

MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

JANUARY 3, 2022, REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 7:00 PM

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, Emerson Reams, and Josiah Jones all present. Other officers in attendance were Patti Moore, Secretary.

Guests: Robert Rinehart, Willard Verbeck, Perry Reiter, William Clark, Tim Eyerly, Jason Gallaher, The Progress reporter, Eric Rusnak Philipsburg Journal.

Temporary Chairman: Josiah Jones motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to appoint James Williams 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: Emerson Reams motioned, and James Williams 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: Emerson Reams motioned, and James Williams seconded to approve a \$0.75 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: Emerson Reams motioned, and James Williams seconded to retain Daniel Nelson as township solicitor. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

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

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

Road Crew: (Part Time) Emerson Reams motioned, and Josiah Jones seconded to hire Perry Reiter as part time road crew at a salary of \$15.00 per hour/20 hours a week. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Rate of pay/Road Crew: James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to approve a \$0.75 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 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 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: Emerson Reams motioned to retain John Saggese as Vacancy Board Chairman. Motion died for lack of a second.

Josiah Jones motioned, and James Williams 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.

Sewage Authority: James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to appoint James Hummel to the MATOM Sewage Authority Board for the vacant seat with a period of 1 year remaining. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes. One vacancy remains. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Moshannon Valley Joint Sewer Authority: James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to appoint James Hummel to the open seat on MVJSA. One seat remains vacant. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Planning Commission: One vacancy on the Planning Commission Board with term ending in 2026.

Recreation Board: James Williams motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to appoint Eric Shaw 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: 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: Emerson Reams motioned, and James Williams seconded to keep the mileage rate at the IRS rate. \$0.58.5 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 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: Emerson Reams motioned, and James Williams 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 2021 Audit. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

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

EMC: Emerson Reams motioned, and James Williams 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: Emerson Reams motioned, and James Williams 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 James Williams seconded to retain Josiah Jones 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 Josiah Jones seconded to approve the monthly meeting times as the 1st Wednesday of each month at 4:30 PM with the exception of the August meeting which will be held on August 10, 2022. Motion carried with 2 supervisors voting yes. **James Williams opposed.**

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 7:18 PM. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Respectively Submitted: Patti Moore, Secretary