

MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

JANUARY 4, 2021 REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 7:00 PM

VIA TELECONFERENCE

The reorganizational meeting of the Morris Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman James Williams with a salute to the flag. A roll call of members showed James Williams, John Saggese, Josiah Jones and Dan Nelson all present. Other officers in attendance were Patti Moore, Secretary.

Guests: Scott Holencik, Armida Holencik, Chad Baughman, Fred Little, Lenny Coval, Vic Couturiaux, Tyler Kolesar (The Progress), Steve Norfolk

Temporary Chairman: John Saggese motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to appoint James Williams as temporary chair. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Temporary Secretary: John Saggese motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to appoint Patti Moore as temporary secretary. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Permanent Chairman: John Saggese motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to appoint James Williams as permanent Chairman. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Permanent Secretary/Treasurer: John Saggese motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to appoint Patti Moore as permanent secretary/treasurer, motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

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

Rate of Pay Sec/Treasurer: John Saggese motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to approve a \$1.00 increase, motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Treasurers Bond: John Saggese motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to keep the bond at \$350,000. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Solicitor: John Saggese motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to retain Daniel Nelson as township solicitor. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Road masters: John Saggese motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to retain James Williams as road masters. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

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

Rate of pay/Road Crew: Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to approve a \$.50 increase for all road crew members. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Supervisors Salary: Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese 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: Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to approve keeping the holidays at the number 9 including New Year's Day, Good Friday, Primary Election Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, General Election Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Holiday Bonus Pay: James Williams motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to award a holiday pay bonus in the amount of \$150.00 paid in mid-December. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Vacancy Board Chairman: Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to retain Dusty Lidgett as vacancy board chairman. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

SEO: John Saggese motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to retain Wilson Fisher/Hess and Fisher as SEO. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Alternate SEO: Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to retain Stanley Wallace as the alternate SEO. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Open Records Officer: John Saggese motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to retain Patti Moore as Open Records Officer. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Sewage Authority: Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to accept the resignation of Dane Danko from the Sewage Authority Board. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

John Saggese motioned to re-appoint Vic Couturiaux to the Sewage Authority Board which died for a lack of a second. After discussion it was decided to advertise to the public in the newspaper and social media seeking interested citizens to serve on the board. There are currently 2 seats open.

Planning Commission: Josiah Jones motioned and James Williams seconded to appoint Mark Crompton to the Planning Commission Board. Motion carried with 2-1 vote. **John Saggese opposed.**

Recreation Board: Josiah Jones motioned and James Williams seconded to re-appoint Kyle Eyerly to the Recreation Board. Motion carried with 2-1 vote. **John Saggese abstained.**

Auditor: John Saggese motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to appoint Chris Williams to the vacant position of Auditor. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes. One Auditor position remains vacant and will be placed in the newspaper and on social media for residents interested in serving as an auditor.

Depositories: Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to reaffirm County National Bank as the depository. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Mileage Reimbursement Rate: Josiah Jones motioned and James Williams seconded to keep the mileage rate at the IRS rate. \$0.56 per mile. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

State Convention Voting Delegate/Attendees: Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to make James Williams, John Saggese, Josiah Jones and Patti Moore delegates to the state convention. James Williams being the voting delegate. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Tax Collector/LST: John Saggese motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to retain Cinda Lou Hubler as the collector of the LST tax. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Real Estate Tax: Josiah Jones motioned and James Williams seconded to set the real estate tax in Morris Township at **3.0 Mills**. Motion carried with 2-1 Vote. **John Saggese Opposed.**

Certified Public Accountant (CPA): Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to retain Matthew Foster as the CPA for the 2020 Audit for the quote received of \$1900.00. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Engineer: Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to retain GeoTech Engineering as the township engineer. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

EMC: Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to retain Dane Danko as the Morris Township EMC. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Assistant EMC: Josiah Jones motioned and James Williams seconded to retain James Williams as assistant EMC. Motion carried with 2-1 Vote. **John Saggese abstained.**

Building Code Inspection Service: John Saggese motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to retain Pennsafe Building Inspection Services as the Building Code Enforcement. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Morris Township Code Enforcement Officer: John Saggese motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to retain Scott and Armida Holencik as the Code Enforcement Officers. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Fire Company & Fire Police Designation: John Saggese motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to accept the Fire Company and Fire Police Designation. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Date & Time of Monthly Meetings: Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to approve having the meeting the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM with the exception of the August meeting which will be held on August 11, 2021. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

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

TASC: John Saggese motioned and Josiah Jones seconded to use the TASC BizPlan for the township Health Insurance Reimbursements through Joe Hartzell Insurance Agency. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Adjournment: Josiah Jones motioned and John Saggese seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Respectfully submitted, Patti Moore, Secretary.