

MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

JANUARY 6, 2025, REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 5:30 PM

The reorganizational meeting of the Morris Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Josiah Jones with a salute to the flag. A roll call of members showed Josiah Jones, Emerson Reams, and Fred Little all present. Other officers in attendance were Patrick White and Patti Moore, Secretary. Solicitor Beard was absent

Guests: Willard Verbeck, Stan Minko, Chad Baughman

Temporary Chairman: Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to appoint Josiah Jones as temporary chair. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Temporary Secretary: Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to appoint Patti Moore as temporary secretary. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Permanent Chairman: Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to appoint Josiah Jones as permanent Chairman. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Permanent Secretary/Treasurer: Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to appoint Patti Moore as permanent secretary/treasurer, motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Vice Chairman: Emerson Reams motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to appoint Fred Little as vice chairman, motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Rate of Pay Sec/Treasurer: Fred Little motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to approve a \$1.00 hourly increase, motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Treasurers Bond: Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to keep the bond at \$350,000. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Solicitor: Fred Little motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to retain Rodney Beard as township solicitor. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Road masters: Fred Little motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to appoint Emerson Reams as road master. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Road Crew: (Full Time) Emerson Reams motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to retain the road crew, Frederick Little. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Road Crew: (Part Time) Emerson Reams motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to retain Perry Reiter and Patrick White as part time road crew. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Rate of pay/Road Crew: Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to approve a \$1.00 increase for all road crew members effective at their anniversary date. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Supervisors Salary: Josiah Jones motioned, and Fred Little seconded the Supervisors salary is set at \$156.25 per month as required by the PA Township code. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Holidays: Fred Little motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to approve keeping the holidays at the number 12 including New Year's Day, Presidents Day, Good Friday, Primary Election Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, General Election Day, Thanksgiving Day, Friday after Thanksgiving, Monday following Thanksgiving (Big Game Season) and Christmas. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Holiday Bonus Pay: Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to award a holiday pay bonus in the amount TBD paid in mid-December. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Vacancy Board Chairman: Fred Little motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to retain Mark Crompton as Vacancy Board Chairman. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

SEO: Fred Little motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to retain Wilson Fisher/Hess and Fisher as SEO. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Alternate SEO: Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to retain Stanley Wallace as the alternate SEO. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Open Records Officer: Fred Little motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to retain Patti Moore as Open Records Officer. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Planning Commission: 2 Vacant Seats with no letters of interest. Tabled for this meeting.

Recreation Board: Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to re-appoint Mike Nines to the Recreation Board. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Auditor: Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to appoint Chris Williams to the vacant position of Auditor. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

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MATOM Sewage Authority: Josiah Jones motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to appoint Mark Crompton to the MATOM Sewage Authority Board. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Depositories: Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to reaffirm County National Bank as the depository. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Mileage Reimbursement Rate: Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to keep the mileage rate at the IRS rate. \$0.70 per mile. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

State Convention Voting Delegate/Attendees: Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to **DECLINE** sending anyone from Morris Township to the 2025 PSATS Convention. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Tax Collector/LST: Fred Little motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to retain Cinda Lou Hubler as the collector of the LST tax. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Real Estate Tax: Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to set the real estate tax in Morris Township at **1.5 Mills**. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Certified Public Accountant (CPA): Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to retain Matthew Foster as the CPA for the 2024 Audit. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Engineer: Fred Little motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to retain GeoTech Engineering as the township engineer. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

EMC: Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to retain Dane Danko as the Morris Township EMC. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Assistant EMC: Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to retain Jarrod Little as assistant EMC. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Building Code Inspection Service: Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to retain Pennsafe Building Inspection Services as the Building Code Enforcement. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Morris Township Code Enforcement Officer: Fred Little motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to retain Patrick White as the Code Enforcement Officer. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Morris Township Code Enforcement Officer Rate of Pay: Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to approve a \$1.00 per hour rate increase effective the anniversary date. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Fire Company & Fire Police Designation: Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to accept the Morris Township Volunteer Fire Company and Fire Police Designation. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Date & Time of Monthly Meetings: Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to approve the monthly meeting times as the 1st Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Purchasing Power: Fred Little motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to allow the Secretary and Road Master **emergency** purchasing power in the amount of \$1,000.00. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Adjournment: Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 PM. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Respectively Submitted: Patti Moore, Secretary