

**MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC MEETING
REORGANIZATION
JANUARY 3, 2017**

ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Leonhauser called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Oettinger called the roll. All Board members were present along with Township Manager, Ms. Teoli Kuhls and Township Solicitor, Mr. Pizzo

3. Organization of the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Election of Temporary Chairperson

ACTION: MR. GALLAGHER NOMINATED MR. LEONHAUSER AS TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON. MR. OETTINGER SECONDED.

VOTE CALLED FOR MR. LEONHAUSER AS TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

- b) Election of Chairperson

ACTION: MS. STROUSE NOMINATED MR. TOSTI AS CHAIRPERSON, MR. TOSTI SECONDED.

ACTION: MR. OETTINGER NOMINATED MR. GALLAGHER AS CHAIRPERSON, MR. LEONHAUSER SECONDED.

VOTE CALLED FOR MR. TOSTI AS CHAIRPERSON, SECONDED BY MR. TOSTI AND MOTION FAILED BY A VOTE OF 2-3 WITH MR. LEONHAUSER, MR. GALLAGHER AND MR. OETTINGER OPPOSED.

VOTE CALLED FOR MR. GALLAGHER AS CHAIRPERSON, SECONDED BY MR. LEONHAUSER, CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 3-2 WITH MS. STROUSE AND MR. TOSTI OPPOSED.

- c) Election of Vice-Chairperson

ACTION: MR. TOSTI NOMINATED MS. STROUSE AS VICE-CHAIRPERSON, MS. STROUSE SECONDED.

ACTION: MR. LEONHAUSER NOMINATED MR. OETTINGER AS VICE-CHAIRPERSON, MR. GALLAGHER SECONDED.

ACTION: VOTE CALLED FOR MS. STROUSE AS VICE-CHAIRPERSON, MS. STROUSE SECONDED AND MOTION FAILED BY A VOTE OF 2-3 WITH MR. LEONHAUSER, MR. GALLAGHER AND MR. OETTINGER OPPOSED.

ACTION: VOTE CALLED FOR MR. OETTINGER AS VICE-CHAIRPERSON, MR. GALLAGHER SECONDED, CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 3-2 WITH MS. STROUSE AND MR. TOSTI OPPOSED.

d) Election of Secretary

ACTION: MR. TOSTI NOMINATED MS. STROUSE AS SECRETARY, MS. STROUSE SECONDED.

ACTION: MR. OETTINGER NOMINATED MR. LEONHAUSER AS SECRETARY, MR. GALLAGHER SECONDED.

ACTION: VOTE CALLED FOR MS. STROUSE AS SECRETARY, MS. STROUSE SECONDED, MOTION FAILED BY A VOTE OF 2-3 WITH MR. LEONHAUSER, MR. GALLAGHER AND MR. OETTINGER OPPOSED.

ACTION: VOTE CALLED FOR MR. LEONHAUSER AS SECRETARY, MR. GALLAGHER SECONDED, CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 3-2 WITH MS. STROUSE AND MR. TOSTI OPPOSED.

4. Consideration of appointing a Township Solicitor

ACTION: MR. OETTINGER MOVED TO APPOINT JOSEPH PIZZO, ESQ. AS TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR. MR. LEONHAUSER SECONDED.

Ms. Strouse asked for an explanation of Mr. Pizzo's proposed rate increase. Mr. Pizzo provided an explanation. Ms. Strouse and Mr. Tosti expressed concern over impact to budget.

MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 3-2 WITH MS. STROUSE AND MR. TOSTI OPPOSED.

5. Consideration of appointing a Township Labor Attorney

ACTION: MR. OETTINGER MOVED TO APPOINT TRACY P. HUNT, ESQ. AS TOWNSHIP LABOR ATTORNEY. MR. LEONHAUSER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

6. Consideration of appointing a Township Engineer

ACTION: MR. OETTINGER MOVED TO APPOINT TRI-STATES ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS AS TOWNSHIP ENGINEER. MR. LEONHAUSER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

Ms. Strouse noted that no increase was requested.

7. Consideration of appointing a Traffic Engineer

ACTION: MR. OETTINGER MOVED TO APPOINT CARROLL ENGINEERING AS TOWNSHIP TRAFFIC ENGINEER. MR. LEONHAUSER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 3-2 WITH MS. STROUSE AND MR. TOSTI OPPOSED.

8. Consideration of appointing a Conflict and Special Projects Engineer

ACTION: MR. OETTINGER MOVED TO APPOINT HEATH DUMACK OF DUMACK ENGINEERING AS THE TOWNSHIP SPECIAL PROJECTS ENGINEER. MR. LEONHAUSER SECONDED.

Ms. Strouse and Mr. Tosti expressed concern over the rate increase.

MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 3-2 WITH MS. STROUSE AND MR. TOSTI OPPOSED.

ACTION: MR. GALLAGHER MOVED TO INFORM THE ZONING HEARING BOARD THAT SOLICITOR FEES WILL BE LIMITED @\$170/HOUR TO BE COMPARABLE TO TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR. MR. LEONHAUSER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

9. Consideration of appointing the Township Manager to the positions of Treasurer and Assistant Secretary and Chief Administrative Officer to Pensions

ACTION: MR. GALLAGHER MOVED TO APPOINT THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO THE POSITIONS OF TREASURER AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO PENSIONS. MR. LEONHAUSER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

10. Consideration of appointing the Finance Director as Assistant Treasurer

ACTION: MR. GALLAGHER MOVED TO APPOINT THE FINANCE DIRECTOR AS ASSISTANT TREASURER. MR. LEONHAUSER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

11. Consideration of establishing and authorizing advertisement of 2017 public meetings of the Board of Supervisors

ACTION: MR. GALLAGHER MOVED TO ESTABLISH AND AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF 2017 PUBLIC MEETINGS FO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS FOLLOWS:

- Tuesday, January 17, 2017
- Monday, February 6, 2017
- Tuesday, February 21, 2017
- Monday, March 6, 2017
- Monday, March 20, 2017
- Monday, April 3, 2017
- Monday, April 17, 2017
- Monday, May 1, 2017
- Monday, June 5, 2017
- Monday, July 17, 2017
- Monday, August 21, 2017
- Monday, September 18, 2017
- Monday, October 2, 2017
- Monday, November 20, 2017
- Monday, December 11, 2017
- Monday, December 18, 2017

MR. TOSTI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

- 12. Consideration of establishing bond limits in the amount of \$1.5 Million for Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Township Manager for the faithful performance of the duties of said offices

ACTION: MR. GALLAGHER MOVED TO ESTABLISH BOND LIMITS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.5 MILLION FOR TREASURER, ASSISTANT TREASURER, AND TOWNSHIP MANAGER FOR THE FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF THE DUTIES OF SAID OFFICES. MR. LEONHAUSER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

- 13. Consideration of appointing a Chairperson to the Vacancy Board for 2017

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO APPOINT ROBERTA LANEY AS CHAIRPERSON TO THE VACANCY BOARD FOR 2017. MS. STROUSE SECONDED.

ACTION: MR. LEONHAUSER MOVED TO APPOINT PAT MALLON AS CHAIRPERSON TO THE VACANCY BOARD FOR 2017. MR. GALLAGHER SECONDED.

ACTION: VOTE CALLED TO APPOINT ROBERTA LANEY AS CHAIRPERSON TO THE VACANCY BOARD FOR 2017. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION FAILED BY A VOTE OF 2-3 WITH MR. LEONHAUSER, MR. GALLAGHER AND MR. OETTINGER OPPOSED.

ACTION: VOTE CALLED TO APPOINT PAT MALLON AS CHAIRPERSON TO THE VACANCY BOARD FOR 2017. MR. GALLAGHER SECONDED, CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 3-2 WITH MS. STROUSE AND MR. TOSTI OPPOSED.

- 14. Consideration of making appointments to Township Boards and Commissions

ACTION: MR. LEONHAUSER MOVED TO REAPPOINT MICHELLE A. KEISER, CHARLES KEISER AND BARBARA SAUERS TO THE COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE FOR A THREE YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2019. MR. GALLAGHER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

ACTION: MR. LEONHAUSER MOVED TO APPOINT STEVEN GEGNER TO THE DISABLED PERSONS ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TWO YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2018; RE-APPOINT JOHN CHAUMP, MARIA MILLER AND LESTER PENNY TO A TWO YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2018. MR. TOSTI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO APPOINT PAM LYNCH TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR A THREE YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2019. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION FAILED BY A VOTE OF 2-3 WITH MR. LEONHAUSER, MR. GALLAGHER AND MR. OETTINGER OPPOSED.

ACTION: MR. LEONHAUSER MOVED TO REAPPOINT DONNA FIEDLER TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR A THREE YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2019. MR. OETTINGER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 3-2 WITH MS. STROUSE AND MR. TOSTI OPPOSED.

ACTION: MR. LEONHAUSER MOVED TO REAPPOINT MICHAEL MARIAKIS AND RYAN EVANS TO THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2020. MR. GALLAGHER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 3-2 WITH MS. STROUSE AND MR. TOSTI OPPOSED.

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO APPOINT WILLIAM APPLETON TO THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2020. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION FAILED BY A VOTE OF 2-3 WITH MR. LEONHAUSER, MR. GALLAGHER AND MR. OETTINGER OPPOSED.

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO REAPPOINT KRISTINE PIAZZA-BELSER AND APPOINT HELENE RATNER TO THE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD FOR A THREE YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2019. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION FAILED BY A VOTE OF 2-3 WITH MR. LEONHAUSER, MR. GALLAGHER AND MR. OETTINGER OPPOSED.

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO REAPPOINT KRISTINE PIAZZA-BELSER TO THE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD FOR A THREE YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2019. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO APPOINT HELENE RATNER TO THE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD FOR A THREE YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2019. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION FAILED BY A VOTE OF 2-3 WITH MR. LEONHAUSER, MR. GALLAGHER AND MR. OETTINGER OPPOSED.

ACTION: MR. LEONHAUSER MOVED TO REAPPOINT DORI BOWER TO THE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD FOR A THREE YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE

DECEMBER 31, 2019. MR. GALLAGHER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 3-2 WITH MS. STROUSE AND MR. TOSTI OPPOSED.

ACTION: MR. LEONHAUSER MOVED TO REAPPOINT ROBERT BURNETT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND APPOINT BRIJESH PATEL TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2020. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO APPOINT GENE KELLIS TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2021. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION FAILED BY A VOTE OF 2-3 WITH MR. LEONHAUSER, MR. GALLAGHER AND MR. OETTINGER OPPOSED.

ACTION: MR. LEONHAUSER MOVED TO REAPPOINT MICHAEL MCCANN TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2021. MR. GALLAGHER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 3-2 WITH MS. STROUSE AND MR. TOSTI OPPOSED.

15. Other Business and Announcements

Mr. Tosti – advise residents of pick- up of Christmas trees – Wednesday of each week.
Mr. Leonhauser congratulated Mr. Gallagher on his appointment as Chairperson
Mr. Pizzo wished everyone a Happy New Year!
Mr. Gallagher asked Helene Ratner if she would like to serve on the Disabled Persons Advisory Board.

16. Next Board of Supervisors Meeting – Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

17. Public Comment on non-agenda items

Helene Ratner, Langhorne – will continue to volunteer on the Parks & Recreation Board even though she was not appointed as a member.

18. Adjournment

ACTION: MR. GALLAGHER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT 8:10 P.M. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.