

PINE CREEK TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2023
REORGANIZATION MEETING

The Pine Creek Township Supervisors held their reorganization meeting on January 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., with John M. Reese, Dean L. Edwards, Jr., and Kenneth J. Packard present.

Also present: Bryan Poorman, Robb Ohi, PLS, John Blesh, PLS, Wilma Hackenberg, Art Nonemaker, Dennis Greenaway, Matt Croak, Walt Bierly, Don Lomison, Matt Stover of the Avis Fire Company, Kevin Ferrara, EMC, Michele Whitney, Dave Winkleman, Jr., Shannon Reese, Deb Reese, Rick Macklem, David Dewald, Travis Overdorf, Greg Love, Police Chief Dave Winkleman and Thom Rosamilia, Esquire

Supervisor Ken Packard nominated and made a motion to appoint John Reese as Temporary Chairman and Temporary Secretary; seconded by Supervisor Dean Edwards, MCU.

Supervisor Packard made a motion to appoint Dean Edwards as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for 2023; seconded by Supervisor Reese, MCU.

Supervisor Packard made a motion to appoint Supervisor John Reese as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for 2023; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

Supervisor Reese made a motion to appoint Supervisor Ken Packard as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Supervisors for 2023; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

Supervisor Reese made a motion to reappoint Darlene S. Macklem as Secretary/Treasurer for 2023.

Supervisor Packard stated that the Secretary resigned during the December meeting and was advised by the Solicitor that she apparently changed her mind as a written resignation was not submitted to the Board, adding there are no other nominations for the position and the Board should vote on the appointment. Supervisor Packard said he would agree to the appointment if there were office hours at the township building.

Michele Whitney stated that Secretary Macklem said at the December meeting that she would not be attending the January meeting. Supervisor Edwards explained to Ms. Whitney that public comments would be taken later in the meeting.

Supervisor Edwards then seconded the motion to reappoint Darlene S. Macklem as Secretary/Treasurer for 2023; the motion was approved 2-1 with Supervisors Reese and Edwards voting in favor of the motion and Supervisor Packard voting against the motion.

Supervisor Reese made a motion to reappoint Thom Rosamilia as Solicitor; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

Supervisor Edwards made a motion to reappoint Supervisor John Reese as Roadmaster; seconded by Supervisor Packard, MCU.

Supervisor Reese made a motion to appoint Todd Pysner, P.E., as the Township Engineer; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

Supervisor Reese made a motion to appoint Jeff Kreger as the Primary Sewage Enforcement Officer and Stan Wallace and Sean Kreger as Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officers; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

Supervisor Reese made a motion to reappoint Dave Winkleman as Zoning Officer; seconded by Supervisor Edwards; MCU.

Supervisor Reese made a motion to reappoint Terry Crawford as Code Enforcement Officer; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

Supervisor Edwards made a motion to appoint Supervisor Packard as the voting delegate for the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors Education Conference in April; seconded by Supervisor Reese, MCU.

Supervisor Reese made a motion to schedule the monthly township meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

Supervisor John Reese made a motion that the amount of the 2023 Secretary/Treasurer's Bond be increased to \$2,000,000; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

Supervisor Reese made a motion to set the mileage reimbursement rate at \$.655 consistent with the 2023 IRS mileage rate; seconded by Supervisor Dean Edwards, MCU.

Supervisor Reese made a motion to designate Jersey Shore State Bank, Muncy Bank & Trust Company, Woodlands Bank, First Citizens Bank and PLGIT as depositories for 2023; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

Supervisor Reese made a motion approving the Treasurer to issue checks for payment of operational expenses which are received after the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the invoices are to be paid by check and signed by the Treasurer and a Supervisor; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

Supervisor Reese made a motion to authorize the Roadmaster to prepare and accept proposals to perform intermunicipal work; seconded by Supervisor Packard, MCU.

Supervisor Reese noted that intermunicipal work will no longer include tar and chipping projects.

Supervisor Packard made a motion to approve a three (3%) percent wage increase for township employees for 2023. The motion died for lack of a second.

Supervisor Reese made a motion to approve a five (5%) percent wage increase for township employees for 2023; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

Supervisor Edwards made a motion to increase the salary of the Secretary/Treasurer by five (5%) percent for 2023; seconded by Supervisor Reese. The motion passed 2-1 with Supervisors Edwards and Reese voting in favor of the motion and Supervisor Packard voting against the motion.

Auditors – 1 year appointment: Vacant positions (2)

Supervisor Edwards stated that Deb Heydrick is interested in being appointed as an Auditor.

Supervisor Reese made a motion to appoint Deb Heydrick as an Auditor for 2023; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

Clinton County Economic Partnership Representative:

Supervisor Reese made a motion to reappoint Wayne Ferree as the Clinton County Economic Partnership Representative; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

Emergency Management Coordinator:

Supervisor Reese reported that the Board received a letter of interest from David Dewald for the Emergency Management Coordinator position.

A discussion was held, and Supervisor Packard made a motion to reappoint Kevin Ferrara as the Emergency Management Coordinator. The motion died from lack of a second.

Supervisor Reese made a motion to appoint David Dewald as the Emergency Management Coordinator; seconded by Dean Edwards. The motion passed by a 2-1 vote, with Supervisors Edwards and Reese voting in favor of the motion and Supervisor Packard voting against the motion.

Alternate Planning Commission Member – 4-year term:

Supervisor Reese made a motion to appoint John Blesh as an Alternate on the Planning Commission; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

Vacancy Board Chairman – Annual Appointment

Supervisor Reese made a motion to appoint Dan Eckley as the Vacancy Board Chairman; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

Zoning Hearing Board – 4-year term:

Supervisor Reese stated that a letter of interest was received from David Winkleman, Jr. to fill the vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board.

Supervisor Reese then made a motion to appoint David Winkleman, Jr. to the Zoning Hearing Board; seconded by Supervisor Edwards, MCU.

Public Participation

Kevin Ferrara and Michele Whitney questioned the amount of the wage increase approved for employees stating three percent (3%) was discussed at the December meeting. Supervisor Reese said he believes that the township employees deserve a wage increase, and that five percent (5%) is a fair amount and Supervisor Edwards agreed and said it is in line with what other local municipalities are giving their employees.

Deb Reese commented on the video posted online of the December meeting and said that the Secretary was degraded and disrespected during a public meeting. She said that the Secretary did not submit any resignation in writing and commended Secretary Macklem for her willingness to keep her position, adding that she should be treated with respect.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem

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Secretary