

West Sadsbury Township Supervisors Reorganization Meeting

January 4, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Ed Haas. A Temporary Chairman was needed, Helen Esbenshade, the Township's Solicitor was appointed. She asked for nominations for the Chairman of the Supervisors for 2021. Ed Haas nominated Darren DeVoe, seconded by John Keeseey, motion carried.

Helen then turned the meeting over to new Chairman Darren DeVoe. Darren asked for nominations for Vice Chairman, John Keeseey nominated Ed Haas, seconded by Darren, motion carried 3-0

Darren nominated Helen Esbenshade for Township Solicitor, seconded by Ed, motion carried 3-0.

Darren nominated Patti Piersol for Township Secretary/Treasurer, seconded by John, motion carried 2-1.

Darren nominated Tim Nichols as Roadmaster, seconded by John, motion carried 2-1.

Darren nominated Luke Fidler as Police Chief, seconded by Ed, motion carried 3-0.

Darren nominated: Edward Moore as Sergeant, Amber Smith as Corporal, and two more Full Time Officers: Frank Ruscio and Michael Sasso and Part-Time Officers: Kenneth Beam as Detective; Allan Manning, Paul McCullough, Donald McIvor, Craig Yeckley, Ryan Barr and Jeff Slaymaker as members of the West Sadsbury Township Police Force, seconded by Ed, motion carried 3-0.

Darren nominated Keystone Valley Fire Department as the Fire Marshall, seconded by Ed, motion carried 3-0.

Darren nominated Scot Kreger as Emergency Management Coordinator, seconded by Ed, motion carried 3-0.

Ed nominated John as the Voting Delegate to the State Convention, seconded by Darren, motion carried 3-0.

Darren nominated Bill Beers of Earthways as the Building Code Official and Zoning Officers, seconded by John, motion carried 2-1.

Darren nominated Pete Kingsley of Commonwealth Code Inspection Service, Inc. as the Building Inspector, seconded by Ed, motion carried 3-0.

Darren nominated Catherine Fuga as Deputy Tax Collector, seconded by Ed, motion carried 3-0.

Darren nominated Becker Engineering as Township Engineer, seconded by Ed, motion carried 3-0.

Darren nominated Brandywine Conservancy and Land Studies as Township Planning Consultants, seconded by Ed, motion carried 3-0.

Darren nominated France, Anderson, Basile and Company as the Township Appointed Auditors, seconded by John, motion carried 2-1.

Darren nominated the depositories that will be used by the Township as Meridian Bank, Citadel Federal Credit Union, BB&T Bank and PNC Bank, seconded by John, motion carried 3-0.

Darren nominated Art Wright and Ed Haas as Planning Commission Members, seconded by Ed, motion carried 3-0.

Darren nominated Gerald Stoltzfus as Zoning Board Member and Kim Venzie of Buckly, Brion, McGuire, Morris & Sommer as the Zoning Solicitor, seconded by Ed, motion carried 3-0.

Darren nominated Ed as the Fire District Representative, seconded by Ed, motion carried 3-0.

Appointment of Township Auditor was tabled. (This conflicts with the appointment of a township auditor - There is an elected auditor for West Sadsbury Township – Patti Piersol should reach out to him regarding his status)

Darren nominated Joseph Rubino for the Central & Western Chester County Industrial Development Authority, seconded by John, motion carried 3-0.

Darren nominated Robert Hosier for the Vacancy Board, second by John, motion carried 3-0.

Darren stated that the mileage rate is set by the IRS

Motion by Ed, seconded by John to sign Resolution 2021-01, 2021 Property Tax Levy at 1.5 Mills on each thousand dollars of assessed valuation, motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Ed, seconded by John to sign Resolution 2021-02, 2021 Fire Tax Levy at 1.4 Mills on each thousand dollars of assessed valuation, motion carried 3-0.

Ed made a motion to state the Police Protection District tax to be \$75,975.00 (.518 mills), second by John, motion carried 3-0.

Darren made a motion to state the Real Estate Transfer Tax is ½ of 1 percent, seconded by Ed, motion carried 3-0.

Darren made motion to state that the Local Services Tax is \$52.00 per year, seconded by John, motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Darren, seconded by John to sign Resolution 2021-03 Designating Keystone Valley Fire District as the Emergency Service Providers for West Sadsbury Township, motion carried 3-0.

The Re-organization meeting concluded.

The first meeting of 2021 was called to order by Chairman, Darren Devoe at 7:50 P.M.

Darren read the minutes of the December 8th and 27th. Patti Piersol read the minutes of the special meeting on December 29th. Darren made motion to approve the minutes with changes stated, seconded by John, motion carried 3-0.

Darren made a motion, seconded by John to pay the bills presented for payment, motion carried 2-1.

Police Report: Chief Luke Fidler gave his December 2020 report. He will give an update on the year to date figures and the State Police reports at the Work Session on the 26th.

Fire Company Report: Brian Gathercole, Chief of Keystone Valley Fire Department thanked the Township for their continued support in 2021. He will submit the December and annual reports at a later date. Tower Health's Tower Direct is an advanced life support unit which is housed at Keystone Valley.

Planning Commission Report: Ed Haas reported that J. D. Eckman is starting the process to build a large shop building. Becker Engineering issued a Review Letter.

Engineers Report: Jeff Bologna thanked the Supervisors for re-appointing Becker Engineering. They are at the beginning of the J. D. Eckman development plan. They have been in contact with Roller Derby to set up a pre-application meeting to remind them of the requirements of the Township. 875 Zook Road, should be done this week. 662 Gap Newport Pike which is next to the site of the Old Paths Baptist Church. Stormwater management must be done because their discharge flows onto the Church property.

Direct Energy: Nothing new to report

Cleaning of Police Station and Township Office: Luke said that Christine Hopkins', potential cleaning woman, fees are Police Station \$100.00 per week and Township Officer \$100.00 bi-weekly. The initial clean-up of the Police Station will cost \$250.00. Ed made a motion to hire Christine Hopkins on a two month trial, seconded by John, motion carried.

New Business:

Patti asked the Supervisors if they wanted to attend the PSATS Convention in Hershey, PA. All three stated that they would like to go.

Ed Haas called PennDot after an email about the traffic light at 10 and 30 was received. They said that the intersection has never been completed and that they will send out a crew to fix the lights, retime them and check the boxes through McMahon. West Sadsbury Township owns the traffic light and Sadsbury Township pays a portion.

Public Comments:

Jim Landis said that if changes are required to the traffic lights due to development that the Township should not pay for that, the Developer should. He questioned the cell tower taxes and the amounts listed on the budget for Engineering. He also asked why the Open Space amounts are not listed.

Lindsay Dunn, Counsel for P & R Diesel, LLC. is under the impression that the Building Inspection Notice would give P & R permission to use the building and is a temporary Use and Occupancy permit. She said that she read the Township Code and feels that there could an un-involved path forward. Helen

Esbenshade, West Sadsbury Township's Solicitor, said that there are Zoning issues that have not been addressed. Darren stated that there is no temporary occupancy permit and there is not approved use of the building at this time. Ms. Dunn said that she was present at the 12/14/2020 Building Code Officials inspection by Pete Kingsley and she believed she received verbal indication that a temporary certificate of Use and Occupancy permit would be received. Ed spoke to Pete Kingsley and Mr. Kingsley said that was not his intention and that he never stated that. The issues were re-stated. Darren said that they will speak with Counsel and see about putting P & R on the agenda for the work session.

Darren made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM, seconded by John, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Patti W. Piersol,

Secretary/Treasurer