

The organizational meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members of the Board of Supervisors present were:

- Larry Weinstein
- Barry Moore
- Eileen Silver
- Dr. Kimberly Rose
- Frank O'Donnell

Others present were:

- Robert M. Pellegrino, Township Manager

Chairman Weinstein led the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence in support of our troops and emergency service responders.

Election of Board Chairman for 2017

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-O'Donnell) to elect Barry Moore as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for 2017. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

Chairman Moore thanked Mr. Weinstein for his leadership as Chairman in 2016. Chairman Moore highlighted all of the accomplishments in 2016 and projects scheduled for 2017 and is looking forward to this year as Chairman, completing existing projects, starting new ones, and planning for new undertakings.

Election of Board Vice-Chairman for 2017:

A motion was made and seconded (Rose-Weinstein) to elect Eileen Silver as Vice-Chairman for 2017. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

Election of Board Secretary for 2016:

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-Rose) to elect Frank O'Donnell as Board Secretary for 2017. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

Election of Board Treasurer for 2016:

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-Weinstein) to elect Dr. Kimberly Rose as Board Treasurer for 2017. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Mrs. Silver thanked the Board for moving forward and keeping with George Komelasky's vision.

Board Liaison Appointments:

Chairman Moore made the following Board liaison appointments and assignments:

Frank O'Donnell, Secretary

- Public Works and Facilities
 - Public Works Services
 - Public Facilities
- Free Library of Northampton
- Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority

Eileen Silver, Vice-Chairman

- Parks and Recreation
 - Park Facilities
 - Parks and Recreation Programs
- PSATS Voting Delegate
- Veterans Advisory Commission
- Blighted Property Review Committee

Dr. Kimberly Rose, Treasurer

- James E. Kinney Senior Center
- SWBSWAC Representative
- Historical Commission

2. Larry Weinstein, Member

- Community Development and Planning
 - Building Code Board of Appeals
 - Code Enforcement
 - Planning Commission
 - Planning and Zoning Administration
 - Zoning Hearing Board
- Council Rock School District

Barry Moore, Chairman

- Financial Affairs
 - Administration
 - Finance

- Personnel
- Pension Committee
- Insurance
- Public Safety
 - Police Protection Services
 - Fire Protection Services
 - Emergency Medical Services
 - Emergency Management

Resolutions and Motions:

1. Resolution R-17-1 Setting Bond Limits

A motion was made and seconded (Rose-O'Donnell) to adopt Resolution R-17-1 fixing the bond amounts for Township Officers for the 2017 calendar year at \$1,000,000 for the Treasurer, \$1,000,000 for the Township Manager, and \$3,000,000 for the Finance Director.

Motion Passed 5-0.

2. Resolution R-17-2 Approving the Real Estate Tax Levy for 2017

A motion was made and seconded (Rose-Silver) to adopt Resolution R-17-2 establishing the real estate tax millage for the 2017 calendar year as follows: General Fund 3.9845 mils, Debt Service Fund 4.303 mils, Fire Protection Fund 1.05 mils, Rescue Squad Fund .125 mils, Park & Recreation Fund 1.50 mils, Library Fund 1.6 mils, and Road Equipment Capital Fund .365 mils, for a total of 12.9275 mils. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

3. Board of Supervisors Meeting Schedule for 2017

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-Weinstein) to set the Board of Supervisor meeting dates for 2016 as follows: January 25, February 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27, October 9 (Budget Presentation) - 6:00 p.m., October 25, November 8 (Budget Workshop) - 6:00 p.m., November 15, December 20, and January 2, 2018 (Board Reorganization).

The Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. prior to each regular meeting to review the agenda and the televised meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

4. Set 2017 Holiday Schedule for Non-Union Employees

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-Weinstein) to approve the 2017 holiday schedule for non-union employees as follows: January 1-New Year's Day, January 16-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, February 20-President's Day, April 14-Good Friday, May 29-Memorial Day, July 4-

Independence Day, September 4-Labor Day, November 23-Thanksgiving Day, November 24-Day after Thanksgiving Day, December 26-Christmas Eve,(Christmas Eve lands on a Sunday) December 25-Christmas Day, and December 29-New Year's Eve (New Years Eve lands on Sunday). The Township Administration building will be closed starting Monday, December 25, 2017 through Monday, January 1, 2018, and reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2018. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

5. Establishment of the Mileage Reimbursement Rate

A motion was made and seconded (O'Donnell-Rose) to approve the 2017 mileage reimbursement rate at the rate established by the Internal Revenue Service. **Motion passed 5-0.**

6. Designation of Financial Institutions as Official Depositories for Township Funds

A motion was made and seconded (O'Donnell-Weinstein) to appoint TD Bank as the Official Depository for township funds in 2017 and designate any banking or financial institution in the township meeting the criteria outlined in Section 708 of the Second-Class Township Code as authorized depositories for investment of idle funds. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

7. Re-Affirming Appointment of Brokers of Record

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-Silver) to re-affirm the Delaware Valley Trusts as carriers for General Liability, Workers Compensation and Employee Health Insurance, and The Hartford Group as carriers of Life and Long Term Disability Insurance for the year 2017 or until they are replaced. **Motion passed 5-0.**

8. Resolution R-17-3 Adopting a Fee Schedule for 2017

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-O'Donnell) to approve Resolution R-17-3 adopting the fee schedule for 2017. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

9. Investment Policy Statement for 2017

A motion was made and seconded (Rose-Weinstein) to re-affirm the investment policy statement adopted by the Board on January 21, 2010 for 2017 that guides the investment of employee pension funds. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

Appointment of Professional Consultants:

1. Appointment of Township Solicitor

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-Silver) to appoint Rudolph, Clark LLC with Joseph Pizzo as special counsel as Township Solicitor for 2017, on a month to month basis. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

2. Appointment of Township Engineer

A motion was made and seconded (O'Donnell-Silver) to appoint Gilmore and Associates as the Township Engineer for 2017 on a month to month basis. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

3. Appointment of Township Planner

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-O'Donnell) to appoint Pennoni Associates with Craig Bryson assigned as the Township Planner for 2017 on a month to month basis. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

4. Appointment of Video Consultant

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-Weinstein) to appoint Video Gold Productions as Video Consultant to serve for 2017 on a month to month basis. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

5. Appointment of Labor Attorney

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-Silver) to appoint Neil Morris, Esq. of Offit/Kurman as Township Labor Attorney on a month to month basis.

Dr. Rose stated a concern that Mr. Morris does not use his time wisely, which impacts the cost of his service and his billing is excessive. **Motion Passed 4-1 (Dr. Rose voting nay).**

6. Appointment of Traffic Engineer

A motion was made and seconded (O'Donnell-Weinstein) to appoint McMahon Associates as Township Traffic Engineer with Joe Desantis assigned on a month to month basis. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

Board and Commission Appointments:

1. Appointment of Vacancy Chairman

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-O'Donnell) to appoint David Breidinger as Chairman of the Vacancy Board for 2017. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

2. Appointment to Blighted Property Committee

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-Weinstein) to appoint Richard Smith to the Blighted Property Committee to fill an expired term through 12/31/2017. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

Chairman Moore appointed Thomas Orrino to the Blighted Property Committee to fill an expired term through 12/31/2017.

3. Appointment to Building Code Board of Appeals

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-Silver) to appoint Robert Rosser to the Building Code Board of Appeals to fill an expired term through 12/31/2021. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

4. Appointment to Historical Commission

A motion was made and seconded (Rose-Silver) to appoint Nancy Kershaw to the Historical Commission to fill expired terms through 12/31/2021. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

A motion was made and seconded (Rose-O'Donnell) to appoint Marge Weiner to the Historical Commission to fill expired terms through 12/31/2021. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

5. Appointment to the Library Board

A motion was made and seconded (O'Donnell-Weinstein) to appoint Russell "Chip" Heim to the Library Board to fill an expired term through 12/31/2019. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

A motion was made and seconded (O'Donnell-Silver) to appoint Anthony Pontarelli to the Library Board to fill an expired term through 12/31/2019. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

6. Appointment to the Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority

A motion was made and seconded (O'Donnell-Weinstein) to appoint Charles Rehm to the Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority to fill an expired term through 12/31/2021. **Motion Passed 4-1 (Dr. Rose voting nay).** Dr. Rose stated Mr. McLaughlin is an excellent candidate for this position.

7. Appointments to Parks and Recreation Board

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-Weinstein) to delay the appointments to the Parks and Recreation Board to a future date and the two applicants that are up for reappointment and currently serving will continue to serve on month to month basis.

Chairman Moore called for Board comment.

Mrs. Silver stated we had many qualified applicants and would like to have more time to look at the applications more closely.

Chairman Moore clarified with Mr. Pellegrino a motion is not needed to delay the appointments but for the record Steve Bryer and Laura Canfield will continue to serve until further action is taken by the Board of Supervisors.

Dr. Rose would like to see the vote move forward tonight. Mr. Moore stated the consensus of the Board is to delay the appointments.

8. Appointment to the Planning Commission

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-O'Donnell) to appoint Pat McGuigan to the Planning Commission to fill an expired term through 12/31/2020. **Motion Passed 3-2 (Dr. Rose and Mr. Moore voting nay).** Dr. Rose stated Gail Foley has done an excellent job and should be reappointed.

9. Appointment to the Veterans Advisory Commission

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-Weinstein) to appoint Kristen Reilly to the Veterans Advisory Commission to fill an expired term through 12/31/2019. **Motion Passed 4-0-1 (with Mr. O'Donnell abstaining on Veteran Advisory Commission appointments since his son applied he did not stay for any of the interview process).**

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-Weinstein) to appoint Tim O'Donnell to the Veterans Advisory Commission to fill an expired term through 12/31/2019. **Motion Passed 3-1-1 (Dr. Rose voting nay and Mr. O'Donnell abstaining on Veteran Advisory Commission appointments since his son applied he did not stay for any of the interview process).** Dr. Rose stated she feels Mr. Jasionis should have been appointed and by appointing Mr. Tim O'Donnell she believes it is a form of nepotism.

10. Appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board

A motion was made and seconded (O'Donnell-Weinstein) to appoint John Fenningham to the Zoning Hearing Board to fill an expired term through 12/31/2019. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

There being no further business, Chairman Moore adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank O'Donnell, Secretary