
MINUTES

January 6, 2020 Reorganizational Meeting

Board of Commissioners

Township of Whitehall

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 Monday, January 6, 2020, in the Public Meeting Room of the with the following in attendance:

COMMISSIONERS

Philip J. Ginder
Joseph J. Marx, Jr.
Jeffrey J. Warren
Charles G. Fisher
Randy Atiyeh
Thomas Slonaker

TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL

Michael P. Harakal, Jr., Mayor
John D. Meyers, Deputy Mayor
Jack Gross, Attorney
Frank Clark, Keystone Engineering
Larissa L. Bruder, Executive Secretary

The meeting was formally opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence.

B. OATH OF OFFICE - NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Michael P. HAKAKAL, JR., and Commissioners Philip J. GINDER, Jeffrey J. WARREN, Charles G. FISHER and Randy ATIYEH were sworn in by Notary Public Larissa BRUDER.

C. REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1. Mayor HAKAKAL requested a motion for nomination for President of the Board of Commissioners.
Commissioner SLONAKER moved to nominate Commission GINDER seconded by Commissioner WARREN.
Six Commissioners were present with six voting "yes". Motion carried.
President GINDER presided over the remainder of the meeting.
2. President GINDER requested a motion for nominations for Vice President of the Board of Commissioners.
Commissioner SLONAKER moved to nominate Commissioner MARX, seconded by Commissioner ATIYEH.

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

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

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

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

D. ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

1. Commissioner MARX moved, seconded by Commissioner WARREN to approve the appointment of the firm of Gross McGinley, primarily John F. Gross, Esq. as Township Solicitor, at a rate of \$140.00 per hour and \$125.00 per hour for associates.

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

2. Commissioner SLONAKER moved, seconded by Commissioner FISHER to approve the appointment of KEYSTONE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. as the Township Engineer firm, at rates per their 2020 Professional Fee Schedule.

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

3. Commissioner MARX moved, seconded by Commissioner ATIYEH to approve the reappointment of Scott LIPSON to serve as counsel to the Tax Appeals Board.

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

4. Commissioner FISHER moved, seconded by Commissioner MARX to approve the reappointment of William FRIES to serve as counsel to the Zoning Hearing Board at a rate of \$135.00 per hour.

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

5. Commissioner WARREN moved, seconded by Commissioner ATIYEH to approve the appointment of LEHIGH ENGINEERING ASSOC. as the Township Conflict Engineer firm, at rates per their 2020 Professional Fee Schedule.

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

6. Commissioner MARX moved, seconded by Commissioner SLONAKER to approve the appointment of Kevin FOGERTY, Esq. as Township Conflict Solicitor, at a rate \$125.00.

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

E. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner FISHER moved, seconded by Commissioner ATIYEH to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.