



**UPPER PROVIDENCE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

ATTENDANCE:

Board of Supervisors: John Pearson, Chairman; Albert Vagnozzi, Vice Chairman; Philip Barker, Supervisor; Helene Calci, Supervisor; and Laurie Higgins, Supervisor.

Staff Present: Timothy J. Tieperman, Township Manager; Bryan Bortnichak, Assistant Township Manager; and Mark A. Toomey, Chief of Police.

Consultants Present: Eric Frey, Township Solicitor; William Dingman, Township Engineer; and Geoff Grace, Planning Consultant.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Pearson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

The Honorable Steven C. Tolliver, Sr., Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas Judge swore in Supervisors-elect: Helene Calci, Laurie Higgins, and John Pearson.

The Honorable Steven C. Tolliver, Sr., Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas Judge swore in Tax Collector, Julie Mullin.

BOARD ORGANIZATION:

1. Election of Chairman.

Ms. Higgins nominated John Pearson as Chairman. Mr. Vagnozzi motioned, seconded by Ms. Calci, to close the nominations. The motion passed 4-1, Mr. Barker dissenting.

2. Election of Vice Chairman.

Ms. Higgins motioned, seconded by Ms. Calci, to nominate Al Vagnozzi as Vice Chairman. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Mr. Pearson moved citizen comments to the business part of the meeting.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. Pearson read Agenda Items #3-15 along with the names of the individuals to be

appointed.

3. Appointment of Township Secretary

Timothy J. Tieperman was appointed as Township Secretary.

4. Appointment of Township Building Code Official

Bryan Bortnichak was appointed as Township Building Code Official.

5. Appointment of Township Treasurer

Richard D. Livergood was appointed as Township Treasurer.

6. Appointment of Township Solicitor

Joseph E. Bresnan, Esq., Dischell Bartle Dooley Law Offices was appointed as Township Solicitor.

7. Appointment of Municipal Authority Solicitor

Joseph E. Bresnan, Esq., Dischell Bartle Dooley Law Offices was appointed as Municipal Authority Solicitor.

8. Appointment of Township Labor Counsel

Ryan J. Cassidy, Esq., Eckert Seamans was appointed as Township Labor Counsel.

9. Appointment of Bond Counsel

Earnest “Bucky” R. Closser, Esq., Curtin & Heefner LLP was appointed as Bond Counsel.

10. Appointment of Township Engineer

William K. Dingman, P.E., Gilmore & Associates, Inc. was appointed as Township Engineer.

11. Appointment of Municipal Authority Engineer

William K. Dingman, P.E., Gilmore & Associates, Inc. was appointed as Municipal Authority Engineer.

12. Appointment of Township Traffic Engineer

Kenneth D. O’Brien, P.E., McMahon Associates, Inc. was appointed as Township Traffic

Engineer.

13. Appointment of Township Zoning Officer and Director of Planning and Zoning.

Geoffrey Grace, Grace Planning Associates was appointed as Township Zoning Officer and Director of Planning and Zoning.

14. Appointment of Township Technology Consultant

Michael Cowan, Premier Technology Consultants was appointed as Township Technology Consultant.

15. Appointment of Township Lighting Consultant

Ron Smith, Suburban Lighting was appointed as Township Lighting Consultant.

Mr. Vagnozzi, seconded by Ms. Calci, motioned to make the appointments outlined by Mr. Pearson for Agenda Items #3-15. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

NON-COMPENSATORY APPOINTMENTS:

16. Appointment of Vacancy Board Chairman – 1 Year Term

James White was appointed as Vacancy Board Chairman.

Mr. Vagnozzi, seconded by Ms. Calci, motioned to appoint James White as Vacancy Board Chairman for a 1 year term. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

17. Appointment of Planning Commission Member – 4 Year Term

Ms. Higgins motioned, seconded by Ms. Calci to appoint Sarah Glenn as a Planning Commission Member for a four year term.

Mr. Barker mentioned applicants in the past have submitted a resume.

The motion passed 4-1. Mr. Barker dissented.

18. Appointment of Planning Commission Member – 4 Year Term

Ms. Higgins motioned, seconded by Ms. Calci to appoint Tom Wright as a Planning Commission Member for a four year term. The motion passed 4-1. Mr. Barker dissented due to the Board not seeing the appointment's resume.

19. Appointment of Municipal Authority Member – 5 Year Term

Mr. Vagnozzi motioned, seconded by Ms. Calci, to appoint Dennis Hydrick as a

Municipal Authority Member for a five year term. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS:

20. Consider action to set 2018 rate of compensation for Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor.

Mr. Vagnozzi motioned, seconded by Ms. Calci, to set the rate of compensation for the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor at \$150/hr. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

21. Consider action to establish 2018 Regular Meeting Schedule.

Mr. Vagnozzi motioned, seconded by Ms. Calci, to establish the 2018 meeting schedule for the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Board and the Municipal Authority. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

22. Consider action to establish 2018 Holiday Schedule.

Mr. Vagnozzi motioned, seconded by Ms. Higgins, to establish the 2018 Holiday Schedule. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

23. Consider authorizing reimbursement of Medicare supplemental insurance premium expenses in lieu of paying health care premiums for Supervisors and their spouses pursuant to §606 of the Second Class Township Code.

Mr. Vagnozzi motioned, seconded by Ms. Calci, to authorize reimbursement of Medicare supplemental insurance premiums pursuant to Section §606 of the Second Class Township Code. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

24. Consider approving an Employment Agreement with Timothy J. Tieperman to serve at the pleasure of the Supervisors as Township Manager through January 2, 2020.

Tabled.

RESOLUTIONS:

25. Consider adoption of Resolution 2018-1 appointing Zoning Hearing Board Member – 5 Year Term.

Mr. Vagnozzi motioned, seconded by Ms. Higgins, to adopt Resolution 2018-1 appointing Terrence McKenna to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 5-year term. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

26. Consider adoption of Resolution 2018-2 affirming the Township Fee Schedule.

Mr. Vagnozzi motioned, seconded by Ms. Calci and Ms. Higgins, to adopt Resolution 2018-2 affirming the Township Fee Schedule. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

27. Consider adoption of Resolution 2018-3 setting the 2018 bonds for the Township Manager and Finance Department.

Mr. Vagnozzi motioned, seconded by Ms. Calci, to Resolution 2018-3 setting the 2018 bonds for the Township Manager and Finance Department. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

28. Consider adoption of Resolution 2018-4 approving depositories for Upper Providence Township funds during 2018.

Mr. Vagnozzi motioned, seconded by Ms. Calci, to adopt Resolution 2018-4 approving depositories for Upper Providence Township funds in 2018. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

29. Consider adoption of Resolution 2018-5 approving appointment of professional auditor to perform an audit of the 2017 financial records of Upper Providence Township.

Mr. Vagnozzi motioned, seconded by Ms. Calci, to adopt Resolution 2018-5 approving depositories for Upper Providence Township funds in 2018. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS:

30. Board of Auditors Organization Meeting – January 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at UPT Police Department Training Room

Mr. Pearson announced the Board of Auditors Organization Meeting being held January 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the UPT Police Department Training Room.

ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Pearson thanked Mr. Vagnozzi making this easy for him.

Arthur Lebofsky (408 Peters Way) questioned what the fee scheduled was and where it would be published. Mr. Bortnichak explained the current version is on the website and the updated version will be posted tomorrow.

Mr. Pearson thanked Mr. Tieperman and Mr. Bortnichak and staff for bringing the Board up to date with issues in Upper Providence. He thanked the Board's significant others and everyone who supported them throughout the campaign. He thanked all of the residents for coming this evening. He said that there will be a change in the meeting format and supplemental Agenda information will be posted to the website. By doing all of initiatives, he wishes to get a better sense of community.

Mr. Pearson then read a short story named, "One at a Time."

Mr. Pearson closed the Organizational Meeting to adjourn to the Regular Meeting.

Mr. Vagnozzi motioned, seconded by Ms. Higgins, to close the Organization Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Tieperman", written in a cursive style.

Tieperman, Township Manager/Secretary