## January 3, 2022 @ 6:30 P.M.

The Township Board of Commissioners held their Reorganization Meeting on the above date and time at 97 Wanamaker Avenue, Essington, PA 19029 with Patrick K. McCarthy, President, presiding. Present:

Patrick K. McCarthy, President

Patrick Barr, Vice President

Lisa Edmiston, Commissioner

Roger Joseph, Commissioner

David D. Schreiber, Manager

Sam Auslander, Esq., Solicitor

Commissioner Dennis Arthur was absent

President McCarthy called the meeting to order and all rose for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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Mr. McCarthy noted that this special meeting was duly advertised in the Delaware County Daily Times for the purpose of reorganizing the Board of Commissioners of Tinicum Township and any other business at hand.

Public Comment was taken before any other business was conducted.

Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhattan Avenue offered the following comments: made several references to the Commissioner’s oath to obey and defend the constitution of the United States and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and, while referring to several past civil lawsuits naming the Township as Defendant, claimed that the Board did not obey and defend the US and Pa. constitutions. Mr. Dobi then referenced “a higher power” and asked that the Commissioners act accordingly.

Mr. McCarthy then introduced Delaware County Common Pleas Court Judge Barry Dozer and asked the Judge to please come forward and swear in the newly elected officials for Tinicum Township. Before swearing in the newly elected officials, Judge Dozer made several references to the good work that the Tinicum Board of Commissioners do, the challenges they face, and the diligence and fidelity by which the Commissioners carry out their responsibilities. Judge Dozer then swore in the candidates:

Lisa DeMarcantonio-Edmiston 4 years Fourth Ward

James Fenn 4 years Tax Collector

Having been absent due to illness, Commissioner Dennis Arthur was not sworn in at this time.

**Township Secretary**

**ON A MOTION** by Lisa Edmiston and second by Patrick Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint David D. Schreiber as Township Secretary.

**President, Board of Commissioners**

**ON A MOTION** by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to nominate Mr. Patrick McCarthy as President of the Board of Commissioners.

**Hearing No Other Nominations, ON A MOTION** by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Mr. Patrick McCarthy as President of the Board of Commissioners.

**Vice President, Board of Commissioners**

**ON A MOTION** by Lisa Edmiston and second by Roger Joseph, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to nominate Mr. Patrick Barr as Vice President of the Board of Commissioners.

**Hearing No Other Nominations, ON A MOTION** by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Mr. Patrick Barr as Vice President of the Board of Commissioners.

**ON A MOTION** by Patrick Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston, the minutes of the November 2021 Commissioners Monthly Meeting were accepted and approved, by a unanimous voice vote.

**Township Manager**

**ON A MOTION** by Lisa Edmiston and second by Patrick Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint David D. Schreiber as Township Manager.

**Township Solicitor**

**ON A MOTION** by Patrick Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Sam S. Auslander as Township Solicitor at a rate of $295 per hour.

**Township Engineer**

**ON A MOTION** by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint James MacCombie and the firm of *Herbert E. MacCombie, Jr., P.E., Consulting Engineers and Surveyors, Inc.*, as Township Engineer.

**Zoning Hearing Board and Civil Service Commission Solicitor**

**ON A MOTION** by Patrick Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint J. Adam Matlawski, Esq. as Zoning Hearing Board and Civil Service Commission Solicitor.

**Township Treasurer**

**ON A MOTION** by Lisa Edmiston and second by Roger Joseph, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Mr. James Fenn as Township Treasurer.

**APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS**

**Library Board of Trustees**

**ON A MOTION** by Patrick Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Angela DeMarco, Patricia Coleman, and David Bradley to the Tinicum Township Library Board of Trustees through 2023

**Sewage Authority**

**ON A MOTION** by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Mr. James Martin to the Tinicum Township Sewage Authority and Ms. Diane Shannon as the Sewage Authority Secretary through 2023.

**Vacancy Board**

**ON A MOTION** by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Donald Dallal to the Vacancy Board through 2023.

**Zoning Hearing Board**

**ON A MOTION** by Patrick Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Ed Rubillo and Carter Buck Zoning Hearing Board through 2023.

**Code Enforcement Officer**

**ON A MOTION** by Patrick Barr and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Herbert E. MacCombie, III as Code Enforcement Officer.

**Fire Marshall**

**ON A MOTION** by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Raymond Lonabaugh as Fire Marshall.

**Emergency Management Director**

**ON A MOTION** by Lisa Edmiston and second by Patrick Barr, the Board voted via a 3-0 majority roll call vote to appoint Stephen Giancristoforo as Emergency Management Director. Commissioner Joseph abstained, citing a family relationship to Mr. Giancristoforo.

**Recreation Board**

**ON A MOTION** by Patrick Barr and second by Roger Joseph, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Patrick McCarthy, Lisa Edmiston, and Rob Loder to the Recreation Board.

**Civil Service Commission**

**ON A MOTION** by Lisa Edmiston and second by Patrick Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Roger Joseph to the Civil Service Commission.

**Planning Board**

**ON A MOTION** by Patrick Barr and second by Roger Joseph, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Peter Messina, Donald Porter, and Michael Marvel to the Planning Board through 2023.

**Deputy Tax Collector**

**ON A MOTION** by Lisa Edmiston and second by Patrick Barr, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to appoint Elizabeth Ann Fenn as Deputy Tax Collector

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2022 COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS**

* 2022 Board of Commissioners Meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month beginning at 6:30 pm.
* The January Commissioners Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 18th 2022 due to the holiday on January 17th 2022. The February Commissioners Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22nd 2022 due to the holiday on February 21st
* Work Session Meetings are scheduled for Tuesdays prior to the Board of Commissioners Meeting for each month beginning at 6:30 pm
* The Secretary has advertised all public meetings, including the Commissioners Meetings and all Committee/Board Meetings for the 2022 Calendar Year in the Delaware County Daily Times.

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

As President of the Board, Mr. McCarthy appointed the following committees:

**Administration, Ordinances, Public Safety, Finance**

Chair: Roger Joseph

Members: Patrick McCarthy

Pat Barr

**Police, Fire, Buildings, Special Projects**

Chair: Pat McCarthy

Members: Roger Joseph

Pat Barr

**Public Works, Highways, Railroads**

Chair: Lisa Edmiston

Members: Roger Joseph

Pat McCarthy

**Sanitation, Waste Water Treatment**

Chair: Dennis Arthur

Members: Patrick McCarthy

Lisa Edmiston

**Airport**

Chair: Pat Barr

Members: Patrick McCarthy

Lisa Edmiston

**Recreation**

Chair: Pat Barr

Members: Lisa Edmiston

Pat McCarthy

**Health**

Chair: Pat Barr

Members: Patrick McCarthy

Lisa Edmiston

**OTHER BUSINESS:** No Other Business was discussed as a motion regarding an Airport Settlement Agreement was tabled.

**ADJOURN OF BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING**

**ON A MOTION** by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via voice vote to adjourn the business portion of the meeting.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Zurdi Dobi, 200 Powhatten Ave., made reference to the 2022 Township Budget presented and adopted in December 2021 stating that it was confusing and that it was not the same as presented in November. The Board responded that the budget process is a guideline and that some changes to line items are common. The total budget has not changed.

Marion Matuliwich, Powhatten Ave, asked about the 2022 Township Calendar and why some residents received it and others did not. The Board responded that all of the calendars were delivered to the post office and that they are still being delivered to mail boxes. Ms. Matuliwich also suggested that the Reorganization Meeting was noted in the calendar as being held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 ( a subsequent review of the calendar found this to be false).

**ADJOURN THE MEETING**

**ON A MOTION** by Roger Joseph and second by Lisa Edmiston, the Board voted unanimously via voice vote to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

David D. Schreiber

Manager/Secretary