

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MINUTES – JANUARY 6, 2020

The Organizational meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on January 6, 2020. Mr. Grenier called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. and called the Roll.

Mr. Grenier announced that former Congressman Michael Fitzpatrick recently passed away. He reviewed Mr. Fitzpatrick's background and experience. A moment of silence was held in honor of Congressman Fitzpatrick.

Those present:

Board of Supervisors: Frederic K. Weiss, Chair
 Daniel Grenier, Vice Chair
 James McCartney, Secretary
 Suzanne Blundi, Treasurer
 John B. Lewis, Supervisor

Others: Kurt Ferguson, Township Manager
 David Truelove, Township Solicitor
 Kenneth Coluzzi, Chief of Police

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment at this time.

SWEARING IN OF SUPERVISORS

Judge Gilman was present and swore in Ms. Suzanne S. Blundi and Mr. James McCartney as Supervisors.

SWEARING IN OF AUDITOR

Judge Gilman swore in Mr. Keith DosSantos as Auditor.

ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR 2020

Chair Pro-tem, David Truelove, reported that the Board met in Executive Session beginning at 6:45 p.m. and items related to litigation and informational items were discussed.

Mr. Truelove called for nominations for Chair of the Board of Supervisors for 2020.

Mr. Grenier moved, Mr. Lewis seconded and it was unanimously carried to elect Dr. Weiss as Chair of the Board of Supervisors for 2020.

REMARKS BY THE NEW CHAIR

Dr. Weiss thanked the members of the Board and stated he will do his best to insure that the Agendas are appropriate and that they move forward as they have for the last few years. He stated they have a lot of good work to continue. He stated they have been able to “re-right the financial situation of the Township,” and he feels in the next year or so we will be seeing positive changes. He stated there are development and road issues in the next year as well as fluoridated water issues. He stated he is confident that he and his colleagues will make sure that everything is taken care of to the best of their abilities.

ELECTION OF OTHER OFFICERS

Dr. Weiss asked for a Motion to consider the selection of a Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors for 2020.

Ms. Blundi moved, Mr. Lewis seconded and it was unanimously carried to elect Mr. Grenier as Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors for 2020.

Dr. Weiss asked for a Motion to consider the selection of a Secretary of the Board of Supervisors for 2020.

Mr. Grenier moved, Ms. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to elect Mr. McCartney as Secretary of the Board of Supervisors for 2020.

Dr. Weiss asked for a Motion to consider the selection of a Treasurer of the Board of Supervisors for 2020.

Mr. Grenier moved, Mr. McCartney seconded and it was unanimously carried to elect Ms. Blundi as Treasurer of the Board of Supervisors for 2020.

Dr. Weiss asked for a Motion to consider the selection of an Assistant Secretary/Treasurer for 2020 adding this is usually granted to the Township Manager.

Mr. McCartney moved, Ms. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to elect the Township Manager as the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer for 2020.

APPOINT CHAIR OF THE VACANCY BOARD

Dr. Weiss asked for a Motion to consider the appointment of the Chair of the Vacancy Board.

Mr. Grenier moved, Mr. Lewis seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Adrian Costello as the Chair of the Vacancy Board.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Appointment of Traffic Engineer

Mr. Grenier moved, Ms. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Safe Engineering as the Traffic engineer.

Appointment of Auditor

Mr. Grenier moved, Ms. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Maillie LLC as Auditor.

Appointment of Other Professional Services other than Township Solicitor on an Interim Basis in 2020

Mr. Grenier moved, Ms. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint all other professional services excluding the Township solicitor on an interim basis for 2020.

Appointment of Solicitor

Mr. Grenier moved, Ms. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Hill Wallack LLP as the Township solicitor for 2020.

APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF PENNSYLVANIA TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS TO BE HELD MAY 3 – 6, 2020 AT THE HERSHEY LODGE

Dr. Weiss stated it is the tradition to have the newly-elected Supervisor represent the Township as a voting Delegate, and Mr. McCartney agreed to the appointment. Ms. Blundi stated she would be glad to be the Alternate if Mr. McCartney is unable to attend.

It was agreed that Mr. McCartney would be the Delegate and Ms. Blundi would be the Alternate.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUPERVISOR LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2020

Dr. Weiss announced the following Supervisor Liaison assignments for 2020:

- Mr. Grenier: Sewer Authority/Sewer Sub-Committee, Veterans Committee, Special Events, Electric Reliability Committee
- Mr. Lewis: Zoning Hearing Board, Farmland Preservation, Historical Architectural Review Board, Disability Advisory Board, Sewer Sub-Committee
- Ms. Blundi: Financial Advisory Council, Economic Development Council, Citizens Traffic Commission, Board of Auditors, BOCA Board of Appeals
- Mr. McCartney: Park and Recreation Board, Trenton-Mercer Airport Review Board, Golf Committee, Agricultural Security Board
- Dr. Weiss: Planning Commission, Environmental Advisory Board, Seniors Group, Historical Commission, Electronic Media Advisory Council

ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF THE TREASURER’S BOND AT \$2,000,000

Mr. Grenier moved and Ms. Blundi seconded to establish the amount of the Treasurer’s Bond at \$2,000,000.

Dr. Weiss asked Mr. Ferguson to discuss why they are doing this. Mr. Ferguson stated this is protection for the Township and is mandated by the State requiring insuring elected officials who sign checks, handle money, etc. He stated this is relevant to both the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer.

Motion carried unanimously.

ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF THE ASSISTANT TREASURER’S BOND AT \$2,000,000

Mr. Grenier moved, Ms. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to establish the amount of the Assistant Treasurer’s Bond at \$2,000,000.

APPROVE DEDICATION OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE OAKMONT (MOON NURSERIES) DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Truelove stated Mr. Pockl, Ms. Kirk, and Mr. Majewski have reviewed all of the information carefully to insure that the Township is protected.

Mr. Grenier moved, Ms. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve Dedication of the public improvements for the Oakmont (Moon Nurseries) Development.

DISCUSSION OF COUNSEL REGARDING OPIOID LAWSUIT

Dr. Weiss stated the Board opted out of the Class Action a few months ago; and the Township solicitor has come up with some options which the Board is still vetting. He stated they will make a decision at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Truelove stated Lower Makefield and other Municipalities in the area decided to opt out of the Nationwide class action because of the impact that opioids have had disproportionately in other areas of the Country. He stated this is a way to get some measure of getting some recognition for the damage opioids have caused.

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He stated there are special firms that participate in this type of litigation, and they are looking into which firm would be best for the Township; and hopefully next week they will be able to make a recommendation to the Board.

There being no further business, Mr. Grenier moved, Ms. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

James McCartney, Secretary