

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC MEETING
REORGANIZATION
JANUARY 6, 2020

ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING

1. Swearing in of Township Supervisor Anna Payne – Honorable Brian T. McGuffin
2. Swearing in of Township Supervisor Dawn Quirple – Honorable Brian T. McGuffin
3. Swearing in of Township Auditor Hannah Stackawitz – Honorable Brian T. McGuffin

Judge Brian T. McGuffin administer the oaths of office for all three newly elected officials.

4. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Tosti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Tosti called for a moment of silence in honor of longtime resident, Congressman Michael Fitzpatrick who passed away.

5. Roll Call

Ms. Strouse called roll. All Supervisors were in attendance along with Township Manager Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, Solicitor James Esposito, Engineer Isaac Kessler, department directors and interested citizens.

6. Consideration of accepting the resignation of Anna Payne from the Board of Auditors

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF ANNA PAYNE FROM THE BOARD OF AUDITORS. MR. KSIAZEK SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0-1 WITH MS. PAYNE ABSTAINING.

7. Consideration of appointing Jennifer Wilytyer to the position of Township Auditor

Mr. Esposito advised that Ms. Wilytyer will be serving as auditor until the next Municipal Election.

ACTION: MS. PAYNE MOVED TO APPOINT JENNIFER WILITYER TO THE POSITION OF TOWNSHIP AUDITOR. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

8. Swearing in of Jennifer Wilityer – Honorable Brian T. McGuffin
Judge Brian T. McGuffin administered the oath of office to newly appointed auditor Jennifer Wilityer.

9. Reorganization of the Board of Supervisors:

- Election of Chairperson

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO APPOINT MR. KSIAZEK AS CHAIRPERSON. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

- Election of Vice-Chairperson

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO APPOINT MS. STROUSE AS VICE CHAIRPERSON. MS. PAYNE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

- Election of Secretary

ACTION: MS. STROUSE MOVED TO APPOINT MR. TOSTI AS SECRETARY. MS. QUIRPLE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

10. Consideration of appointing Curtin & Heefner as Township Solicitor

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO APPOINT CURTIN & HEEFNER AS TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

11. Consideration of appointing David Trulove of Hill Wallack as the Labor Solicitor

ACTION: MS. STROUSE MOVED TO APPOINT DAVID TRULOVE OF HILL WALLACK AS THE LABOR SOLICITOR. MS. QUIRPLE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

12. Consideration of appointing Paul Lang of Parlow & Lang as Township Conflict Attorney

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO APPOINT PAUL LANG OF PARLOW & LANG AS TOWNSHIP CONFLICT ATTORNEY. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

13. Consideration of appointing Remington & Vernick Engineers as Township Engineer

ACTION: MS. STROUSE MOVED TO APPOINT REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS AS TOWNSHIP ENGINEER. MR. TOSTI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

14. Consideration of appointing Phil Wursta of Traffic Planning & Design as Township Traffic Engineer

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO APPOINT PHIL WURSTA OF TRAFFIC PLANNING & DESIGN AS TOWNSHIP TRAFFIC ENGINEER. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

15. Consideration of authorizing Township Manager's Employment Agreement

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

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

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

17. Consideration of appointing the Finance Director as Assistant Treasurer

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

18. Consideration of establishing and authorizing advertisement of 2020 public meetings of the Board of Supervisors

ACTION: MS. STROUSE MOVED TO ESTABLISH AND AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF 2020 PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MS. PAYNE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

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

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

20. Consideration of appointing a Chairperson to the Vacancy Board for 2020

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO APPOINT ADAM KOVITZ AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE VACANCY BOARD FOR 2020. MS. PAYNE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

21. Consideration of making appointments to Township Boards and Commissions

ACTION: MS. STROUSE MOVED TO APPOINT DONNA FIEDLER TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2022. MR. TOSTI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

ACTION: MS. STROUSE MOVED TO APPOINT GEORGE DRANGINIS AND NAVIN SHARMAN TO THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2023. MR. TOSTI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO APPOINT DORI BOWER AND KRISTINE PIAZZA-BELSER TO THE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2022. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO APPOINT BARRY HARRISON AND JOHN POND TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2023. MR. KSIAZEK SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

ACTION: MS. STROUSE MOVED TO APPOINT ROBERTA LANEY TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2024. MR. TOSTI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

ACTION: MS. STROUSE MOVED TO APPOINT JEFF MCCARD AND SALLY MILLER TO THE CITIZENS TRAFFIC COMMISSION FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2022. MS. QUIRPLE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

22. Consideration of authorizing the payment of January 6, 2020 Bill List in the amount of \$1,466,580.62

MR. TOSTI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF THE JANUARY 6, 2020 BILLS LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,466,580.62. MR. KSIAZEK SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

23. Consideration of approving the Minutes of the December 16, 2019 Public Meeting of the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors

ACTION: MS. STROUSE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2019 PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MR. TOSTI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4-0-1 WITH MS. PAYNE ABSTAINING.

24. Consideration of approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Middletown Township and the Police Benevolent Association.

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO APPROVE A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP AND THE POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

Mr. Tosti congratulated Ms. Teoli Kuhls, Judy Reece and Nick Valla for a job well done. He also credited the PBA negotiating team.

25. Consideration of approving a one-year extension to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Middletown Township and Teamsters Union Local 107.

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO APPROVE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP AND TEAMSTERS UNION LOCAL 107. MS. STROUSE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

Mr. Tosti thanked the staff and teamsters.

26. Consideration of enacting Resolution #20-01R entering into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement and authorizing participation in the Delaware Valley Health Trust.

ACTION: MS. STROUSE MOVED TO ENACT RESOLUTION #20-01R ENTERING INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE DELAWARE VALLEY HEALTH TRUST. MR. TOSTI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.

27. Other Business and Announcements

Ms. Teoli Kuhls, Mr. Kessler and Mr. Esposito thanked the Board for their reappointments.

Ms. Payne expressed her gratitude to the community for the opportunity to be a member of the Board of Supervisors and promised to lead with empathy and compassion.

Ms. Quirple thanked everyone who was with her on the journey to become a member of the Board of Supervisors. She will do her best for the community.

Mr. Tosti congratulated and welcomed the newly elected Supervisors and auditors.

Ms. Strouse also congratulated the newly elected Supervisors and auditors while noting the Township's first female majority on the Board. Ms. Strouse congratulated Mr. Ksiazek on becoming Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Ksiazek welcomed and congratulated the newly elected Supervisors and auditors.

28. Next Board of Supervisors Meeting –Tuesday, January 21, 2020 @7:00 p.m.

29. Public Comment on non-agenda items

30. Adjournment

ACTION: MR. TOSTI MOVED TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT 7:32 P.M. MS. PAYNE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 5-0.