

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC MEETING
REORGANIZATION
JANUARY 4, 2021

ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ksiazek at 7:00 p.m., after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Tosti called roll, all Supervisors were in attendance (virtually) along with the Township Manager Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, Solicitor James Esposito, Engineer Isaac Kessler and department directors.

3. Organization of the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Election of Chairperson

Action: Mr. Ksiazek nominated Mr. Tosti as Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Payne. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Tosti thanked Mr. Ksiazek for his leadership this past year. It has been a very trying year and the way Mr. Ksiazek was able to handle the Township and residents during the pandemic was outstanding.

- b) Election of Vice-Chairperson

Action: Ms. Quirple nominated Ms. Payne as Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Ms. Strouse. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

- c) Election of Secretary

Action: Mr. Ksiazek nominated Ms. Quirple as Secretary, seconded by Mr. Tosti. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

4. Consideration of appointing Curtin & Heefner as Township Solicitor

Action: Mr. Ksiazek moved to appoint Curtin & Heefner as Township Solicitor, seconded by Ms. Quirple. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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

Action: Ms. Quirple moved to appoint Paul Lang of Parlow & Lang as Township Conflict Attorney, seconded by Ms. Strouse. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

6. Consideration of appointing David Trulove of Hill Wallack as Labor Attorney

Action: Mr. Ksiazek moved to appoint David Trulove of Hill Wallack as Labor Attorney, seconded by Ms. Strouse. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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

Action: Ms. Strouse moved to appoint Remington & Vernick Engineers as Township Engineer, seconded by Ms. Payne. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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

Action: Ms. Quirple moved to appoint Phil Wursta of Traffic Planning & Design as Township Traffic Engineer, seconded by Mr. Ksiazek. 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: Ms. Strouse moved to appoint the Township Manager to the positions of Treasurer and Assistant Secretary and Chief Administrative Officer to Pensions, seconded by Ms. Payne. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

10. Consideration of appointing the Finance Director as Assistant Treasurer

Action: Mr. Ksiazek moved to appoint the Finance Director as Assistant Treasurer, seconded by Mr. Tosti. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

11. Consideration of establishing and authorizing advertisement of 2021 public meetings of the Board of Supervisors

Action: Ms. Quirple moved to establish and authorize advertisement of 2021 public meetings of the Board of Supervisors, seconded by Ms. Payne. 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: Ms. Strouse 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, seconded by Ms. Quirple. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

13. Consideration of appointing a Chairperson to the Vacancy Board for 2021

Action: Mr. Tosti moved to appoint Blake Weaver as Chairperson to the Vacancy Board for 2021, seconded by Mr. Ksiazek. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

14. Consideration of making appointments to Township Boards and Commissions

Action: Ms. Strouse moved to appoint Matthew Tharakan to the Citizens Traffic Commission for a 3-year term to expire December 31, 2023; seconded by Ms. Quirple. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Action: Mr. Ksiazek moved to appoint Gerry Bender and John Loupszanski to the Environmental Advisory Council for a 3-year term to expire December 31, 2023; seconded by Ms. Payne. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Action: Mr. Ksiazek moved to reappoint Michael Mariakis and Michael Jones to the Financial Advisory Commission for a 4-year term to expire December 31, 2024; seconded by Ms. Strouse. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Action: Ms. Quirple moved to reappoint Helene Ratner and Deborah Marchesani to the Parks & Recreation Board of a 3-year term to expire December 31, 2023; seconded by Ms. Payne. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Action: Ms. Strouse moved to reappoint Joseph Antonelli to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term to expire December 31, 2024; seconded by Ms. Payne. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Action: Mr. Tosti moved to appoint Kevin Strouse to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term to expire December 31, 2024; seconded by Ms. Quirple. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0-1 with Ms. Strouse abstaining.

Action: Ms. Quirple moved to reappoint Ernie Peacock to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 5-year term to expire December 31, 2025; seconded by Mr. Tosti. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

15. Consideration of approving the Minutes of the December 7, 2020 Public Meeting of the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors.

Action: Ms. Quirple moved to approve the Minutes of the December 7, 2020 Public Meeting of the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors, seconded by Ms. Payne. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

16. Consideration of enacting Ordinance #21-01 Early Retirement Incentive Program

Action: Ms. Quirple moved to enact Ordinance #21-01 Early Retirement Incentive Program, seconded by Ms. Strouse. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

17. Consideration of enacting Resolution #21-01R Banking Services

Action: Mr. Ksiazek moved to enact Resolution #21-01R Banking Services, seconded by Mr. Tosti. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

18. Public Comment

None

19. Next Board of Supervisors Meeting – *Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.*

20. Other Business

Mr. Kessler thanked the Board for reappointing him as Township Engineer and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Esposito advised that an Executive Session was held prior to this evening's meeting to discuss real estate and litigation matters.

Action: Mr. Tosti moved to approve the reduction in the letter of credit, site improvement escrow for the Market Place Oxford Valley, 2339 E. Lincoln Highway, Langhorne, S/LD #16-11 at in the amount of \$183,118.2 leaving a balance of \$1,000; seconded by Ms. Strouse. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Esposito thanked the Board for reappointment and is looking forward to 2021 and saying goodbye to 2020. Mr. Esposito wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls thanked Mr. Ksiazek for his leadership over the past year. It has been a tough year and we had a good leader at the helm. Ms. Teoli Kuhls is looking forward to working with Mr. Tosti and the rest of the Board in 2021 and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Ms. Payne wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked Mr. Ksiazek for his leadership.

Ms. Strouse told Mr. Ksiazek that 2020 was not the year that he thought it would be as chairperson. She said that he was not only able to survive, but also thrive during this tough year. Ms. Strouse thanked Ms. Teoli Kuhls and staff for getting us through this incredibly intense year. She said that she is proud to be able to serve in Middletown Township. Ms. Strouse is looking forward to working with Mr. Tosti.

Ms. Quirple said this was not the year she expected as her first year on the Board, but Mr. Ksiazek's leadership was amazing and he did a great job along with Ms. Teoli Kuhls and staff. Ms. Quirple is excited about 2021 and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Ksiazek thanked everyone for all of the kind words and as Ms. Strouse said credit needs to be given to Ms. Teoli Kuhls and staff. He said that one of the nice things about being chairperson is working intimately with the staff. As difficult as it has been he has

never been prouder to be a Middletown Supervisor. It has been an honor and privilege to work with Ms. Teoli Kuhls and staff. Mr. Ksiazek thanked the Board for working together. He wished Mr. Tosti, Ms. Payne and Ms. Quirple luck in their new positions. He also thanked the volunteers on Township the Boards and Commissions.

Mr. Tosti also thanked the members of the Boards and Commissions. Hopefully 2021 will be a better year.

Mr. Tosti advised that Christmas trees will be picked up every Wednesday in January.

21. Adjournment

Action: Mr. Ksiazek moved to adjourn the public meeting of the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors at 7:29 p.m., seconded by Ms. Strouse. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.