

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2014

The Board of Supervisors of Upper Merion Township met for a Reorganization Meeting on Monday, January 6, 2014, in Freedom Hall, in the Township Building in King of Prussia. The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m., followed by a pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Supervisors present were: Greg Philips, Erika Spott, Greg Waks, Bill Jenaway, and Carole Kenney. Also present were: David Kraynik, Township Manager; and Angela Caramenico, Assistant to the Township Manager.

SWEARING IN OF RECENTLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

- A. Erika Spott – Supervisor – by Honorable Judge James Gallagher
- B. Rose Hykel – Tax Collector – by Honorable Judge James Gallagher
- C. Van Weiss – Auditor – by Honorable Judge James Gallagher

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR 2014:

- A. Temporary Chairperson – Mr. David Kraynik, Township Manager, opened the floor to the Board of Supervisors for nomination of Temporary Chairperson. It was moved by Mr. Waks, seconded by Mrs. Kenney to nominate Mr. Philips as Temporary Chairperson. Hearing no further nominations, the nominations were closed and all voted “Aye” to appoint Mr. Philips as Temporary Chairperson. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.
- B. Chairperson of the Board – Mr. Philips opened the floor to the Board of Supervisors for nomination of Chairperson. It was moved by Mrs. Spott, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, to nominate Greg Waks as Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors for the year 2014. Hearing no further nominations, the nominations were closed and all voted “Aye” to appoint Mr. Waks as Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors. None opposed. Motion passed 5-0.
- C. Vice Chairperson of the Board – Mr. Waks opened the floor to the Board of Supervisors for nomination of Vice Chairperson. It was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, to nominate Erika Spott as Vice Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors for the year 2014. Hearing no further nominations, the nominations were closed and all voted “Aye” to appoint Mrs. Spott as Vice Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors. None opposed. Motion passed 5-0.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2014:

Secretary-Treasurer – David G. Kraynik, Township Manager

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer – Nicholas Hiriak, Finance Director

Open Records Clerk – Angela Caramenico

Township Solicitor – Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin, PC., as Township Solicitor (rates as per their letters of September 24 and 26, 2013)

Special Tax Counsel – Act 511 – Friedman/Schuman (rates as per their letter of December 6, 2013)

Township Consulting Engineers:

1. Land Subdivision/Development Plan Applications – Remington & Vernick Engineers (rates as per their letter of December 3, 2013)
2. Traffic and Signalization – McMahon Associates, Inc. (rates as per their letter dated December 3, 2013)
3. General Civil Engineering – T&M Associates (rates as per their letter of October 29, 2013)
4. Wastewater Operations and Pre-Treatment – Arro Consulting, Inc. (rates as per their letter of December 2, 2013)
5. Environmental Assessment – F.X. Brown, Inc. (rates as per their email of November 27, 2013)
6. Chairperson of Board Vacancy Committee – Bill Ross
7. Citizen Boards, Commissions and Authorities

1. Reappointments

<u>Board/Committee</u>	<u>Name</u>	
Board of Community Assistance	Scott Milner	3 yrs.
Economic & Community Dev.	Jenn Lyons	3 yrs.
Environmental Adv. Council	Sandra Moskowitz	3 yrs.
Environmental Adv. Council	Sal Sonsino	3 yrs.
Environmental Adv. Council	Chris Kaasman	3 yrs.
Fire & Rescue Services Board	Charles Rossi	2 yrs.
Library Board of Directors	Janet Medrow	3 yrs.
Library Board of Directors	David Bristowe	3 yrs.
Library Board of Directors	Aleta Cantwell Duey	3 yrs.
Media Communications Board	Jeffrey Pasquale	3 yrs.
Media Communications Board	Gerald Denick	3 yrs.
Municipal Utility Authority	Charles Smyrk	5 yrs.
Park and Recreation Board	Neil Sardinas	5 yrs.
Park and Recreation Board	Mary Ann Ahearn	5 yrs.
Planning Commission	Mark McKee	4 yrs.
Police Citizen Advisory Board	Jeffrey McCabe	3 yrs.
Police Citizen Advisory Board	Jennifer Schauble	3 yrs.
Transportation Authority	Tom Kohler	5 yrs.

2. New Appointment

Police Citizen Advisory Board	Judy Nuskey	1 yr.
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Board Comment:

Mr. Waks stated there were 19 individuals who applied for reappointment and 18 were reappointed. He expressed appreciation to two members of the community who decided not to seek reappointment: Sheryl Smith who served on the Economic and Community Development Committee and Vincent Mallon who served on the Pension Advisory Board.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mrs. Spott, all voting “Aye” to approve the aforementioned appointments as stated. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

SCHEDULE OF 2014 MEETING DATES

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting “Aye” to approve the list of 2014 Meeting Dates as posted. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2014-01 RE: DEPOSITORIES FOR TOWNSHIP FUNDS

Board Action:

It was moved by Mrs. Spott, seconded by Mr. Philips, all voting “Aye” to approve Resolution No. 2014-01 as presented. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

AFFIRMATION OF 2014 HOLIDAYS FOR TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES

Board Action:

It was moved by Mrs. Kenney, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting “Aye” to affirm the holidays for township employees for 2014 as presented. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

SELECTION OF DELEGATE(S) RE: 2014 PSATS 91ST ANNUAL CONVENTION (APRIL 13-16, 2014) – AUTHORIZATION OF ATTENDANCE AND APPOINTMENT OF VOTING DELEGATE

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting “Aye” to authorize attendance of the Board of Supervisors at the PSATS Annual Convention as well as the Township Manager with Carole Kenney to serve as the voting delegate. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2014-03 RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. FEDERAL HOLIDAY

After the reading of Resolution 2014-03, Mr. Waks presented the Resolution to Ms. Shirley McKenzie, a member of the Martin Luther King Committee and David Broida. Ms. McKenzie thanked the Board of Supervisors for their support and participation in the 26th Martin Luther King celebration in Upper Merion Township. Mr. Waks encouraged attendance at this year’s program to be held on Wednesday, January 8th.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

SNOW REMOVAL

Mr. Philips recognized the work of the Public Works staff for their snow removal efforts during the recent snow storms in our area.

DANGEROUS TEMPERATURES

Mr. Philips urged citizens to check on their older neighbors and those with health issues during these extreme cold weather conditions.

SWEDESBURG FIRE COMPANY

Mrs. Spott extended an invitation for the public to attend the Friday Night Grille hosted by the Swedesburg Fire Company on January 10 and 24. She reminded and encouraged citizens to support local businesses and fire companies.

HISTORICAL REFLECTION

Mrs. Spott offered a reflection on a former public figure and television personality who was known for his advocacy of community involvement and various public causes and was a particular inspiration to her as a child – Mr. Rogers. She recognized our local heroes such as volunteer fire departments, volunteer EMS, youth sports coaches as well as the township's own citizen board members who give of their time and talent. Mrs. Spott commented the recent election is a reminder that anyone, win or lose, who "throws their hat in the ring" is to be commended for accepting the challenge to serve their community.

WINTER FARMERS MARKET

Mrs. Kenney reminded the public that the winter Farmers Market is continuing and will be held twice monthly during the winter.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS:

Chairperson Waks stated an Executive Session was held prior to this meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN TOWNSHIP

Mr. Waks announced a number of upcoming Township meetings and events.

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Mr. Waks stated the township's Christmas tree collection began on Thursday, January 2nd. Residents can submit an online request form to schedule a pick up or call the township. The township's compost site may also be used for this purpose.

BOARD OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (BCA) APPLICATIONS

Mr. Waks stated the Board of Community Assistance is now receiving applications for organizational grants and scholarships for high school seniors. He indicated the BCA receives funds from the Valley Forge Casino Resort as part of an agreement with the township, and applications can be found on the township website.

ALLENDALE ROAD BRIDGE WORK

Mr. Waks stated repair work will begin on the Allendale Road Bridge on January 15th. He indicated the segment of road from Wills Boulevard to US 202 will be one-way for up to six months. Mr. Waks emphasized how vital this bridge is to Upper Merion Township, the local economy, our transportation structure, and public safety services.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, all voting "Aye" to adjourn the meeting. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0. Adjournment occurred at 8:07 p.m.

DAVID G. KRAYNIK
SECRETARY-TREASURER
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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Minutes Approved:
Minutes Entered: