

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

January 2, 2024

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, 2024, in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room. Township Municipal Building, 214 Sykes Lane, Wallingford PA 19086.

PRESENT: Commissioner Cooper
Commissioner Garson
Commissioner Henry
Commissioner McKenzie
Commissioner Barnes
Commissioner O'Connor
Commissioner Carbone

Dave Grady, Township Manager
Police Chief David Splain
Township Engineer Charles Catania
Solicitor Robert Scott

Magisterial Judge Elizabeth Gallard was present to swear in Max Cooper to the office of 1st Ward Commissioner.

Commissioner McKenzie read a note into record from Commissioner Elect, James Mason to Township Manager Dave Grady stating, "I do not wish to fulfill the duties of Commissioner for Nether Providence Ward 3. Please remove me the post and allow Nether Providence Democrats to appoint someone to be a member."

Judge Gallard administered the oath of office to 5th Ward Commissioner, Shaina Barnes.

Judge Gallard administered the oath of office to 7th Ward Commissioner, Candance Carbone.

Commissioner McKenzie made a motion to appoint Beth Henry as the 3rd Ward Commissioner; Mr. Garson seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Judge Gallard swore in Beth Henry to the office of 3rd Ward Commissioner.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Garson nominated Ms. McKenzie as President of the Board, Mr. Cooper seconded, and the motion passed 6-0. Ms. McKenzie abstained.

Ms. McKenzie nominated Mr. Garson as Vice President of the Board, Mr. Cooper seconded, and the motion passed 6-0. Mr. Garson abstained.

Ms. McKenzie then presided over the meeting. She covered a number of highlights from 2023 and for upcoming projects in 2024.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES OF BOARD

Ms. McKenzie moved to reappoint:

- Township Solicitor Robert Scott
- Alternate Solicitor Rudolph Clark
- Special Council on Labor & Personnel Matters Montgomery, McCracken, Walker and Rhoads, LLC.,
- Township Engineer Catania Engineering
- Alternate Township Engineer Alternate Engineer T&M Engineering
- Building Code Official Linn Architects
- Zoning Officer Maureen Feyas
- Code Enforcement Officer Richard Haywood
- Township Manager Dave Grady
- Vacancy Board Chair Maureen Reily
- Township Fire Marshal Jack Gresch
- Emergency Management Coordinator Patrick O'Rourke

Commissioner Garson seconded the motion, the motion carried 7-0. Commissioner McKenzie stated these are the professional services and appointments that we had last year and have worked out very well. She is excited to have a great staff moving forward.

ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARDS COMMITTEES

Mr. McKenzie moved to appoint:

- Commissioner Cooper – Government Relations
- Commissioner Carbone – Building and Zoning
- Commissioner McKenzie - Finance Administration
- Commissioner Barnes – Community Health and Environment
- Commissioner Garson – Public Safety
- Commissioner O'Connor – Infrastructure and Public Works
- Commissioner Henry – Parks and Open Space

Commissioner Garson seconded the motion, the motion carried 7-0.

VACANCIES ON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEES

Ms. McKenzie mentioned there are a few vacancies to be filled. There are openings on the EAC and Parks Committees. Ms. McKenzie asked her fellow commissioners to pass this along to their wards to see if there is any interest from the community.

Ms. McKenzie noted the Commissioner meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. The next workshop meeting is on January 11th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further reorganization, the meeting was adjourned.