

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2015

The Board of Supervisors of Upper Merion Township met for a Reorganization Meeting on Monday, January 5, 2015, in Freedom Hall, in the Township Building in King of Prussia. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 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; Sally Slook, Assistant Township Manager and Angela Caramenico, Assistant to the Township Manager.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS: On December 30, 2014 an Executive Session was held to discuss a legal matter and prior to this meeting an Executive Session was held to discuss legal and personnel matters.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR 2015:

- A. Temporary Chairperson – Mr. Waks opened the floor to the Board of Supervisors for nomination of Temporary Chairperson. It was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mrs. Kenney to nominate Mr. Waks as Temporary Chairperson. Hearing no further nominations, the nominations were closed and all voted “Aye” to appoint Mr. Waks as Temporary Chairperson. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.
- B. Chairperson of the Board – Mr. Waks opened the floor to the Board of Supervisors for nomination of Chairperson. It was moved by Mr. Jenaway, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, to nominate Greg Philips as Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors for the year 2015. Hearing no further nominations, the nominations were closed and all voted “Aye” to appoint Mr. Philips as Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors. None opposed. Motion passed 5-0.
- C. Vice Chairperson of the Board – Mr. Philips opened the floor to the Board of Supervisors for nomination of Vice Chairperson. It was moved by Mr. Waks, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, to nominate Erika Spott as Vice Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors for the year 2015. 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 letter of October 9, 2014)

Special Tax Counsel – Act 511 – Friedman/Schuman (rates as per their letter of December 9, 2014)

Labor Counsel – Ballard Spahr (no new rate request submitted)

Township Consulting Engineers:

1. Land Subdivision/Development Plan Applications – Remington & Vernick Engineers (rates as per their letter of December 11, 2014)
2. Traffic and Signalization – McMahon Associates, Inc. (rates as per their email dated December 15, 2014)
3. General Civil Engineering – T&M Associates (rates as per their email of December 3, 2014)
4. Wastewater Operations and Pre-Treatment – Arro Consulting, Inc. (rates as per their letter of December 9, 2014)
5. Environmental Assessment – F.X. Brown, Inc. (rates as per their email of December 10, 2014)
6. Chairperson of Board Vacancy Committee – Diane Riley
7. Citizen Boards, Commissions and Authorities

1. Reappointments

| <u>Board/Committee</u> | <u>Name</u> | |
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| Board of Community Assistance | Robin Briggs | 3 yrs. |
| Economic & Community Dev. | Alanna Strohecker | 3 yrs. |
| Environmental Adv. Council | Edmund Campbell | 3 yrs. |
| Environmental Adv. Council | Steven Burda | 3 yrs. |
| Library Board of Directors | Linda Noll | 3 yrs. |
| Media Communications Board | H. David Rassbach | 3 yrs. |
| Media Communications Board | Howard Hoffman | 3 yrs. |
| Media Communications Board | William Carroll | 3 yrs. |
| Municipal Utility Authority | Stanley Channick | 5 yrs. |
| Park and Recreation Board | Michael Trachtenberg | 5 yrs. |
| Pension Advisory Board | Eric Medrow | 3 yrs. |
| Planning Commission | Jaquelin Camp | 4 yrs. |
| Planning Commission | Matthew Popek | 4 yrs. |
| Police Citizen Advisory Board | Jennifer Rae | 3 yrs. |
| Police Citizen Advisory Board | Judie Nuskey | 3 yrs. |
| Shade Tree & Beautification | Jerome Ocker | 5 yrs. |
| Transportation Authority | Louis Zotti | 5 yrs. |
| Zoning Hearing Board | Judy Vicchio | 3 yrs. |
| Zoning Hearing Board | Lynne Gold-Bikin | 5 yrs. |
| Zoning Hearing Board | John Tallman | 4 yrs. |

Board Action:

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

SCHEDULE OF 2015 MEETING DATES

Board Action:

It was moved by Mrs. Kenney, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting "Aye" to approve the list of 2015 Meeting Dates as posted. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2015-01 RE: DEPOSITORIES FOR TOWNSHIP FUNDS

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Waks, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting "Aye" to approve Resolution No. 2015-01 as presented. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

AFFIRMATION OF 2015 HOLIDAYS FOR TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES

Board Action:

It was moved by Mrs. Spott, seconded by Mr. Waks, all voting "Aye" to affirm the holidays for township employees for 2015 as presented. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

SELECTION OF DELEGATE(S) RE: 2015 PSATS 93rd ANNUAL CONVENTION (APRIL 19-22, 2015) – AUTHORIZATION OF ATTENDANCE AND APPOINTMENT OF VOTING DELEGATE

Board Action:

It was moved by Mrs. Spott, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, all voting "Aye" to authorize attendance of the Board of Supervisors at the PSATS Annual Convention with Greg Waks to serve as the voting delegate. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

PROCLAMATION RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. FEDERAL HOLIDAY

After reading the Proclamation, Mr. Jenaway presented the Proclamation to Dan Russell, Director, Park and Recreation Department, who accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the Martin Luther King Committee. Mr. Russell thanked the Board of Supervisors for their support and participation in the Martin Luther King celebration in Upper Merion Township. Mr. Russell encouraged attendance at this year's program to be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Upper Merion Middle School.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD SURVEY

Mr. Waks stated the Park and Recreation Board survey about the future of our township's parks and recreation is now on line. He encouraged all residents to participate in the survey.

HONOR TO SERVE AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mr. Waks expressed his appreciation for the honor bestowed on him for serving as Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors for the previous two years. He thanked his fellow supervisors, township management, township employees, the residents of Upper Merion Township, and the Chairs who preceded him in this leadership position. He made special mention of the service of Erika Spott who immediately preceded him as Chair who set in motion the amount of progress now being realized in Upper Merion Township. Mr. Waks noted his first year as Chair was during the Tricentennial Year and 2014 was known as the "Year of the Groundbreakings" heralding the beginning of construction for the Community Center, Trail from Heuser Park to Valley Forge National Historical Park, Skateboard Park, and King of Prussia Mall Connector project.

Mrs. Spott expressed appreciation for Mr. Waks' supportive comments and made special mention of his leadership as Chair for the past two years in bringing to fruition all the progress that has been realized in the township and maintaining the unity of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Philips expressed his gratitude to Mr. Waks and Mrs. Spott and others who have preceded him in this position. He expressed his prayerful good wishes to Bill Ross who is recovering from his recent illness.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN TOWNSHIP

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

UPDATES TO RAMBLER SERVICE

Mr. Philips noted representatives of the Greater Valley Forge TMA will be at the township building on Monday, January 12th to answer questions about updates to the Rambler service. Copies of the new schedule will be available at the Township Building and Senior Center.

PARK AND RECREATION SURVEY

Mr. Philips encouraged residents to complete online Park and Recreation survey. If anyone is interested in attending all the Park and Recreation Master Plan Subcommittee meetings they will be held on the first Tuesday of each month, beginning with Tuesday, January 6th. All meetings are open to the public and will be held at the Township Building in the Valley Forge room at 6:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE FOR A SAFER TOMORROW (CAST)

Mr. Philips indicated a stress management seminar will be held on Tuesday, January 27th from 7-8:15 p.m. in the Upper Merion Area High School. For sign up email Susan Shelton at sshelton@umasd.org or call 610-304-5533.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Jenaway, seconded by Mrs. Spott, all voting "Aye" to adjourn the meeting. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0. Adjournment occurred at 7:55 p.m.

DAVID G. KRAYNIK
SECRETARY-TREASURER
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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Minutes Approved:
Minutes Entered: