

Board of Supervisors

**MINUTES
RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
January 6, 2025
In-person**

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

Also, Present: Rich Pursell (Township Manager/Public Works Director).

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 Mr. Ryker and carried 4-0 nominating and electing Mr. Kade as Chairperson, with Mr. Kade abstaining.

Mr. Kade assumed control of the meeting.

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

Board, Staff and Other Appointments

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

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

Motion by Mr. Kade, seconded by Mr. Hopkins and unanimously carried affirming the staff and additional appointments listed in Article III.

Mr. Ryker 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. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried reappointing members as listed in Article IV of the Resolution. Planning Commission Board liaison is Mr. Hopkins, Pension Committee Board Liaison is Mr. Long, Environmental Advisory Council Board Liaison is Ms. Yearwood, Agricultural Security Committee Liaison is Ms. Yearwood, Historic Commission Board Liaison is Mr. Ryker, Community Day Board Liaison is Mr. Ryker, Parks and Land Preservation Board Liaison is Mr. Hopkins, Springtown Water Authority

Board Liaisons are Mr. Hopkins and Ms. Yearwood, Palisades Regional Fire & Rescue Advisory Board Liaisons are Ms. Yearwood and Mr. Long.

Township Business

Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Ms. Yearwood, 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 as James Deacon, Wayne Diehl, Dennis Crouse, Gregory Gerhart, Scott Lehr, Kyle King, John Hoferica & Blake Eller.

Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Ms. Yearwood, and unanimously carried adopting **Resolution 2025-01**, as amended, in its entirety.

Other Business

Appointing Delegates on Bucks County Tax Collection Committee – Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Long and unanimously carried adopting **Resolution 2025-02** Appointing Delegates on the Bucks County Tax Collection Committee.

Tax Rates for the year 2025 - Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Ryker and unanimously carried adopting **Resolution 2025-03** establishing the Tax Rates for Springfield Township for the year 2025. Mr. Hopkins mentioned upgrading some of the streetlights to LED and more energy efficient ones.

Correspondence

Public notice from Upper Saucon on Zoning hearing board on Wednesday about a Billboard on Rt 309. No action being taken and noticed appreciated.

Silver Creek Year in Review summary was submitted as correspondence.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non – Agenda Items

None

Supervisor Comments

Mr. Long stated January 16, 2025, at 6 p.m. the Planning Commission will be meeting with Ms. Kinsler who will be educating/presenting on wastewater package plants. The Springtown Water authority, EAC, BOS and Planning Commission were all invited therefore it will be advertised as a special meeting. Mr. Long said he and Ms. Yearwood discussed having another ad hoc committee for financial resources – revenue and savings. He said the goal would be to increase revenue or decrease spending. He said outside eyes may help. Mr. Long advised there is a DCED program that an outside firm comes and evaluates your budget and produces a five-year plan. It costs about \$60,000 with 50/50 match. Mr. Hopkins stated goals to advertise volunteers for the committee would be helpful. Mr. Long stated the Board has not talked about The Comprehensive Plan since it was adopted. Mr. Long said the goals need to be prioritized. The Board discussed having a special meeting to discuss the Comprehensive Plan and that would happen perhaps the end of February.

Ms. Yearwood questioned when we would interview Communication Ad Hoc committee. She wanted to get the committee started before she leaves for her vacation. Ms. Yearwood spoke with Diamond Communications company regarding cell towers. She said they can do studies on deficiency and propagation analysis, for free.

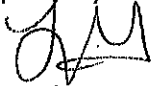
Mr. Kade wants to pursue solar at the Township Building. Mr. Fulmer, the Engineer, is working on a plan. Mr. Kade said he would rather put \$60k towards that than a study.

Mr. Hopkins stated Ms Judith Algeo from BCATO passed away. Palisades STEM club got the award from BCATO. Mr. Hopkins reminded everyone the BCATO Conference is at the end of February. Mr. Hopkins stated about a new sign at the Township Building and the Vo-Tech school can assist as a project.

Executive Session to be held after regarding personnel.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Gerhart
Secretary

