

January 4, 2010

The Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of South Strabane Township took place on this date at 7:00 P.M. in the Mae C. Reynolds Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, 550 Washington Road, Washington, PA 15301-9622.

Present for the meeting were: Mr. Thomas Moore, Mr. Edward Mazur, Mr. Robert Koman, Mr. Robert Hollick and Mr. Daniel Piatt, Supervisors; Mr. Thomas Lonich, Solicitor and Mr. John J. Stickle, Manager.

A Visitor's List is on file. There were approximately nine (9) persons in the audience.

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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None.

SWEARING-IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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Mr. Moore introduced Judge Debbie O'Dell Seneca who was present. Ms. O'Dell Seneca proceeded to swear-in newly elected Supervisors Robert Koman and Daniel Piatt and Auditor Carol Ann Nichol. Mr. Moore thanked Ms. O'Dell Seneca for attending and performing the swearing-in duties.

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Mr. Moore asked for a nomination for Temporary Chairman. Mr. Koman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mazur, to appoint Mr. Piatt as Temporary Chairman. Motion carried.

Mr. Piatt then asked for nominations for Chairman for 2010. Mr. Koman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Piatt, to appoint Mr. Hollick as Chairman. Mr. Piatt then asked for any other nominations. Mr. Mazur made a motion to appoint Mr. Moore. There were no seconds to Mr. Mazur's motion.

Mr. Koman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Piatt, that the nominations for Chairman be closed. Motion carried with Mr. Mazur and Mr. Moore voting no.

Mr. Piatt then called for a vote on the appointment of Mr. Hollick as Chairman. Motion carried with Mr. Mazur and Mr. Moore voting no.

Mr. Hollick then assumed the position of Chairman. Mr. Hollick asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman for 2010. Mr. Koman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Piatt, to appoint Mr. Mazur as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Hollick asked for any other nominations. Mr. Hollick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, to appoint Mr. Piatt as Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Koman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Piatt, that the nominations for Vice-Chairman be closed. Motion carried.

Mr. Hollick then called for a vote on the appointment of Mr. Mazur as Vice-Chairman. Motion carried.

Mr. Koman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Piatt, to appoint Mr. Stickle as Chief Administrative Officer of the South Strabane Employees Pension Plan. Motion carried with Mr. Mazur voting no.

Mr. Piatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Koman, to appoint Mr. Stickle as Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried with Mr. Mazur voting no.

Mr. Piatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Koman, to appoint Mr. Mazur as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried.

Mr. Koman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Piatt, to appoint Mr. Lonich as Solicitor. Motion carried.

Mr. Piatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mazur, to appoint Widmer Engineering as Township Engineer. Motion carried.

Mr. Piatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Koman, to appoint Gateway Engineering as Alternate Engineer. Motion carried.

Mr. Koman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mazur, to appoint Centax as Earned Income Tax Collector. Motion carried.

Mr. Koman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, to appoint Centax as Mercantile Tax Collector. Motion carried.

Mr. Koman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, to appoint Centax as Local Services Tax Collector. Motion carried.

Mr. Piatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Koman, to appoint Ms. Laura Keisling as Per Capita Tax Collector. Motion carried.

Mr. Piatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Koman, to appoint Ms. Debbie Bardella as Real Estate Transfer Tax Collector. Motion carried.

Mr. Piatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, to appoint Centax as Delinquent Tax Collector for Earned Income Tax, Mercantile Tax and Local Services Tax. Motion carried.

Mr. Piatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Koman, to appoint Mr. Stickle as Zoning Officer. Motion carried with Mr. Mazur voting no.

Mr. Koman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Piatt to appoint Mr. James Barnes as Assistant Zoning Officer. Motion carried with Mr. Mazur voting no.

Mr. Koman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mazur, to set the Treasurer's Bond Limit at \$200,000. Motion carried.

Mr. Koman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Piatt, to appoint Russell Grego as Road Master. Motion carried.

Mr. Koman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Piatt, to appoint Mr. Donald Zofchak as Police Chief. Motion carried.

Mr. Koman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Piatt, to appoint Mr. Barnes as Public Safety Director. Motion carried.

Mr. Koman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mazur, to appoint Mr. Scott Reese as Fire Chief. Motion carried.

Mr. Koman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Piatt, to appoint Ms. Kym Seccret as Animal Control Officer. Motion carried.

Mr. Piatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Koman, to set the Supervisor's meeting date and time for the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. Discussion took place regarding the proposal to change the meeting time from 7 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. Mr. Hollick then called for a vote on Mr. Piatt's motion and it carried.

Mr. Koman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mazur, to certify Mr. Hollick, Mr. Mazur, Mr. Koman, Mr. Moore, Mr. Piatt, Mr. Stickle and Mr. Grego as PSATS Convention Delegates. Motion carried.

Mr. Mazur made a motion, seconded by Mr. Piatt, to appoint Mr. Koman as Voting Delegate to the PSATS Convention. Motion carried.

Mr. Koman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Piatt, to appoint Mr. Mazur as Alternate Voting Delegate to the PSATS Convention. Motion carried.

Mr. Koman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Piatt, to appoint Huntington Bank as Depository of Funds. Motion carried.

Mr. Piatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, to appoint Mr. Koman as Washington County Sewage Council Representative. Motion carried.

Mr. Piatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Koman, to appoint Mr. Hollick as Washington County Sewage Council Alternate Representative. Motion carried.

Mr. Piatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Koman, to reappoint Mr. Joseph Trifaro to the Sanitary Authority for a five (5) year term. Motion carried.

Mr. Piatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Koman, to reappoint Mr. Scott Leckie to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three (3) year term. Motion carried with Mr. Mazur and Mr. Moore voting no.

Mr. Piatt noted that there is still a vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board for an Alternate Member. Mr. Piatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Koman, to authorize continuing to accept letters of interest from residents for the Alternate Member vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion carried.

Mr. Mazur made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, to appoint Ms. Paula Phillis to the Planning Commission for a five (5) year term. Discussion took place regarding Mr. Mazur's motion. Mr. Koman noted that Kerrin McIlvaine's term is up at the end of 2009, and that she is up for reappointment. Mr. Moore explained that he is in favor of accepting letters of interest for all appointments when a term is up, and if the person whose term is up wishes to, they can submit a letter of interest along with any other interested residents.

Mr. Mazur agreed with Mr. Moore that when terms are up on Boards and Commissions, that letters of interest should be accepted for consideration, in order to give all interested residents an opportunity to be considered.

After further discussion, Mr. Hollick asked for a vote on Mr. Mazur's motion to appoint Ms. Phillis to a five (5) year term on the Planning Commission. Motion carried with Mr. Hollick and Mr. Piatt voting no.

Mr. Koman noted that Mr. Dan Svidro's term is up on the Park-Recreation Council and that he is not interested in being reconsidered for reappointment. Mr. Mazur then made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, to appoint Ms. Penny Steggles to a three (3) year term on the Park-Recreation Council. Mr. Moore noted that Ms. Steggles has attended several Park-Recreation Council meetings showing her interest to serve on the Council. After further discussion, Mr. Hollick asked for a vote on Mr. Mazur's motion to appoint Ms. Steggles to the Park-Recreation Council for a three (3) year term. Motion carried with Mr. Hollick and Mr. Piatt voting no.

Mr. Mazur made a motion, seconded by Mr. Piatt, to reappoint Mr. Robert Giacometti to the Park-Recreation Council for a five (5) year term. Motion carried.

Mr. Mazur made a motion, seconded by Mr. Piatt, to reappoint Mr. Gerald Angelo to the Park-Recreation Council for a four (4) year term. Motion carried with Mr. Hollick and Mr. Koman voting no.

Mr. Piatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mazur, to reappoint Mr. William Walsh to the Building Code Appeals Board for a three (3) year term. Motion carried.

Mr. Koman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hollick, to appoint Mr. Thomas Flickinger to the Vacancy Board for a one (1) year term. Motion did not carry with Mr. Mazur, Mr. Moore and Mr. Piatt voting no.

Mr. Mazur made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, to reappoint Mr. Donald Trautman to the Vacancy Board for a one (1) year term. Motion carried with Mr. Piatt voting no.

Mr. Mazur made a motion, seconded by Mr. Piatt, to reappoint Mr. Frank Conte as Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor. Motion carried with Mr. Koman voting no.

Mr. Hollick reported that Mr. Lewis Green's term is up as Township representative on the Citizens Library Board but that he is not interested in being reconsidered for reappointment. After some discussion, Mr. Piatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mazur, to authorize accepting letters of interest from residents for the Township representative on the Citizens Library Board. Motion carried with Mr. Koman voting no.

Mr. Piatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Koman, to reappoint all current Township employees (see attached list). Motion carried.

Mr. Piatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mazur, to reappoint Mr. Scott Heckman as Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF
RESOLUTION 1-10:

Next on the agenda was adoption of Resolution 1-10 setting the Manager's salary for 2010. Mr. Piatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Koman, to adopt Resolution 1-10 setting the Manager's salary for 2010. Motion carried with Mr. Mazur voting no.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Piatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mazur and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M.

Submitted by,

John J. Stickle
Manager

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