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# **MINUTES**

## **January 2, 2018 Reorganizational Meeting**

**Board of Commissioners**

**Township of Whitehall**

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### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

1. The Reorganizational Meeting of the Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, in the Public Meeting Room of the with the following in attendance:

#### **COMMISSIONERS**

Shawn E. Clary  
Jeffrey L. Dutt  
Dennis C. Hower  
Philip J. Ginder  
Joseph J. Marx Jr.  
Thomas Slonaker

#### **TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL**

Edward D. Hozza, Jr., Mayor  
John D. Meyers, Deputy Mayor  
Jack Gross, Attorney  
Frank Clark, Keystone Engineering  
Michael Marks, Police Chief  
Patricia A. Sweeney, Executive Secretary

The 58th reorganizational meeting was formally opened by Mayor HOZZA with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence for our living and deceased troops and those serving all over the world.

Mayor HOZZA read the statement on fair housing as required.

Mayor HOZZA noted that the Township Treasurer/Tax Collector would not be sworn in this evening due to the Department of Community and Economic Development regulations that all new incoming tax collectors must take a 2-day class, then pass a test, in order to be sworn in. Our tax collector-elect when be taking the classes and test next week, if successful, will be sworn in then.

### **B. OATH OF OFFICE - NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Commissioners Shawn CLARY, Joseph MARX, and Thomas SLONAKER were sworn in by Notary Public Patricia SWEENEY.

### **C. REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

1. Mayor HOZZA requested a motion for nominations for President of the Board of Commissioners.  
Commissioner DUTT moved to nominate Commissioner HOWER seconded by Commissioner GINDER.

There were no further nominations. Commissioner MARX moved to close nominations. Nominations were closed.

Six Commissioners were present with five voting “yes” and Commissioner HOWER abstained. Motion carried.

President HOWER presided over the remainder of the meeting.

2. President HOWER requested a motion for nominations for Vice President of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner MARX moved to nominate Commissioner GINDER, seconded by Commissioner SLONAKER.

There were no further nominations. Nominations were closed.

Six Commissioners were present with five voting “yes” and Commissioner GINDER abstained. Motion carried.

3. President HOWER requested nominations for Secretary of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner GINDER moved to nominate Commissioner SLONAKER, seconded by Commissioner MARX.

There were no further nominations. Nominations were closed.

Six Commissioners were present and voted “yes”. Motion carried.

***D. ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS***

1. Commissioner MARX moved, seconded by Commissioner DUTT to approve the appointment of the firm of Gross McGinley, primarily Charles J. FONZONE as Township Solicitor, at a rate of \$125.00 per hour and \$110.00 per hour for associates.

Six Commissioners were present and voted “yes”. Motion carried.

2. Commissioner SLONAKER moved, seconded by Commissioner GINDER to approve the appointment of KEYSTONE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. as the Township Engineer firm, at rates per their 2018 Professional Fee Schedule.

There were no questions or comments. Six Commissioners were present and voted “yes”. Motion carried.

3. Commissioner DUTT moved, seconded by Commissioner MARX to approve the reappointment of Scott LIPSON to serve as counsel to the Tax Appeals Board at a rate of \$125.00 per hours.

There were no questions or comments. Six Commissioners were present and voted “yes”.  
Motion carried.

4. Commissioner CLARY moved, seconded by Commissioner GINDER to approve the reappointment of William FRIES to serve as counsel to the Zoning Hearing Board at a rate of \$125.00 per hour.

There were no questions or comments. Six Commissioners were present and voted “yes”.  
Motion carried.

***E. ADJOURNMENT***

Commissioner DUTT moved, seconded by Commissioner CLARY to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.