

West Sadsbury Township Board of Supervisors

Reorganization Meeting- January 6, 2020

At 7:30 PM, The meeting was turned over to Helen Esbenshade. John Keeseey nominated Ed Haas as Chairman of the Board. Ed seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ed Haas nominated John Keeseey for Vice Chairman of the Board. John seconded it. Motion carried.

Ed nominated Helen Esbenshade as Township Legal Counsel, John seconded it. Motion carried.

Ed made a motion to appoint Cindy Mammarella as Manager, Secretary and Treasurer. John seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ed made a motion to appoint Tim Nichols as the Road Master, seconded by John. Motion carried.

Ed made a motion to appoint Luke Fidler as Police Chief, seconded by John. Motion carried.

Ed made a motion to appoint Ed Moore as Police Sargent, seconded by John. Motion carried.

Ed made a motion to appoint Amber Smith as Police Corporal, seconded by John. Motion carried.

Ed made a motion to appoint Scot Kreger as Emergency Management Coordinator, seconded by John. Motion carried.

Ed made a motion to appoint John Keeseey as the voting Delegate to the State Convention, John seconded it. Motion carried.

Ed made a motion to appoint Bill Beers/Earthways as the Building Code Official and Zoning Officer, seconded by John. Motion carried.

Ed made a motion to name Commonwealth Code Inspection Service as the Building Inspector, seconded by John. Motion carried.

Ed made a motion to name Catherine Fuga as the Deputy Tax Collector, seconded by John, Motion carried.

Ed made a motion to name Becker Engineering as the Township's Engineer, seconded by John, Motion carried.

Ed made a motion to name Brandywine Conservancy as the Township's Planning Consultant, seconded by John, Motion carried.

Ed made a motion to name the Township Auditor as France, Anderson, Basile & Company, seconded by John, Motion carried.

Ed made a motion to the Township's depositories as Meridan Bank, B B & T Bank and Citadel F. C. U., seconded by John. Motion carried.

Ed made a motion to name Dave Markward to the Planning Commission, seconded by John, Motion carried.

Ed made a motion to appoint himself as Fire District Representative, seconded by John. Motion carried.

They tabled appointing a Township Auditor to replace the person that did not respond to Voters Services after the election.

Ed made motion to re-appoint Spencer Andress and Michael DeHaven to the Central & Western County Industrial Development Authority, seconded by John. Motion carried.

Ed made a motion to appoint Buckley, Brion, McGuire, Morris & Sommer as the Zoning Hearing Solicitor, seconded by John. Motion carried.

Ed stated that the mileage rate is set by the IRS. The Treasurer's Bond is in the amount of \$1,250,000.00. The Millage rate is 1.5% for the General Fund and 1.1% for the Fire Tax. The Real estate transfer tax is ½ of 1%. The Local Earned Income tax is 1.2% (.5% for the School District & .7 to the Township) The Local Services tax is \$52.00 per year.

Ed made a motion to adopt West Sadsbury Township Resolution 2020-01, copy attached, the Real Estate tax is 1.5 mils, seconded by John. Motion carried.

Ed made a motion to adopt West Sadsbury Township Resolution 2020-02, copy attached, the Fire Tax is 1.1 mils, seconded by John. Motion carried.

Ed made a motion to adopt West Sadsbury Township Resolution 2020-03, copy attached, that names Keystone Valley Fire Department as the Emergency Service providers for West Sadsbury Township, seconded by John. Motion carried.

Ed Haas then called the Regular meeting to order of the West Sadsbury Township. Ed asked for comments on agenda item. There were none.

In attendance: Ed Haas, John Keeseey, Luke Fidler, Helen Espenshade and Patti Piersol

Engineers report: Jeff Bologna of Becker Engineering thanked the Board for the re-appointment. Jeff recommended conditional approval for the Crist Stoltzfus lot add-on. Ed made a motion to approve the conditional approval, seconded by John. Motion carried. Bernhard Hoeckh changed the size of the plan twice, Jeff suggested to until next meeting.

Police report: Chief Luke Fidler gave the December Police report, copy on file.

Zoning Officer's report: Ed Haas read Bill Beer's Zoning Officer's report, copy on file.

Fire Company: No report

Planning Commission: No report

Ed Haas read the minutes of the 12/10/2019 and 12/17/2019. He then made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by John Keeseey. Motion carried.

Ed made a motion to approve paying the bills listed minus \$779.01 to Black Horse, Comcast \$123.52, H. A. Weigan \$1,076.75, Marlin Buisness \$59.88 and Walmart 82.17, the motion was seconded by John. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Patti Piersol asked for approval for a \$30.00 webinar on Grant writing, it was seconded by Ed Haas. Motion carried.

Funds on Zoning Hearings: Patti Piersol explained the costs that can be charged to the applicant. Helen stated that it was the intention to return any balance to the applicant. Ed made a motion to return the balance, seconded by John. Motion carried.

Patti Piersol asked the Supervisors if they wished to attend the Annual Psats Convention May 3rd to 6th. They both said yes.

Public Comments:

David Petersheim asked about truck traffic on Quarry Road. Chief Fidler said that he will ask the Road Master about a local deliveries only sign?

Darrin DeVoe asked about what is being done about the third supervisor. Aaron Zook, Darren DeVoe and Leroy Stoltzfus asked questions about the interview and appointment process. The Solicitor explained the process. Under the Second Class Township Code, the 2 remaining Supervisors have an opportunity to appoint a supervisor to fill the vacancy. If not, the Vacancy Board has an additional period of time to make the appointment. The Vacancy Board consists of the two Supervisors and one elector of the Township, but in this case there is no Vacancy Board, leaving the two Supervisors. With that, no appointment was made. Now the appointment must be made by the Court of Common Pleas upon a petition to be filed. The statute does not describe the court process. However, the Supervisors have had the petition drafted along the lines of a process used in similar case in Western Pennsylvania. The difference here is that the Supervisors have already conducted an interview process and names of interested residents of the township are expected to be submitted to the Court as part of the petition. The petition is in draft form for review by the Supervisors. It is anticipated that the petition will be filed this week.

Ed made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM, John seconded it. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti W. Piersol,

Administrative Assistant