

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ANNUAL RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING - 1/2/2024

The annual reorganization meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Those in attendance were John Krause, Eric Wolfe, Lynn Brown, Holly Reinford, and Barry Newswanger.

John Krause called the meeting to order starting with the pledge of allegiance. John Krause mentioned the notices regarding disrupting a meeting and the Sunshine Act.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident and Auditor Barry Newswanger inquired about the winter maintenance on state routes. Supervisor Brown stated the first winter storm he and his crew were headed to Erie to look at a truck and turned around to come back and clear the roads. Brown stated he called EMC Nick Miller to help until they returned. Newswanger asked that he be called for any road closures that would affect bus routes. He also inquired about a resolution for an outside auditor. Secretary/Treasurer Reinford stated we will appoint an outside CPA in the February meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR: Upon motion of Supervisor John Krause, seconded by Supervisor Brown, Supervisor Lynn Brown was appointed as temporary Chairman of the Board. Motion carried.

Supervisor Lynn Brown nominated Supervisor John Krause to serve as Chairman of the Board for 2024. Supervisor Krause accepted the nomination. This motion was seconded by Supervisor Brown. Motion carried.

Supervisor Krause nominated Supervisor Eric Wolfe to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Board for 2024. Supervisor Wolfe accepted the nomination. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Brown. Motion carried.

2024 APPOINTMENTS: The following appointments were accepted as follows:

Upon motion made by Chairman Krause appointing the following:

Secretary/Treasurer: Holly Reinford

Road Master: Lynn Brown

Assistant Road Master: Bruce Fehr

Solicitor: Williamson, Friedberg & Jones, LLC

Permit Enforcement Official: Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc.

Sewage Enforcement Official: JB Environmental Services LLC.

Alternate SEO: Wayne Bowen

UCC Building Code Official: Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc.

Driveway Permit Official: Light-Heigel & Associates, Inc.

Vacancy Board Chairman: Heath Machamer

Emergency Management Coordinator: Nick Miller

This motion was seconded by Supervisor Brown. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chairman Krause approving the Township meetings be held the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm, seconded by Supervisor Brown. Motion carried.

Chairman Krause made the motion to accept **Resolution 2024-Three** Depository for Township Funds listing the depositories as First Citizens Community Bank one account for primary general funds and one account for ARPA funds, Fulton Bank savings funds, PLGIT for Liquid Fuels, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion made by Chairman Krause to set the treasurer bond at \$1,000,000.00 (one million), seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion made by Chairman Krause, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wolfe appointing Holly Reinford as Open Records Officer. This motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion made by Chairman Krause, seconded by Supervisor Brown Eric Wolfe was appointed to Assistant Open Records Officer. This motion carried.

Upon motion by Chairman Krause the below were appointed:

UCC Appeals Board Representative: Holly Reinford

UCC Appeals Board Members: Frank Fox (2023-25) and Thomas Hlavaty (2022-2024)

Alternate UCC Appeals Board Members: James Martin, Jr. (2022-2024)

Delegate to the Schuylkill County Tax Collection Committee: Larry Padora

Alternate Delegate to the Schuylkill County Tax Collection Committee: Barry Newswanger

PSATS Voting Delegate for Annual Conference: Holly Reinford

This motion was seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

2024 BENEFITS: Upon motion made by Chairman Krause approving employee benefits as per the employee handbook, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wolfe. Motion carried.

2024 WAGES: Upon motion by Supervisor Brown approving a pay increase to \$23.00 for Assistant Roadmaster Bruce Fehr, seconded by Chairman Krause. This motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion by Chairman Krause approving \$24.00 for Full-Time Roadcrew Colton Wyllie, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wolfe. This motion unanimously carried.

Upon motion by Chairman Krause approving EMC to stay at \$20.00 and approving a 3 percent increase for Holly Reinford, Bruce Fehr, and Colton Wyllie, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wolfe. This motion unanimously carried.

2024 FEES: Upon motion made by Chairman Krause, approving the same fee structures as 2023 with regards to driveway permits and agricultural structures, and accepting the 2024 fee schedules from JB Environmental LLC and Light-Heigel & Associates, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Upon motion made by Chairman Krause to approve 2024 budget as reviewed, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Signing Resolution 2024-One; Millage rates for 2024. Rates did not change from 2023.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township, upon motion of Chairman Krause, seconded by Supervisor Brown, carried by all, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Reinford
Secretary/Treasurer
Washington Township