

MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

JANUARY 2, 2024, 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, Fred Little, Rod Beard all present. Other officers in attendance were Patrick White and Patti Moore, Secretary.

Guests: Willard Verbeck, Perry Reiter, Don O'Dell, Mark Rusnak.

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 Manager/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, awarded at the anniversary date. 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: Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little 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 Fred Little seconded to retain Perry Reiter and Donald O'Dell as part time road crew. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Rate of pay/ Full Time 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. Morris Township Auditors will set the wage and benefits for the working supervisor.

Rate of Pay for Part Time Road Crew: Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to approve a \$1.00 per hour raise increase for the part time road crew effective their anniversary date. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Supervisors Salary: Emerson Reams 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: Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little 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: Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to retain John Saggese Jr. as Vacancy Board Chairman. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

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

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

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

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

Planning Commission: This was tabled.

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

Auditor: Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to appoint Willard Verbeck to fill the open position of Auditor. 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. \$0.67 per mile. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

State Convention Voting Delegate/Attendees: Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to make Emerson Reams, Josiah Jones, Patti Moore, Patrick White and Fred Little delegates to the state convention. Patti Moore being the voting delegate. 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: Fred Little 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): Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to retain Matthew Foster as the CPA for the 2023 Audit. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Engineer: Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little 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: Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little 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: Fred Little motioned and Emerson Reams seconded to approve \$1.00 per hour 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: Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little 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 4:44 PM. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Respectively Submitted: Patti Moore, Secretary

MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

January 2, 2024, 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, Fred Little, Patrick White, Rod Beard, and Patti Moore.

Guests: Willard Verbeck, William Clark, Kevin Croyle, Jacob Michael, Mitchell Hubler, Ed Andrasko, Jr., Vickie Rusnak.

Minutes: The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to accept the minutes from the December 6, 2023, Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Financial Reports: The Chairman entertained a motion, Fred Little 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 Fred Little seconded to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Solicitor Report: Solicitor Beard will take care of placing the Municipal Lien on the property owned by Robert Carles for the removal of a dilapidated house located on his property. This expense was paid by Morris Township resulting in the municipal lien.

Township Manager: Patti Moore provided the Managers Report.

Code Enforcement Update: Patrick White presented the code enforcement report to the board.

Planning Commission: The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to approve the Sullivan Subdivision presented by Larry Marince. Motion made with all supervisors voting yes.

Public Comments: Mark Rusnak provided complaints regarding the dilapidated property located on Troy Hill. Solicitor Beard will research an ordinance that would be more effective in dealing with these properties by holding landowners and renters accountable for property conditions.

Fire Protection Update: No Update

Morris Township Recreation: Meeting documents submitted.

Municipal Authority: Meeting Documents submitted.

Ordinance 2024-1-2: The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to **Repeal in Full Ordinance 2022-9-7** amending the provisions of Ordinance No.

94-10-3 Regarding Minimum Lot Size for Licensure of Junk Yards in the township. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

PSATS Annual Membership: The Chairman entertained a motion, Fred Little motioned and Emerson Reams seconded to approve payment to PSATS for the Annual Membership dues of \$1,348.00. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

MVEDP Annual Membership: The Chairman entertained a motion, Fred Little motioned and Emerson Reams seconded to approve payment to MVEDP for the Annual Membership Dues of \$100.00. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Moshannon Valley COG Membership: The Chairman entertained a motion, Fred Little motioned and Emerson Reams seconded to approve the payment to the Moshannon Valley COG in the amount of \$150.00 for 2024. Motion Carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: The Chairman entertained a motion, Fred Little motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted Patti Moore, Secretary

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2024

5:30 PM

The special meeting of the Morris Township Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Josiah Jones with a Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. A roll call of officers showed Josiah Jones, Emerson Reams, Fred Little, and Rod Beard who attended via phone. Other officers in attendance were Patti Moore, Secretary.

Guests: Willard Verbeck, Patrick White

The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to appoint Willard Verbeck to the empty Municipal Authority of the Township of Morris Board seat following the verbal resignation of James Hummel. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Adjournment: The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 PM. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Respectively Submitted, Patti Moore, Secretary