

Board of Supervisors

**MINUTES
RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
January 2, 2024
In-person**

Supervisors Present: Raymond Kade, Jim Hopkins, Bill Ryker, Lorna Yearwood and David Long.

Also, Present: Rich Pursell (Township Manager/Public Works Director) and Lisa Gerhart (Secretary/Assistant Zoning Officer).

Mr. Ryker called the re-organization meeting to order at 7 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nominations

Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kade and carried unanimously nominating and electing Mr. Ryker as Temporary Chairman. Mr. Ryker assumed control of the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Ms. Yearwood and carried 4-0 nominating and electing Mr. Ryker as Chairman, with Mr. Ryker abstaining.

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Motion by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Ms. Yearwood and carried 4-0 nominating and electing Mr. Kade as Vice-Chairman, with Mr. Kade abstaining.

Board, Staff and Other Appointments

Motion by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried appointing Mr. Matzura to the appointment of Vacancy Board.

Motion made by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried appointing Mr. Hopkins as PSATS Voting Delegate, with Mr. Hopkins abstaining.

Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried affirming the staff and additional appointments listed in Article 4 minus Emergency Management Coordinator and Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator appointment. These appointments were tabled for a future date.

Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Long volunteered to be Police Department Board Liaisons. Mr. Ryker and Mr. Kade volunteered to be Public Works Board Liaisons. Ms. Yearwood and Mr. Hopkins volunteered to be Administration Department Board Liaisons.

Approved Depositories/News Publications

Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried approving the financial institutions and news publications listed in Article III.

Board/Commission/Committee/Council Appointments

Motion by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried reappointing members as listed in Article IV of the Resolution. Interviews for open Planning Commission vacancy and Environmental Advisory Council vacancy to happen before or after the BOS meeting at the end of the month. There are no new

applications for Historic Commission, which only has one current member. The addition of Palisades Regional Fire & Rescue Advisory Board will be a new committee this year with Mr. Long and Ms. Yearwood as Board Liaisons.

Township Business

Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried approving Article V listing the bond amounts, employee wages and benefits and establishing the meeting times for the Township Boards and Committees and Township office hours. Part-time employees were listed verbally as James Deacon, Wayne Diehl, Dennis Crouse, Gregory Gerhart, Scott Lehr, Kyle King and John Hoferica.

Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried adopting **Resolution 2024-01**, as amended, in its entirety.

Other Business

Appointing Delegates on Bucks County Tax Collection Committee – Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried adopting **Resolution 2024-02** Appointing Delegates on the Bucks County Tax Collection Committee.

Tax Rates for the year 2024 - Motion by Mr. Kade, seconded by Ms. Yearwood and unanimously carried adopting **Resolution 2024-03** establishing the Tax Rates for Springfield Township for the year 2024.

Schedule of Fees and Charges – Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried adopting **Resolution 2024-04** which is the schedule of fees and charges incurred by the Township.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non – Agenda Items

Mr. Anthony Matzura, Route 212, stated the Historic Commission and Community Day Committee are currently not meeting as scheduled. Mr. Bruce Whitesell, Rt 212, advised he has interest in joining the Historic Commission.

Supervisor Comments

Ms. Yearwood stated she is happy to be on the Board and thanked everyone. Ms. Yearwood advised Ms. Holmes from Palisades School District stated Ms. Gerhart, Asst. Zoning Officer and Mr. Pfaff, BCO were pleasant to work with and helpful with the building of their addition on their home.

Mr. Ryker thanked Mr. Matzura and Mr. Nilsen, previous Board Supervisors, for their hard work for the past six years.

Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Long and unanimously carried adjourning the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Gerhart
Secretary