

MINUTES
ROSS TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2018

The above meeting opened at 7:00p.m. with Howard A. Beers, Jr. leading those present with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Supervisor Tina Drake and newly elected Supervisor David Shay were present as was Tim McManus. Mr. Beers noted that the Secretary/Treasurer would take care of the beginning of the meeting to accomplish appointment of a Chairman to begin the 2018 year. Nominations were opened and Supervisor Shay nominated Howard A. Beers, Jr. , the motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried. Chairman Beers sought nominations for Vice Chairman and Supervisor Shay nominated Tina Drake. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried. The next appointment was for Secretary/Treasurer and a motion was made by Supervisor Shay to appoint Doris Price as Temporary Secretary/Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers. A roll call vote was taken on the motion and voting in favor was Supervisor Shay and Chairman Beers. Voting against was Vice Chairman Drake stating she did not understand "temporary". The motion carried. Chairman Beers indicated the next appointment was for Road Foreman. Vice Chairman Drake moved to appoint Ethan Brewer, the motion was seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried. Supervisor Shay moved to appoint Tim McManus as Solicitor for the Supervisory Board with Dan Lyons as the Alternate. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

The following motions were made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried: to appoint Russ Kresge as Township Engineer and Nate Oiler from RKR Hess as alternate: to appoint Sharon Steen as part time Secretary and part time Planning Commission Secretary.

A motion was made by Supervisor Shay to appoint Tracy Herman as codes and zoning officer at \$35.00 per hour with Paul Jarrett as alternate with the same rate. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers. A roll call vote was taken and voting in favor was Chairman Beers and Supervisor Shay. Vice Chairman Drake opposed. The motion carried. Supervisor Shay moved to appoint SFM Consulting as the UCC Inspection Co. and Lehigh Valley Inspection Services. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. David Manter was appointed as Township SEO on a motion by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried.

Supervisor Shay made the following motions which were seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and Carried: to appoint Dan Lyons as Planning Commission Solicitor with Tim McManus as alternate; to appoint James Fareri as Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor with a Rep. of his firm as alternate. These motions carried.

Frank Piraino was appointed to the Vacancy Board on a motion made by Supervisor Shay which motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.

The following motions were made by Vice Chairman Drake: to appoint Chris Doerbacher to the WEPOSC Board and Sharon Steen as an alternate; and to appoint Chairman Beers and resident Linda Marsili to the EIT Committee. These motions were seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried.

Chairman Beers and Roger Christman (Planning Comm. Chair.) were appointed to the CJERP

Committee on a motion made by Supervisor Shay, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

Brian Stankovich will continue to be the Ross Township Emergency Management Coordinator as motioned by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried.

Supervisor Shay moved to appoint David Corrado to the UCC Joint Board of Appeals. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to appoint Kirk, Summa & Co. LLP as the auditor to perform the 2017 audit. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried.

The next two agenda items were moved to the regular meeting as they were not designated as reorganization meeting items.

The next items involved setting wages and Chairman Beers moved to leave them the same until there is sufficient time to review them, insurance costs, etc.. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Shay. Vice Chairman Drake opposed. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to set the monthly meetings for the first Monday of each Month unless the first Monday is a holiday then the meeting will be held the following Monday (the Second Monday) at 7:00 p.m.. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Shay. Chairman Beers voiced opposition. A roll call vote was taken. Voting in favor was Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Shay. Chairman Beers opposed. The motion carried.

Vice Chairman Drake made the following motions which were seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried; PLIGIT and First Northern Bank & Trust are the depositories for Township Funds; the amount of the Treasurer's Bond is \$500,000.00.

Vice Chairman Drake appointed Supervisor Shay to be the Township representative to the State Convention the motion was seconded and carried. Vice Chairman Drake appointed Chairman Beers to the COG and he noted that he is involved in enough. Chairman Beers nominated Supervisor Shay. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. Vice Chairman Drake moved to adopt the mileage compensation to 54.5 cents per mile. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried. Vice Chairman Drake moved to continue with the policy manual in place to determine holidays and benefits, etc.. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Shay to advertise the meeting schedule for 2018. The motion carried.

Chairman Beers noted that he omitted something from the beginning of the agenda and said that it was the salary when the Secretary/Treasurer appointment was discussed. Vice Chairman Drake suggested a percentage increase. Supervisor Shay noted holding off that discussion until health care has been reviewed as is the case with the other wages. He then made that statement a motion. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers. Vice Chairman Drake opposed the motion resulting in a roll call vote showing Chairman Beers and Supervisor Shay in favor and Vice Chairman Drake opposed. The motion carried. Chairman Beers stated the other omission was the salary of the Road Foreman. Supervisor Shay stated hold off as is the case with the other salaries discussed. Chairman Beers moved to increase the Road Foreman's hourly rate by \$1.00 per hour. Vice Chairman

Drake suggested it be held off for review. Chairman Beers stood on his motion. Vice Chairman Drake seconded the motion. Supervisor Shay opposed. A roll call vote was taken resulting in Chairman Beers and Vice Chairman Drake in favor and Supervisor Shay opposed. The motion carried.

The reorganization meeting came to a close and the Board continued to hold the January 2018 Regular Monthly meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary