



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Organizational Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 04, 2021

The Organizational Meeting took place via an Authorized Telecommunication Device (GoToWebinar). Supervisors present included Jim Oram, Marc Heppe, Betsy Fadem, Michael Wacey and Beth D'Antonio. Also attending were Eugene Briggs (Interim Township Manager and Zoning Officer), Dave Obzud (Chief of Police), Don Curley (Director of Public Works), Bill DeFeo (Finance Director), Sharon Norris (Administrative Assistant to the Township Manager), and Andrew Rau (Township Solicitor).

- 1. Call to Order** – Chairman Oram called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
 - Mr. Heppe led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - Mr. Oram announced that this meeting is being recorded and made brief remarks regarding the past year.

- 2. Introduction of New Full-time Officers** - Chief Obzud introduced and the Board welcomed the following officers: Kevin Thompson, Charles (CJ) Burdsall, Anthony Stabilo, and Hannah Thomas. All of these new-to-full-time officers have been former part-time Easttown officers.

- 3. Election of Board of Supervisors Chair and Vice-Chair for 2021**
 - A.** Chair, Board of Supervisors – Mr. Oram called for nominations. Mrs. Fadem nominated Mr. Heppe. The motion was seconded by Mr. Oram. The Board discussed the rotation process for these positions. Mr. Oram called for public comment. There was no public comment. Mr. Oram called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Oram turned the meeting over to Mr. Heppe.
 - B.** Vice-Chair, Board of Supervisors – Mr. Heppe called for a nomination for Vice Chair. Mr. Wacey nominated Mrs. Fadem for Vice Chair. Mr. Oram seconded the nomination for Mrs. Fadem. Mrs. D'Antonio nominated Mr. Wacey. The nomination was not seconded. Mr. Heppe called for public comment. There was none. Mr. Heppe called for the vote. The motion to appoint Mrs. Fadem as Vice Chair passed unanimously.

Mr. Heppe thanked Mr. Oram for his service as Chair this past year. He acknowledged that the past year has been a trying time and thanked the staff for their ability to adapt to the COVID restrictions and the public for their patience in dealing with these restrictions. Mrs. Fadem presented Mr. Oram with the 2020 "Go To" Award for his leadership this past year. The Board thanked Mr. Oram for his time as Chair.

- 4. Appointments** – Mr. Heppe called for a consent agenda approach for the Appointments section and the majority of the Board was agreeable. This allowed for the appointments to be considered in groups rather than individually. Mrs. Fadem noted that the vacant positions in the Authorities, Boards and Commissions (ABCs) specifically, the Historical Commission, Parks and Recreation Board and the newly created Environmental Advisory Council, will not be appointed at this meeting and will be appointed by the end of January/first week of February.

Mrs. Fadem made a motion to appoint the individuals noted in agenda items A-E. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wacey.

- A.** Eugene C. Briggs, Jr., Interim Township Manager, Interim Secretary, Interim Treasurer, and Interim Open Records Officer (Dan Fox currently on medical-related leave); Assistant Township Manager, Zoning Officer
- B.** David J. Obzud, Chief of Police
- C.** Don Curley, Municipal Authority Administrator
- D.** William DeFeo, III, Assistant Treasurer
- E.** Sharon Norris, Assistant Township Secretary

Mr. Heppe called for public comment. There was no public comment. Mr. Heppe called for the vote. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Heppe called for a motion for Agenda Items F-K and AA and BB. Mrs. Fadem made a motion to appoint the consultants noted in Agenda Items F-K and AA and BB. Mr. Oram seconded the motion. The Board members discussed the reappointments of the consultants and the Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Heppe called for public comment. There was no public comment. Mr. Heppe called for a vote. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. D'Antonio voting nay.

- F.** Andrew D. H. Rau, Unruh Turner Burk Frees, Township Solicitor
- G.** Bryan Kulakowsky, The ARRO Group, Township Engineer
- H.** Lisa L. Thomas, Glackin Thomas Panzak, Planner/Landscape Architect
- I.** Christopher J. Williams, McMahon Associates, Transportation Engineer
- J.** Rob McLarnon, Keystone Municipal Services, Building Inspector and Building Code Official
- K.** Susanna Smith, Keystone Municipal Services, Interim Assistant Zoning Officer
- AA.** Rob Schnorr, Emergency Management Coordinator
- BB.** Kristin S. Camp, Buckley Brion, Planning Commission and Municipal Authority Solicitor

Mr. Heppe called for a motion for Agenda Items L-V. Mr. Oram made a motion to reappoint the volunteers noted in Agenda Items L-V. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Fadem.

- L.** Kristan Burgess, Easttown Citizens' Advisory Committee, term expiring December 31, 2022* (*this was revised to December 31, 2023 at the January 19, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting).
- M.** Bill Friedrich, Historical Commission, term expiring December 31, 2023

- N. Kathleen Weiss, Historical Commission, term expiring December 31, 2023
- O. Dennis P. Leeper, Library Board of Trustees, term expiring December 31, 2023
- P. Katie W. Wylonis, Library Board of Trustees, term expiring December 31, 2023
- Q. A. John May III, Municipal Authority term expiring December 31, 2025
- R. Kim A Reynolds, Municipal Authority term expiring December 31, 2025
- S. Ted Babiy, Parks and Recreation Board, term expiring December 31, 2025
- T. Cathy Stead, Parks and Recreation Board, term expiring December 31, 2025
- U. Stacey Ballard, Parks and Recreation Board, term expiring December 31, 2025
- V. Paul J. Salvaggio, Planning Commission, term expiring December 31, 2024

As the Board began the discussion, Mrs. D'Antonio experienced connectivity difficulties and disconnected from the meeting. Mr. Rau also had connectivity issues and was disconnected from the meeting. The Board continued the discussion. Due to the technical difficulties, the Board took a five (5) minute recess.

The Board reconvened at 7:47 PM. Mrs. D'Antonio spoke with Mr. Briggs via telephone noting there seemed to be a Township-wide Verizon issue going on. It was noted that several attendees' screens were offline. Mr. Rau confirmed that his Verizon connection was also down when he re-joined the meeting via telephone.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM and it was announced that the meeting would be continued to Thursday, January 07, 2021, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Norris
Administrative Assistant to the Township Manager