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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

January 2, 2018

The reorganization meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Nether Providence, duly advertised and posted in accordance with law, was called to order at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086.

PRESENT: Commissioner McKenzie-Fiumara
Commissioner Garson
Commissioner Baker
Commissioner Knapp
Commissioner O'Connor
Commissioner Sullivan
Commissioner Dougherty
Gary J. Cummings, Township Manager
Dave Grady, Assistant Township Manager
David Splain, Chief of Police
Lisa Swan, Finance Director

PUBLIC: Approximately 30 in attendance

Mr. Sullivan asked the children present to come forward and they led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INSTALLATION OF COMMISSIONERS

District Justice Debbie Krull administered the oath of office to newly elected 2nd Ward Commissioner Matthew Garson accompanied by his wife and daughter followed by applause.

District Justice Debbie Krull administered the oath of office to newly elected 4th Ward Commissioner Kaitlin McKenzie-Fiumara accompanied by her children followed by applause.

Common Pleas Court Judge Chad Kenney spoke on the dedication of local officials. He then administered the oath of office to 6th Ward Commissioner Robert E. O'Connor noting this was his sixth term as Commissioner. Mr. O'Connor thanked Judge Kenney, those in the audience, his family residents of the 6th ward and the newly elected commissioners.

INSTALLATION OF TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURE

Judge Debbie Krull administered the oath of office to newly elected Tax Collector Kris Laubscher to applause.

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ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Knapp nominated Mr. Sullivan as President of the Board. Mr. Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 7 to 0.

Mr. Sullivan moved to appoint Mr. Knapp as Vice Present of the Board. Mr. Garson seconded the motion which passed 7 to 0.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Sullivan congratulated Mr. Garson and Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara on being newly elected to the Board and congratulated Robert O'Connor on his re-election to the Board. He stated the past Board worked well together and he looked forward to continuing in that manner.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS

MOTION AND VOTE TO APPOINT TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Mr. Sullivan moved to appoint Robert Scott as the Township Solicitor. Mr. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

MOTION AND VOTE TO APPOINT SPECIAL COUNSEL ON EMPLOYMENT AND CONFLICTS

Mr. Sullivan moved to appoint the firm of Montgomery-McKracken as special conflicts counsel. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

MOTION AND VOTE TO APPOINT TOWNSHIP ENGINEERS

Mr. Sullivan moved to reappoint Charles Catania Engineering as Township Engineer. Mr. Baker seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Mr. Sullivan moved to appoint T & M Engineering as Conflicts Engineer. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

MOTION AND VOTE TO APPOINT VACANCY BOARD CHAIR

Mr. Sullivan moved to appoint Frank Noyes as vacancy board chair. Mr. Garson seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES OF BOARD

Mr. Sullivan moved to appoint Mr. Dougherty as Building and Zoning Chair. Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara seconded the motion which passed 7 to 0.

Mr. Sullivan noted Mr. Baker has done an excellent job with the Summer Recreation program and Family Fun Day and moved to reappoint him as Community Enhancement Chair. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion which passed 7 to 0.

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Mr. Sullivan noted former Finance Chair Bob Kenworthy was in the audience and did a great job. He then moved to appoint Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara as Finance and Budget Chair. Mr. Garson seconded the motion which passed 7 to 0.

Mr. Sullivan moved to appoint Mr. Knapp as Public Safety Committee Chair. Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Mr. Dougherty moved to appoint Mr. Sullivan as Infrastructure Committee Chair. Mr O'Connor seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Mr. Sullivan moved to appoint Mr. Garson as Parks and Open Space Committee Chair. Ms. McKenzie-Fiumara seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Mr. Sullivan moved to appoint Mr. O'Connor as Public Works Committee Chair. Mr. Baker seconded the motion which passed 7-0. Matt noted that Public Works Director Darryl Dixon does a great job.

VACANCIES ON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEES

Mr. Sullivan stated appointments to the various Township Boards and Commissions will be considered at our first meeting on January 11 and members will continue to serve until appointments are made. However as there is a CDCA meeting next week prior to the Commissioners meeting, he moved to appoint Christine Reuther as CDCA Representative. Mr. Sullivan noted she served as CDCA Representative in the past and kept the Board up to date. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Sullivan noted the Commissioner's meeting dates will be changed to the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month instead of the 1st and 2nd Thursdays of the month, but noted an exception being this Thursday, January 4, where we have a scheduled public hearing to receive comments on what project Community Development projects to submit for 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the reorganization meeting was adjourned.