

## MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

JANUARY 3, 2023, REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 4:30 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 James Williams all present. Other officers in attendance were Patrick White and Patti Moore, Secretary. Solicitor Beard and Fred Little were absent.

**Guests:** Willard Verbeck, Perry Reiter, Thomas Crain Jr.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Rate of pay/Road Crew:** James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams 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:** James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams 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:** Emerson Reams motioned, and James Williams 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:** James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams 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:** James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to retain Tim Eyerly as Vacancy Board Chairman. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

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

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

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

**MATOM Sewage Authority:** James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to re-appoint James Hummel to the MATOM Sewage Authority Board. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**Planning Commission:** James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to re-appoint Daisy Eyerly to the Morris Township Planning Commission. Motion Carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**Recreation Board:** James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to re-appoint Curtis Quick to the Recreation Board. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**Auditor:** James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to appoint Chris Williams to the vacant position of Auditor. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes. Two auditor positions remain vacant. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

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

**Mileage Reimbursement Rate:** James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to keep the mileage rate at the IRS rate. \$0.65.5 per mile. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**State Convention Voting Delegate/Attendees:** James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to make James Williams, Emerson Reams, Josiah Jones and Patti Moore, Patrick White and Fred Little



delegates to the state convention. James Williams being the voting delegate. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**Tax Collector/LST:** James Williams 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:** James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to keep the real estate tax in Morris Township at **3.0 Mills**. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**Certified Public Accountant (CPA):** James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to retain Matthew Foster as the CPA for the 2022 Audit. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

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

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

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

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

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

**Fire Company & Fire Police Designation:** Emerson Reams motioned, and James Williams 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 James Williams seconded to approve the monthly meeting times as the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 4:30 PM. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**Purchasing Power:** James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams 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:** James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:47 PM. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Respectively Submitted: Patti Moore, Secretary

## MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

January 3, 2023, 4:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Morris Township Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Josiah Jones with a salute to the flag.

A roll call of officers showed Josiah Jones, Emerson Reams, James Williams, Patrick White, and Patti Moore. Rodney Beard and Fred Little was absent.

**Guests:** Thomas Crain Jr., Perry Reiter, Willard Verbeck.

**Minutes:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned, and James Williams seconded to accept the minutes from the December 7, 2022, Board of Supervisors Meeting. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**Financial Reports:** The Chairman entertained a motion, James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to approve the financial report. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**Bills:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned, and James Williams seconded to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**Planning Commission:** None

**Solicitor Report:** None

**Public Comments:** None

**Fire Protection Update:** William Verbeck stated the 2023 Annual Gun Bash tickets are in and being distributed for sale.

**Road Masters report:** Emerson Reams provided the Road Masters Report.

**Code Enforcement Update:** Patrick White provided the code enforcement update.

**Morris Township Recreation:** None

**Municipal Authority of the Township of Morris:** Josiah Jones provided the municipal authority report. There was a grant applied for to update 2 pump stations. Josiah stated everything is going well. There will be smoke tests performed soon.

**PSATS 2023 Membership:** The Chairman entertained a motion, James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to approve the 2023 PSATS Membership in the amount of \$1,182.00. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**MVEDP 2023 Membership:** The Chairman entertained a motion, James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to approve the 2023 MVEDP Membership in the amount of \$100.00. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

**Executive Session:** Not required.

**Adjournment:** The Chairman entertained a motion, James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to adjourn at 5:05 PM. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Respectively Submitted. Patti Moore, Secretary