

The Re-organization and Regular January meetings of the Board of Supervisors of Independence Township were both held on Monday, January 4, 2021 at the Independence Township Community Center social hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by the Solicitor, and the assembly stood for the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

ROLL CALL

Present were Supervisors Daniel McLaughlin, John Fratangeli and Wayne Potts; Police Chief Lance Malobabich, Secretary Debra Shaffer and Solicitor J. Julius Bolock.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment on Agenda items.

RE-ORGANIZATION**CHAIRMAN**

Daniel McLaughlin was re-appointed Chairman with a motion by W. Potts and second by J. Fratangeli. Motion carried.

At this time the gavel was handed to Chairman McLaughlin.

VICE CHAIRMAN

Wayne Potts was re-appointed Vice Chairman with a motion by D. McLaughlin and second by J. Fratangeli. Motion carried.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Debra J. Shaffer was appointed Secretary/Treasurer with a motion by D. McLaughlin and second by J. Fratangeli. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S BOND

The Treasurer's bond was increased to \$750,000.00 due to the State Fund Audit with a motion by D. McLaughlin and second by W. Potts. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR

The firm of Goldberg, Kamin & Garvin was re-appointed as Solicitor with a motion by D. McLaughlin and second by W. Potts. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR RETAINER

The Solicitor's retainer remained at \$300.00 per month with a motion by D. McLaughlin and second by J. Fratangeli. Motion carried.

ENGINEER

The firm of HRG was appointed as engineer with a motion by D. McLaughlin and second by W. Potts. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Paul Frey and Sherrie Domitrovich were both re-appointed to the Planning Commission for four year terms with a motion by D. McLaughlin and second by W. Potts. Motion carried.

ZONING HEARING BOARD MEMBER

Carla Welte was re-appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three year term with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by W. Potts. There is still a vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board that needs filled. Motion carried.

SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

J. Fratangeli made a motion to appoint Jeff Winkle as principal SEO; seconded by W. Potts.
Motion carried.

ALTERNATE SEOs

Mike Groves was appointed alternate SEOs with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by W. Potts.
Motion carried.

UCC BLDG. INSPECTOR

Code.sys Code Consulting, Inc. was re-appointed UCC Building Inspector with a motion made by J. Fratangeli and second by W. Potts.
Motion carried.

ZONING OFFICER

Deb Shaffer was appointed as the Zoning Officer with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by W. Potts.
Motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

HRG was appointed Code Enforcement officer with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by W. Potts.
Motion carried.

POLICE CHIEF

Lance Malobabich was re-appointed Police Chief with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by W. Potts.
Motion carried.

ROADMASTER

Jeffrey Sweitzer was re-appointed Roadmaster with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by W. Potts.
Motion carried.

WORKING SUPERVISOR COMPENSATION

The hourly rate for working Supervisors was increased to \$14.05 per hour, pending Township Auditor approval, motion made by J. Fratangeli and second by W. Potts.
Motion carried.

VACANCY BOARD CHAIRMAN

Victor Potts was re-appointed Vacancy Board Chairman with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by W. Potts.
Motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Mark New was re-appointed Emergency Management Coordinator with a motion by D. McLaughlin and second by J. Fratangeli.
Motion carried.

PENSION CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Debra Shaffer was appointed Pension Chief Administrative Officer with a motion by D. McLaughlin and second by W. Potts.
Motion carried.

COG REPRESENTATIVE

Wayne Potts was appointed COG representative with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by D. McLaughlin.
Motion carried.

ALTERNATE COG REP.

John Fratangeli was appointed Alternate COG representative with a motion by W. Potts and second by D. McLaughlin.
Motion carried.

AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA REP.

Wayne Potts was re-appointed ASA representative with a motion by D. McLaughlin and second J. Fratangeli.
Motion carried.

RIGHT TO KNOW OFFICER

Debra Shaffer was re-appointed as Right to Know Officer with a motion by D. McLaughlin and second by W. Potts. Motion carried.

STATE CONVENTION VOTING DELEGATE

Debra Shaffer was appointed as the State Convention Voting Delegate. Therefore, if she attends the convention, she can vote on behalf of the Township with a motion by D. McLaughlin and seconded by W. Potts. Motion carried.

MILEAGE

The mileage amount was set at 56 cents, which is set by federal standard, with a motion by D. McLaughlin and second by W. Potts. Motion carried.

DEPOSITORY FOR TOWNSHIP FUNDS

D. McLaughlin made the motion to retain Wesbanco Bank as depository for all Township funds, seconded by W. Potts. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

The Supervisor's monthly meeting schedule was set for the second Wednesday at 4 pm to be held at the Independence Twp. Community Center, D. McLaughlin made the motion and W. Potts second. Motion carried.

DEPUTY REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR

Diane Palsa, Hopewell Twp. RE Tax Collector, was again named as deputy RE Tax Collector with a motion by D. McLaughlin and second by W. Potts. Motion carried.

REGULAR JANUARY MEETING**MINUTES**

The Minutes of December 9, 2020 meeting were approved with a motion by W. Potts and second by J. Fratangeli. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report, including payment of bills and payroll, was approved with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by W. Potts. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Road and Police Department monthly reports were accepted with a motion by D. McLaughlin and second by W. Potts. There was no fire report submitted this month and the Chief stated it would be provided for next month's meeting. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment on Agenda items.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**APPOINT CPA FOR 2020 AUDIT**

Mark Turnley, CPA was appointed to complete the 2020 audit with a motion by W. Potts and second by J. Fratangeli. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #1-2021~FEE SCHEDULE

Resolution #1-2021, the fee schedule for 2021, was approved with a motion by D. McLaughlin and second by W. Potts. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following public announcements were made:

- Auditors Re-organization Meeting-January 5th at 3:30 pm at Twp. Bldg.
- Planning Commission Re-organization Meeting – January 27nd 6:30 pm
- Recycle February 1 & 2
- Next Supervisor Meeting February 10th, 4:00 pm at Community Center

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Wayne Potts wanted to compliment the Road Department on a great job for the two snow falls that we received during the holidays and keeping the roadways clear. He said that hopefully 2021 will be a better year than 2020 had been.

Road Master Jeff Sweitzer made the comment that the road slide on Cowpath has been repaired and that Stefanik did an excellent job.

The Planning Commission 2020 annual report was given to the Supervisors by Secretary/Treasurer Debra Shaffer.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by W. Potts. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. Shaffer, Secretary/Treasurer