield. And we completed a long-awaited community center that will serve the needs of all Lower Makefield residents.

However, the prior Board executed many projects that did not meet their expected budget, scope, or timing. The cost overruns on the Dog Park, legal challenges to the proposed Snipes Fields, and the closing of Sandy Run Road were proof points that this new Board has the opportunity to do a better job.

To that end, this new Board will require all engineering firms that work for the Township to meet enhanced contract terms including requisite insurance, liability limits, indemnification, a documented quality management program, and a documented environmental health and safety program that meets professional standards. I will place on the Agenda on January 17th, and I hope the Board approves, having our new Conflicts Solicitor seek a claim against our prior engineering firm to secure the funds to pay to fix Sandy Run Road.

This Board also needs to do a better job communicating how it spends your money. Community members deserve more frequent and more detailed updates on Township finances and projects.

Personnel:

Part of this evening is very bittersweet as we bid farewell to Judi Reiss who has served our community with distinction. While we are very excited that she has taken the Oath of Office to be Prothonotary, we now have a vacancy to fill on this Board. I would urge members of the community to submit resumes to the Township Manager by January 10th if they are interested in serving as a Supervisor.

Additionally, we are in the midst of a search for a new Township Manager. Our hope is to have a new Township Manager in the first quarter of this year. Our goals in replacing our retiring Township Manager will be to find the person that can effectively manage the operations of the Township, assist the Board in making strategic policy decisions, and do so in a professional, non-political manner for many years to come.

The Township also has many openings on its Boards and Commissions, and I would urge folks to volunteer to help our community thrive. You can submit resumes to our Township Manager at tfedor@lmtorg.

Sewer System:

The largest contingent liability facing our residents is the prospect of run-away increases in wastewater treatment fees. Whether it is large fee increases assessed by the City of Philadelphia passed onto the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority or the prospect of a new plant with the Morrisville Municipal Authority, Lower Makefield must develop a comprehensive strategy to reduce our resident's

long run potential sewer fee increases. We want to make sure that Lower Makefield can control as much of its destiny as possible. It has been distressing in my mind how little the last Board the last two years has spent on this particularly important issue; and I am very, very hopeful that this Board can work together to develop a plan for the future that will consider where our wastewater flows, the Authorities that we work with, and the prospect of new a Municipal Authority.

While the Board has some challenging issues ahead, I am convinced that we can continue the spirit of civility over the past two years and work together focusing on the issues and needs of our beloved community.”

ELECTION OF OTHER OFFICERS

Mr. Lewis called for Motions for selecting a Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Grenier moved, Mr. Lewis seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve Frederic Weiss as Vice Chairman.

Mr. Lewis called for Motions for selection of a Secretary of the Board of Supervisors for 2018. Mr. Weiss moved, Mr. Grenier seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve Kristin Tyler as Secretary.

Mr. Lewis called for a Motion to select a Treasurer of the Board of Supervisors for 2018. Ms. Tyler moved, Mr. Weiss seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve Dan Grenier as Treasurer.

Mr. Lewis called for a Motion to select an Assistant Secretary/Treasurer for 2018, and he stated this is specifically professional staff. Ms. Tyler moved, Mr. Weiss seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve Terry Fedorchak, Township Manager, as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

APPOINT CHAIRMAN OF THE VACANCY BOARD

Mr. Lewis called for Motions for Chairman of the Vacancy Board. Mr. Grenier moved, Mr. Weiss seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve Adrian Costello as Chairman of the Vacancy Board.

APPOINTMENT OF VARIOUS SOLICITORS FOR 2018

Mr. Lewis called for Appointments for Solicitors for 2018.

Mr. Weiss moved to appoint Hill Wallack as Township Solicitor, for Conflicts Solicitor – Curtin & Heefner, Environmental Counsel – Curtin & Heefner, Labor Counsel – Hill Wallack, Bond Counsel – Curtin & Heefner, and Developer Escrow Counsel – Flager & Associates.

Mr. Lewis stated he believes that they have to vote on each one separately.

Mr. Weiss moved and Mr. Grenier seconded to appoint Dave Truelove of Hill Wallack to be the Township Solicitor at the same rate and same terms as last year.

Ms. Tyler stated as they have two new members and are set to have a third new member join the Board she feels it would be prudent and wise to do interviews for the remaining professional services. Mr. Lewis stated given that Mr. Truelove has served with distinction for the past two years, he does not see the need to change that one. Mr. Grenier asked Ms. Tyler if she is asking for this for all of them, and Ms. Tyler stated she feels it should be for all professional services to give the new Board members a chance to interview them and see what services they can offer to the community in a spirit of openness, transparency, and making sure that we look at every professional they can. Mr. Lewis stated they did go through that process two years ago, and they have explored many of the options over the years; and he believes as it relates to some of the appointments this evening, there will be an RFP process depending on the area. He stated he does not see a reason not to vote on Mr. Truelove's appointment.

Motion carried with Ms. Tyler opposed.

With regard to Conflict Solicitor, this would be a case where the current Solicitor could not serve because of a conflict.

Mr. Weiss moved and Mr. Grenier seconded to appoint Curtin & Heefner as Conflicts Solicitor. Motion carried with Ms. Tyler opposed.

Mr. Weiss moved and Mr. Grenier seconded to appoint Curtin & Heefner as Environmental Counsel.

Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Lewis what was the thinking behind an Environmental Counsel, and Mr. Lewis stated it would be a specific environmental expert although it is unlikely in the near term they will need one. He stated having one would allow

them to quickly address any environmental issues if they have any. Ms. Tyler asked who would be the environmental attorney within Curtin & Heefner, and Mr. Lewis stated it would be Jordan Yeager. Ms. Tyler stated she feels it is important that they have interviews as she does not know who these people are, and there is no way she can make an informed decision voting on people she does not know and has not interviewed and who have not presented a proposal to the Township.

Motion carried with Ms. Tyler opposed.

Mr. Weiss moved and Mr. Grenier seconded to appoint Hill Wallack as Labor Counsel.

Ms. Tyler asked why they have a separation here. Mr. Lewis stated in many cases other Municipalities have separate Solicitors, but we are choosing the same; and it would be Mr. Truelove just as he has done in the past. Ms. Tyler stated she questions why this has to be made a separate category; and Mr. Lewis stated while they do not have to, in this case, they are just delineating Labor Counsel.

Motion carried with Ms. Tyler opposed.

Mr. Weiss moved and Mr. Grenier seconded to appoint Curtin & Heefner as Bond Counsel.

Mr. Lewis stated Curtin & Heefner has previously served as our Bond Counsel, and this would be for after our current refinancing with Eastburn & Gray. Ms. Tyler stated they have been alternating Bond Counsel between different firms so that it is not a political appointment. She stated she feels they should continue what they have been doing which is alternating Bond Counsel. Mr. Lewis stated in this particular appointment, they would be alternating because Eastburn & Gray served the Township this year, and Curtin & Heefner will serve next if so chosen.

Motion carried with Ms. Tyler opposed.

Mr. Weiss moved and Mr. Grenier seconded to appoint Flager & Associates as Developer Escrow Counsel.

Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Lewis for an explanation of this appointment. Mr. Lewis stated this is the Counsel that handles the Developer Agreements. Ms. Tyler asked what Mr. Flager's firm's background is, and Mr. Grenier stated he does a variety of things including Municipal law and Escrow Counsel among others. Ms. Tyler stated he is a personal injury attorney who was recently appointed to our Zoning Hearing Board as Solicitor. She feels the Board is just picking people without giving full interviews, and she feels they are doing the residents a disservice. Mr. Lewis stated

Flager & Associates has served as Zoning Hearing Board counsel, and have served with distinction in Bristol Township and many other Municipalities throughout Bucks County.

Ms. Tyler asked what is the breakdown for the Escrow Counsel since this is a newly-added position. She stated they have had a Solicitor, a Conflicts Solicitor, and an engineer; and they are now putting in five separate layers of attorneys which has never been done nor will it be the most cost-effective way to do business. She stated she feels interviews should be done especially if they are breaking it down into this detail. She questioned how they could vote for Escrow Council without seeing what they have done in the past and who they have represented; and in this capacity, she feels it is misguided.

Motion carried with Ms. Tyler opposed.

Ms. Tyler stated they have just appointed a number of firms and they do not have their hourly rates established, and she does not know who the attorneys are who will be representing the Township; and they do not have any information to make these decisions. She asked the other Board members what they are basing their decisions on. Mr. Lewis stated these three firms have served Lower Makefield Township. Ms. Tyler asked what the Township will be paying them hourly as they have not discussed that, and Mr. Lewis stated they are all at the same hourly rate that they have with the current Solicitor. Ms. Tyler asked why there would be a separate Developer Escrow Council, and she asked the rationale behind adding another layer of legality. Mr. Lewis stated they are just separating out that business. Ms. Tyler asked how that will serve the Township and how will it effect the bottom line since they now have these different firms with separate bills. Mr. Lewis stated it will be three firms. He stated there have not been any issues with any of the three firms they have used previously, and they are all existing Lower Makefield Township firms; and they have not selected a firm that they have not used in the past. He stated two years ago they did look at all the firms; and Ms. Tyler stated while she and Mr. Lewis did this, Mr. Grenier and Mr. Weiss did not.

Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Truelove why there would be a Developer Escrow Council which would be another attorney coming in on that aspect. Mr. Truelove stated some Townships do that, and he believes that Mr. Flager actually serves in that capacity for Falls Township and another Municipality as well. He stated sometimes because of the nature of the arrangement, the Solicitor is not in the best position to always review these Agreements so it is sometimes “nice to have a separate set of eyes doing it.” Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Truelove if his firm is capable of doing that review; and Mr. Truelove stated they have done that, but they have also separated work in other places with other firms so it is not unusual. He stated he has seen this in Falls and other places have done it. Ms. Tyler stated she does not feel they are

doing the residents any favors, and they will be having high legal fees as they are “cutting up work,” which is going to have disjointed legal impact on the office; and she does not see the impetus to do this. She stated she is not comfortable appointing anyone who she has not interviewed on the specific area they are hiring them for.

Ms. Tyler asked what will be the hourly rate; and Mr. Truelove stated his firm’s rate is \$145 which is the same rate they had last year. He stated per the Board’s request last year, there was a flat monthly retainer of \$10,000 a month and then for separate matters it is \$145 per hour; and a different rate for paralegals in the event a paralegal serves in that capacity.

Ms. Tyler asked if that is the agreement they propose to have with all the other firms, that they will each bill the Township \$10,000 a month; and Mr. Truelove stated he does not believe so, and he assumes it would be an hourly rate of \$145 per hour, and Mr. Lewis agreed. Ms. Tyler stated this is “extraordinarily out of order,” and it not helping the residents. She stated she feels Mr. Truelove should be able to handle all of these things with the exception of Bond Counsel and Conflicts Council. Mr. Lewis stated naming these firms now prior to the legal need means that they can quickly call on them, and it does not mean that they will be using them. He stated he does not envision the Township using much in the way of Environmental Council during the current year; but in the event they do need someone, they need to be able to call on an expert quickly. He stated this is also the case for the Conflicts Solicitor.

Ms. Tyler questioned where are their proposals as they are appointing lawyers when they do not have proposals from them. She added there is an Agreement with Mr. Truelove’s office, but there are not Agreements with any of the other offices. Mr. Lewis stated the Agreement with Mr. Truelove has ended, and they need to sign a new one for 2018. He stated each one of the Solicitors will all be under the same hourly rate. Ms. Tyler asked if they have agreed to that, and Mr. Lewis stated they did. Ms. Tyler asked to whom they indicated their agreement, and Mr. Lewis stated it would be subject to the rates they have agreed upon. Ms. Tyler stated what she is saying is that they have not agreed on rates as they have not talked to these firms. She stated she objects to how they are moving forward.

APPOINTMENT OF VARIOUS ENGINEERS FOR 2018

Mr. Grenier moved to appoint Remington Vernick as Township engineer.

Mr. Grenier stated personally he would like to see them as an interim and then go through the RFP process soon for similar reasons to what Ms. Tyler has been saying so that they interview the proper engineers and make sure that with all the projects

they have going on in the Township and all the issues they have that they have been vetted and move forward accordingly. He stated he feels whether it is perception or reality, he feels there has been an issue with the current Township engineer; and they should be removed at this time, appoint an interim engineer, and move forward for the next couple of weeks or month and then go through the RFP process because we have a lot of projects that will cost a lot of money; and they want to avoid the pitfalls that they have observed over the last year or two with the many projects that are out there.

The Motion is to appoint Remington Vernick in the interim and then go through the RFP process.

Mr. Weiss seconded.

Ms. Tyler asked how they came to select Remington Vernick. Mr. Grenier stated he believes they need a change at this point, and Ms. Tyler stated she does not disagree with that; however, she and Mr. Grenier have spoken about Remington Vernick in particular and the almost ninety lawsuits that are presently pending against them and the New Jersey pay-to-play issues that they have experienced. She stated any engineering firm except Remington Vernick would be in a better position to represent out Township. She stated she finds it “upsetting and curious” that this is the firm that they are selecting. She stated they could speak to our colleagues on the School Board who are engaged with Remington Vernick now on the School projects, and they are not “scoring As.” Ms. Tyler stated she would not object to any other firm except for this firm.

Mr. Lewis stated many School Board members have reached out and have said positive things about the work they have done on Pennwood and encouraged Lower Makefield to consider them highly. Ms. Tyler stated she has heard quite the opposite. She stated they could also speak to our own employees which should have been done before any of these appointments were made, to see who works well and what the reputation of these firms are in the field, and to see their specific experience with the specific Pennsbury projects.

Mr. Lewis called the question for Remington Vernick Engineers adding the following “with the Township Manager and the Director of Planning & Zoning providing a transition Plan.”

Motion carried with Ms. Tyler opposed.

Ms. Tyler asked if they will be subject to a Retainer Agreement, and she asked the hourly rate. Mr. Lewis stated it would be subject to the same rates as the prior firm. Ms. Tyler asked where is the proposal, and Mr. Lewis stated they have one. Ms. Tyler asked where it is. She stated they are “blindly” appointing professionals.

Mr. Lewis called for a Motion for sewer engineer.

Mr. Grenier moved, Mr. Weiss seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Ebert Engineers at the same rate.

Mr. Michael Brody, 509 Brookbend Court, congratulated the new Supervisors and thanked them for their service. Mr. Brody stated the Township has gone through a lot recently, and there is a perception of what is happening in the Township. He stated this a strong potential Board; and while he does not know of any of the engineering firms to have a strong opinion on them, with everything that is going on, he feels it is appropriate to keep everything above board perception wise, and he is struggling to understand the benefit of why they need a new engineer or any of the lawyers that they have approved so quickly. He stated there are no lawsuits happening in the next month; and if these go through without the proper interviews, he feels what will happen is that there are going to be people posting about the high-density housing coming across from the Farm and other things people think happen in the Township because Agreements are being made before meetings are taking place. Mr. Brody asked that they consider their position of strength and use that to their benefit to open the process up and make sure there is a smooth, consistent, open transparent process for everyone and not just whatever is motivating these decisions.

Mr. Grenier moved, Mr. Weiss seconded and it was unanimously carried to keep TPD on as interim traffic engineer and go through the RFP process.

APPOINTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

Mr. Grenier moved and Mr. Weiss seconded to keep Keystone Municipal Services on in the interim subject to review of an insourcing opportunity that has been identified and a potential RFP.

Ms. Tyler asked if this is a typical appointment noting this was not on the Agenda. Mr. Fedorchak stated typically they do appoint them.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFLICT AND PROJECT REVIEW ENGINEER

Mr. Grenier moved and Mr. Weiss seconded to move this directly to the RFP process and to identify an engineer at that time.

Mr. Lewis stated they have used other firms to provide that similar service, and in fact over the last year Gilmore provided that service multiple times as it related to Sandy Run and some other items; and this is an opportunity to select someone in advance so that they are ready when needed.

Ms. Tyler asked if it would not be better to bid those projects out individually to get the best possible firm and who would be better geared to the individual issue. She asked why they would choose someone now without having a project in mind. Mr. Grenier stated it may have been worded incorrectly, and that is what they are looking for to make sure that the Township engineer does the review, and for larger projects potentially such as the re-design of Sandy Run or Memorial Park when it goes to design, they would go through the RFP process so that they do not have the same engineer reviewing it that is designing it. Ms. Tyler asked why they would then be appointing someone; and Mr. Grenier stated they are not, and they are just saying that they are going to do an RFP for each individual project.

The Motion was re-read as follows: Move this directly to the RFP process for the Conflict and Project Review Engineer.

Mr. Truelove stated he feels it could be reworded that as projects appear they go to the RFP process for Conflicts and Project Engineers. Ms. Tyler stated she feels that this is their standard operating procedure, and she does not feel that they need a Motion for that. Mr. Truelove stated they can establish the process tonight if that is what the Board wishes to do.

Mr. Grenier stated as an example when Snipes came up for design our current Township engineer did the design and initially there was no review engineer although eventually there was one when there were some concerns. He stated this is what they would do for larger projects, and they would have to establish what a large project would be; and they would have an RFP for that specific project so that they are separate and not conflicting. Ms. Tyler stated that is exactly what they did with Snipes, and they hired another engineering firm and had them review the process. Ms. Tyler stated while she does not have any objection, she does not understand why they are having a Motion as they are not really doing anything other than saying they are going to do RFPs when something comes up.

Mr. Truelove suggested that the Motion would be that the Board would adopt an RFP process for Conflict and Project Engineers on a project-by-project basis.

Ms. Tyler seconded the Motion, and the Motion as read by Mr. Truelove carried unanimously.

MOTION REGARDING ENGINEERING FIRMS

Mr. Grenier moved that each engineering firm that is eventually awarded the project whether it is initial or through the RFP process is subject to meeting the following terms and conditions, although they are not setting exact numbers at this time, including insurance, liability limits based on scope of work, indemnification, documented quality management program, and documented environmental health and safety program that meets professional standards. Firms must also provide documentation of personnel working on LMT projects so that we know that they are local and have relatively local experience. He stated they are to provide resumes and a statement of qualifications so that we know the personnel working on the projects are local with relative local experience.

Ms. Tyler stated this is how they operate already. Ms. Tyler asked if the other Board members met to decide who the professional engineers were going to be as she has not had any conversations with any of the Board members other than to state that they were going to have interviews; and now they have typed out notes and they are reading from their phones with the firms already selected. She stated she feels they are doing the Township a disservice, and this is not a transparent process. She asked what is the timetable for these actual interviews of the professionals as she feels they are being vague and “sloppy” in appointing folks they have not spoken to nor do they have proposals from them.

Mr. Lewis stated he disagrees, and those who are non-existing providers for the engineers are all subject to an RFP process. He stated he has a hard time having a concern having additional requirements as our prior Contracts with engineering firms did not have detailed indemnification, liability limits, or documented quality management programs; and these are all things that they are conditioning each engineering firm to meet, and if they do not meet them, they would not be our engineering firm.

Ms. Tyler asked how they are defining “local.” Mr. Grenier stated he does this type of work for a living, and one of the things he finds important when reviewing a potential provider’s resume, such as an engineer in this case, is to make sure that they are not getting a firm from California trying to design a project in Lower Makefield and who has never done a project in Lower Makefield.

Ms. Tyler asked the other Board members if they have done this “step process” with Remington Vernick before appointing them this evening. Mr. Grenier stated with regard to Remington Vernick they know there is an issue with our current Township engineer, and there should be an immediate fix – a temporary fix but immediate. He stated people they are familiar with in the area on the School Board indicated Remington Vernick has a lot of local experience. He stated he understands and appreciates Ms. Tyler’s concerns as someone who works in the field which is why he is very strongly supporting the RFP process so that during the interview process, they can ask those hard question and get their answers. Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Grenier if he did any research on Remington Vernick before voting this evening, and Mr. Grenier stated he did. Ms. Tyler asked if he is aware of the lawsuits and is okay with that, and Mr. Grenier he is “very excited” to interview them.

Mr. Weiner seconded the Motion. Motion carried with Ms. Tyler opposed.

Ms. Tyler stated she supports the RFP process, but she is not sure what the specifics are of the last two items which were stated and what impact that may have.

DISCUSSION OF DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE AND APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATE TO THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF PENNSYLVANIA TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS TO BE HELD APRIL 22 – 24, 2018 AT THE HERSHEY LODGE

Ms. Tyler discussed the Convention which is held annually which is a great training ground, a great place to make contacts, and to get good information. She stated she found it to be very valuable when she was a new Board member. She stated she learned from attending how very well run the Township was. Mr. Fritchey stated he attended twice and it is a great event with a lot to learn and the opportunity to meet other Supervisors from around the State. Ms. Reiss stated it is also good team building when two Supervisors attend. She stated you can also choose the areas that you are most interested in.

Mr. Weiss stated he would be able to attend. Mr. Grenier indicated that he was unavailable to attend during those dates. Ms. Tyler stated the new Supervisor to replace Ms. Reiss may be able to go. Ms. Tyler suggested that they just appoint Mr. Weiss at this time.

Ms. Tyler moved to appoint Fred Weiss as the Delegate.

Mr. Lewis asked if they could nominate someone else as the Alternate in the future, and Mr. Truelove stated they should make sure they have two places secured for purposes of the reservations, and they can get the names filled in later.

Mr. Lewis seconded the appointment of Mr. Weiss, and the Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Tyler asked that Ms. Ellison be directed to make two reservations.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUPERVISOR LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2018

Mr. Lewis announced the following Supervisor Liaison Assignments for 2018:

Mr. Weiss – Trenton Mercer Airport Review Panel, Economic Development Commission, Seniors, Veterans Committee

Ms. Reiss' replacement – Farmland Preservation Corporation, Special Events, Citizens Traffic Commission, Financial Advisory Committee

Ms. Grenier – Environmental Advisory Council, Park & Recreation Board, Sewer Authority, Planning Commission

Ms. Tyler – Electric Reliability Committee, Disabled Persons Advisory Board, Historic Commission, Historical Architectural Review Board

Mr. Lewis – Zoning Hearing Board, Golf Committee, Electronic Media Advisory Board, Emergency Management

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

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

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

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

MOTION REGARDING FILLING SUPERVISOR VACANCY

Ms. Lewis stated they could have a Motion to accept resumes between now and January 10. Those interested should submit resumes to Terry Fedorchak at tfedor@lmtorg.

Ms. Tyler asked what is the date by which they must fill the vacancy, and Mr. Truelove stated it is thirty days from today which would be February 1. Ms. Tyler stated they would therefore have to have a special meeting; however, Mr. Lewis stated they could do it on January 17. Ms. Tyler stated they could if they had the interviews conducted before then, and Mr. Lewis stated the interviews could be part of that meeting on January 17.

Ms. Tyler asked that Mr. Fedorchak put this on the Township Website so that they can reach as many residents as possible as to the vacancy.

Ms. Tyler moved, Mr. Weiss seconded and it was unanimously carried to authorize the Township Manager to accept letters of interest for the Board of Supervisors opening by January 10 with interviews to be conducted on January 17.

DENIAL OF REQUEST FOR DEDICATION OF TROILO TRACT SUBDIVISION

Mr. Truelove stated the Board must act on this tonight because of the timeframe within which the request came in. Mr. Truelove stated Mr. Majewski sent an e-mail to himself and Mr. Fedorchak late this afternoon which has to do with the Troilo Tract called Georgian Court, and is a request for Dedication of Township Plan #565.

Mr. Truelove read the letter from Mr. Majewski as follows:

"We recommend that the request for Dedication by Brookshire Estates, L.P. for the Troilo Tract be denied for the following reasons:

The Boucher and James Status of Dedication #2 report dated December 26, 2017 notes that they recommend curb, sidewalk, paving, and landscaping improvements be rejected, including

the detailed reasons for such nonapproval or rejection as noted in their December 20, 2017 punch list;

The Ebert Engineering letter dated December 24, 2017 requires the submission of signed and sealed As-Built drawings (which have not been received);

The Bucks County Conservation District letter dated December 19, 2017 stated that the NPDES Permit Notice of Termination request is not approved.

The Board of Supervisors shall notify the developer, within 15 days of receipt of the engineer's report (which date was recently noted) in writing by certified or registered mail of their action with relation thereto."

Ms. Tyler moved, Mr. Grenier seconded and it was unanimously carried to deny the Request for Dedication for the reasons set forth in Mr. Majewski's January 2, 2018 memorandum to Mr. Fedorchak as read into the Record.

REMARKS BY STEVE SANTARSIERO

Mr. Steve Santarsiero, 530 S. Ridge Circle, apologized for not being able to arrive earlier tonight but wanted to congratulate the two new Supervisors, Mr. Grenier and Mr. Weiss, and Mr. Lewis on becoming Chairman. He wished Ms. Reiss the best as the County's new Prothonotary. He thanked Mr. Fritchey for his many years of service to the Township. Mr. Santarsiero stated he is sure this will be a great Board.

Ms. Tyler stated when they advertise for the Supervisor vacancy, they should make sure it is an Appointment for a two-year term.

There being no further business, Mr. Weiss moved, Mr. Grenier seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Tyler, Secretary

