



## OFFICIAL UPDATE

This is a summary of the January 7, 2019 Franklin Township Board of Supervisors Organization meeting. Township Manager/Treasurer, Joan McVaugh, acting as temporary chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. In attendance were Supervisors Auerbach, Dea, Morris, and Torres. Supervisor Snyder arrived at 7:30 p.m. Also in attendance were Secretary Sharon Norris and HARB/HC Chairman, Paul Lagasse. There was 1 member of the public in attendance.

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. McVaugh called for nominations for Chairman. On motion by Supervisor Dea, 2nded by Supervisor Torres, John Auerbach was reelected Chairman on a 4-0 vote. The meeting was then turned over to the Chairman.

On Motion by Mr. Torres, 2nded by Supervisor Morris, Supervisor Dea was elected Vice Chairman on a 3-0 vote with Ms. Dea abstaining.

### **Appointments:**

Supervisor Torres made a motion to appoint the following individuals and firms as officials, engineers and consultants for the Township. The motion was 2nded by Supervisor Morris and passed 4-0:

1. Joan McVaugh as Township Manager
2. Joan McVaugh as Township Treasurer
3. Sharon Norris as Township Secretary
4. Lamb McErlane as Township Solicitor
5. LTL Consultants as Township General and Traffic Engineer, Township Building Inspector/Zoning Officer and Code Enforcement Officer
6. Ragan Engineering as General Engineer
7. AECOM as Township Sanitary Engineer

On motion by Supervisor Morris, 2nded by Supervisor Dea, Dave Philipp was appointed to a 1-year term on the Vacancy Board through Dec. 31, 2019;

On motion by Supervisor Dea, 2nded by the Chairman, Mark Harris was appointed to a 4-year term on the PC through December 31, 2022.

On motion by the Chairman, 2nded by Supervisor Torres, Zach Elwyn was appointed to a 4-year term as PC Alternate through December 31, 2022.

On motion by Supervisor Torres, 2nded by Supervisor Dea, Harold Walls was appointed to a 1-year term as Emergency Management Coordinator through December 31, 2019.

On motion by Supervisor Morris, 2nded by Supervisor Dea, Chuck Phillips was appointed to a 5-year term on the UCC Appeals Board through December 31, 2023.

All motions passed unanimously.

On motion by Supervisor Dea, 2nded by Supervisor Torres, Resolution 2019-01 was adopted 4-0. This resolution sets the fees and salaries of Township engineers and consultants.

On motion by Mr. Auerbach, 2nded by Ms. Morris, Resolution 2019-02 was adopted which authorizes the firm of Barbacane Thornton to conduct the 2018 Township Audit.

On motion by Mr. Torres, 2nded by Mr. Auerbach, the Board adopted Resolution 2019-03 authorizing the use of Fulton Bank and the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) as designated financial institutions for the Township.

On Motion by Ms. Morris, 2nded by Mr. Auerbach, the Board adopted Resolution 2019-04, the fee resolution outlining the costs involved in doing business within the Township.

All motions passed 4-0.

On Motion by Ms. Dea, 2nded by Ms. Morris, the Board authorized the staff to advertise the 2019 Township meeting schedule as follows:

Setting the Board of Supervisors meetings for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. (\*except for the August 28, 2019 BOS meeting)

Setting the Planning Commission meetings for the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. except for the July 11, 2019 PC meeting. (the first Thursday is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July).

Setting the joint Historical Commission/HARB meetings for the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month as needed beginning at 7 p.m.

Setting the Emergency Managements meetings for the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month as needed.

On a motion by the Chairman, 2nded by Mr. Torres, the following dates were recognized as official paid holidays for the Township staff and the Township office will be closed. Motion passed 4-0.

- January 1 – New Year’s Day
- January 21 – Martin Luther King Day
- February 18 – President’s Day
- April 19 – Good Friday
- May 27 – Memorial Day
- July 4-5 – Independence Day
- September 2 – Labor Day
- November 28 & 29 - Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 25 – Christmas Holiday

The Board unanimously authorized the use of the Daily Local News, the Chester County Press and the AG Sun for all legal advertising. Mr. Torres’s motion was 2nded by Mr. Auerbach.

On motion by Supervisor Morris, seconded by Ms. Dea, the Board approved the Treasurer’s Bond to be set at \$1.5 million. Motion was unanimous.

Supervisor Dea made a motion that 1 of any of the 5 Supervisors be the voting delegate at the 2019 PSATS Annual Convention in Hershey, PA in April. This motion was 2nded by Mr. Torres and carried 4-0.

Referendum Discussion – the Board continues to discuss how to gather the 558 signatures required to get a referendum on the 2019 May primary ballot to allow for the retail sale of alcohol in the Township to increase economic development. After hearing input from the Board members, Supervisor Dea will work on a flyer to send to all residents in the Township outlining the following: What is the purpose of getting this onto the ballot? (this change to the township’s status to allow for the sale of alcohol in restaurants or retail outlets would stimulate economic development in Franklin). Who can sign the petition? (registered voters 18 or over); When is the time frame? (signatures must be gathered between February 19 and March 12.) With our population, the Township is eligible for one liquor license by right. It was also noted that if the referendum makes it onto the ballot, all political parties can vote, Republican Democratic and Independent. (Usually independents cannot vote in a primary election.)

Public Comment: Mr. Auerbach commented positively on Natasha Manbeck’s presentation at the December 19, 2019 BOS meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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