
MINUTES

January 3, 2022 Reorganizational Meeting

Board of Commissioners

Township of Whitehall

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. The Reorganizational Meeting of the Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, January 3, 2022, via Webex with the following in attendance:

COMMISSIONERS

Philip J. Ginder
Joseph J. Marx, Jr.
Jeffrey J. Warren
Charles G. Fisher
Randy Atiyeh
Thomas Slonaker
Andy Roman

TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL

Michael P. Harakal, Jr., Mayor
John D. Meyers, Deputy Mayor
Jack Gross, Attorney
Frank Clark, Keystone Engineering
Larissa L. Bruder, Executive Sec.
Tina J. Koren, Treasurer

The meeting was formally opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence.

B. OATH OF OFFICE - NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Commissioners Joseph J. MARX Jr., Andy ROMAN, Thomas SLONAKER and Treasurer Tina J. KOREN were sworn in by Notary Public Larissa BRUDER prior to the meeting.

C. REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1. Mayor HARAKAL requested a motion for nomination for President of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner WARREN moved to nominate Commissioner SLONAKER.

Seven Commissioners were present with three voting “yes” and three voting “no” (GINDER, MARX & ROMAN) and one abstention (SLONAKER). Motion denied.

Commissioner GINDER moved to nominate Commissioner MARX.

Seven Commissioners were present with six voting “yes” and one voting “no” (WARREN). Motion carried.

President MARX presided over the remainder of the meeting.

2. President MARX requested a motion for nominations for Vice President of the Board of Commissioners.

President MARX moved to nominate Commissioner GINDER.

Seven Commissioners were present with seven voting “yes”. Motion carried.

3. President MARX requested nominations for Secretary of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner GINDER moved to nominate Commissioner SLONAKER.

Seven Commissioners were present and six voted “yes” and one abstention. Motion carried.

D. ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

1. Commissioner ATIYEH moved, seconded by Commissioner WARREN to approve the reappointment of the firm of Gross McGinley, primarily John F. Gross, Esq. as Township Solicitor, at a rate of \$155.00 per hour and \$130.00 per hour for associates and \$95.00 for paralegals.

Seven Commissioners were present and voted “yes”. Motion carried.

2. Commissioner FISHER moved, seconded by Commissioner WARREN to approve the reappointment of KEYSTONE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. as the Township Engineer firm, at rates per their 2022 Professional Fee Schedule.

Seven Commissioners were present and voted “yes”. Motion carried.

3. Commissioner GINDER moved, seconded by Commissioner ATIYEH to approve the reappointment of Scott LIPSON to serve as counsel to the Tax Appeals Board at a rate of \$100.00 per hour.

Seven Commissioners were present and voted “yes”. Motion carried.

4. Commissioner GINDER moved, seconded by Commissioner ATIYEH to approve the reappointment of William FRIES to serve as counsel to the Zoning Hearing Board at a rate of \$150.00 per hour.

Seven Commissioners were present and voted “yes”. Motion carried.

5. Commissioner WARREN moved, seconded by Commissioner FISHER to approve the reappointment of LEHIGH ENGINEERING ASSOC. as the Township Conflict Engineering firm, at rates per their 2022 Professional Fee Schedule.

Seven Commissioners were present and voted “yes”. Motion carried.

6. Commissioner SLONAKER moved, seconded by Commissioner GINDER to

approve the reappointment of Kevin FOGERTY, Esq. as Township Conflict Solicitor, at a rate \$125.00.

Seven Commissioners were present and voted “yes”. Motion carried.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner GINDER moved, seconded by Commissioner FISHER to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.