

MORGAN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
P.O. BOX 3 THIRD STREET  
MATHER, PA 15346

MINUTES  
Annual Organization Meeting  
January 2, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: At 11:00 a.m. Jeff Sholtis, Temporary Chairman, called the annual organization meeting of the Morgan Township Supervisors to order in the municipal office building located at 1019 Third Street Extension, Mather, Greene County, Pennsylvania. The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag. Mr. Barnhart and Mr. Sholtis welcomed the new Supervisor, Erik Mullen.

ROLL CALL: Jeff Sholtis, Shirl Barnhart and newly elected Supervisor Erik Mullen were present. Also, present was George Scull, Clint Blaney, Stacy Sholtis and Relda Litten, Secretary-Treasurer.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN: A motion was made by Mr. Barnhart and seconded by Mr. Mullen to appoint Mr. Sholtis as Chairman, and the motion carried with all in favor.

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Mullen made a motion with a second from Mr. Sholtis to nominate Mr. Barnhart Vice-Chairman and the motion carried with all in favor.

APPOINT SECRETARY/TREASURER AND ESTABLISH THE COMPENSATION: A motion was made by Mr. Barnhart and seconded by Mr. Sholtis that the Secretary/Treasurer will remain Relda Litten, with a salary to be determined after the auditor's meeting tomorrow and the motion carried with all in favor.

REAPPOINT EMPLOYEES AND SET WAGES: A motion was made by Mr. Barnhart and seconded by Mr. Mullen that David Novak, Charles Caldwell and Brandon Lindsay will remain laborers with wages to be determined after the auditor's meeting and the motion carried with all in favor.

REAPPOINT SUPERVISORS AS ROADMASTERS: A motion was made by Mr. Barnhart and seconded by Mr. Mullen that all three supervisors will be Roadmasters and the motion carried with all in favor.

ESTABLISH THE AMOUNT OF THE TREASURER'S BOND: The Treasurer's Bond will remain at \$250,000.00 by a motion from Mr. Barnhart and a second from Mr. Mullen and the motion carried with all in favor.

APPOINT THE TOWNSHIP'S LEGAL COUNSEL: Mr. Sholtis read a letter from Dennis Makel requesting to be re-appointed for another year. A motion was made by Mr. Barnhart and seconded by Mr. Mullen to reappoint Dennis Makel to remain as Legal Counsel for the township with the fee of \$145 hour and \$350 per meeting with no charge for phone calls and the motion carried with all in favor.

APPOINT THE TOWNSHIP'S ENGINEER: A motion was made by Mr. Mullen, seconded by Mr. Barnhart to appoint K2 Engineering as the Zoning Engineer and the motion carried with all in favor.

**APPOINT ONE REGISTERED VOTER TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE VACANCY BOARD:** A motion was made by Mr. Mullen and seconded by Mr. Barnhart to reappoint David Novak as Chairman of the Vacancy Board and the motion carried with all in favor.

**APPOINT AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR:** A motion was made by Mr. Mullen, seconded by Mr. Barnhart to reappoint Joe Petek as the EMA coordinator and the motion carried.

**APPOINT RESIDENTS TO FILL TERMS ON BOARDS:** A letter was read from Diane McMannes resigning her auditor position. A motion to accept her resignation was made by Mr. Barnhart with a second from Mr. Mullen and the motion carried with all in favor. A motion was made by Mr. Barnhart, seconded by Mr. Mullen to appoint James Gayman to fill her position and the motion carried with all in favor.

A letter was read from Lower Ten Mile Sewer Authority informing the board that the term of Tom Goughenour is ending on December 31, 2023. A letter was also read from Mr. Goughenour requesting to be re-appointed to another five-year term on the board. A motion was made by Mr. Mullen, seconded by Mr. Barnhart to re-appoint Tom Goughenour to another term on the Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority Board and the motion carried with all in favor.

**SELECT DEPOSITORY FOR THE TOWNSHIP FUNDS:** A motion was made by Mr. Barnhart, seconded by Mr. Mullen to have First National Bank of Pennsylvania at Rices Landing remain depository of the township funds and the motion carried with all in favor.

**ESTABLISH A REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING LOCATION, TIME AND DATES:** A motion was made by Mr. Mullen, seconded by Mr. Barnhart to have the meeting days and times 4:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month and the motion carried.

**CERTIFY DELEGATES TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE - April 14 to 17, 2024 in Hershey:** Delegates to the state convention will be all three supervisors and the voting delegate to the state convention will be Mr. Barnhart by a motion from Mr. Mullen, seconded by Mr. Sholtis and the motion carried with all in favor.

**DETERMINE HOLIDAYS FOR NON-UNIONIZED EMPLOYEES:** A motion was made by Mr. Mullen and seconded by Mr. Barnhart for all holidays to remain the same for the non-unionized employees as for the Supervisors and the motion carried.

#### REGULAR MEETING:

**APPROVE MINUTES:** A motion was made by Mr. Barnhart with a second from Mr. Mullen to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2023 meeting and the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Blaney asked if it is allowed to have water trucks parked in Mather pulled into driveways overnight. Mr. Sholtis stated he checks the roads for damages and has not seen any yet.

Mr. Blaney again asked to do the audit. At the November meeting, William Grimm and Associates were once again appointed to audit the records of the township and Mr. Barnhart stated the township is comfortable with them and has no wish to change. The Secretary has given him and the other auditors copies of the 2022 Audit done by William Grimm and Associates and a copy of the Budget vs Actual of the township records for last year and will present the budget amounts for 2024 at the auditor's meeting tomorrow. It was also stated that the township audits are difficult to do unless you have experience with government audits.

Mr. Blaney then asked who sets the amount the Tax Collector gets and if can be increased. The supervisors set the wage percentage for the Tax Collector (5%) to collect the township taxes and the school board sets the amount for collecting those taxes. The Supervisors stated a study was done a few years ago and found out our past tax collector earned more money than anyone else.

REPORTS: Roadmasters: Mr. Sholtis gave his report for the month: The new bucket truck is in and it is in the process of getting insurance and a license for it. The township has been removing leaves from ditches. They also had one snow removal day. Mr. Sholtis will get quotes for guiderails and road repairs for the year. Stephenson Equipment has given the township a quote for repairs to give the insurance agency.

Legal: A motion was made by Mr. Barnhart, seconded by Mr. Mullen to approve the road agreement with EQM for bonding .5 miles of Kennel Road and the motion carried with all in favor.

Code Enforcement: None

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND LOT SPLITS: A motion was made by Mr. Mullen, seconded by Mr. Barnhart to approve the Thompson NB Lot Split and the motion carried with all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

BILLS AND PAYROLL: A motion was made by Mr. Barnhart and seconded by Mr. Mullen to pay all the bills for the month of January. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

