

Larry Spangler opened Connoquenessing Township's "Organizational Meeting" at 6:00 p.m. on January 2, 2024 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Larry Spangler, Ricky Kradel and Angela Fleeger. Thirty three people signed in on the public sign in record on file.

Spangler stated that Angela Fleeger and Estle Harp, newly elected officials turned in their Oath of Office forms.

Spangler motioned to appoint Kradel as temporary chairperson. Fleeger seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kradel motioned to appoint Spangler as temporary secretary. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kradel motioned to appoint Spangler as permanent chairman. Fleeger stated she had 27 years of management experience and organizing meetings and would make a good chairperson as well. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.

Spangler motioned to appoint Kradel as vice-chairman. Kradel seconded. Fleeger stated Kradel and Spangler both have experience with the road crew for the Roadmaster position, where she has the least experience. She notated her experience of managing meetings and budgets, so it would be in the best interest of the township to take on the Vice-Chairman position and leave Kradel in charge of the road crew because of his experience. Spangler re-motioned Kradel to Vice-Chairman. Kradel seconded. Roll call, Spangler, yes; Kradel, yes; Fleeger, no.

Spangler motioned to appoint Brenda Davis as permanent Secretary/Asst. Treasurer. Kradel, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kradel motioned to appoint Lee Ann Kradel as Treasurer/Asst. Secretary. Fleeger seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kradel motioned to set Treasurer's bond at \$2,000,000 for both the Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer. Fleeger seconded. Roll call, yes.

Spangler motioned to appoint Kradel as roadmaster with his pay to be set by the elected auditors. Fleeger seconded. Roll call, Spangler, yes. Fleeger, yes. Kradel, abstained.

Spangler motioned to reappoint Andrew Menchyk, Jr. with the firm "Stepanian & Menchyk, LLP" as solicitor according to his 2024 rate sheet. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes.

Spangler motioned to reappoint Bill Braun from Senate/LSSE, as the Township's engineer according to his 2024 rate sheet. Fleeger seconded. Roll call, yes.

Spangler motioned to appoint Fleeger as Delegate for Connoquenessing Valley Regional Emergency Management Agency (CVREMA). Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes. Kradel motioned to appoint Spangler as Alternate Delegate for CVREMA. Fleeger seconded. Roll call, yes.

Spangler stated the Township received one application for the "Chairman of the Vacancy Board and it was Brendan Linton. Joe Huth, resident questioned if he could apply? The board said, "yes". Joe Huth stated he has objectivity and tries to stay with the facts in reference to the whole CTSA realm. Mr. Huth stated this appointed position is in place in case there is a vacancy on the board of supervisors and the current two can not agree then the Vacancy Board Chairman would

determine the candidate. Mr. Huth feels he would offer objectivity that others may not have. Mrs. Chris Klink stated she opposes Brendan Linton being selected because of his "not-upstanding" citizenship in the Township. Mrs. Klink stated Brendan has caused havoc and enemies within the community. Sandi Cox, a resident of the Township and our current code enforcement officer, stated she would also like to apply. Mrs. Cox stated she served between 18-20 years on the Planning Commission. Spangler motioned to go to an executive session to deliberate on the applicants. Fleeger seconded. Roll call, Spangler, yes; Fleeger, yes; Kradel, no. The board returned. Spangler motioned to appoint Brendan Linton for Chairman of the Vacancy Board. Kradel seconded. Roll call, Spangler, yes, Kradel, yes, Fleeger, no. Fleeger stated she had an issue with conflict of interest since Brendan is already Chair of Planning Commission but was told by solicitor Menchyk, Jr. that it is not a conflict. Secondly, Fleeger stated there are other candidates that could be considered. Roy Gilliland questioned why public didn't know about this open position. Spangler stated it was listed on the agenda which was posted the previous Friday.

Spangler stated there is only one open position for the 5 member Airport Board of Adjustment and received an application from Terry Steinheiser. Spangler motioned to appoint Terry Steinheiser and the other 4 continuing members to a new 3 year term. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kradel motioned to reappoint Ann Isaacs as the Township's interim tax collector at the same rate of \$1.00 per card. Fleeger seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kradel motioned to reappoint Dave Ice for 2024 as Primary SEO and appoint Collin Fantaskey as Alternate SEO. Fleeger seconded. Roll call, yes.

Spangler stated there is one elected auditor position open and received one application from Terry Steinheiser. Kradel made a motion to appoint Terry Steinheiser to elected auditor per resolution. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes. Ken Dambaugh questioned what the Elected Auditor does? Kradel said, they set the roadmasters wage per year. Kradel stated the other two are Estle Harp and Clint McConnell. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. explained that this is an elected position but no one ran for it in the election so the board can appoint by resolution.

Kradel motioned to appoint Mike Grill from Construction Code Inspectors as the Township's residential building permit inspector. Fleeger seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kradel motioned to appoint Mike Grill from Construction Code Inspectors as the Township's commercial building inspector. Fleeger seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kradel motioned to reappoint Eugene Henry as Dog Officer at same rate of \$128.75 quarterly. Fleeger seconded. Roll call, yes.

Spangler stated the code enforcement officer needs appointed. Kradel stated he would like her to be raised to \$25.00 from her current \$19.76/hr. Ken Dambaugh asked why this wasn't advertised? Kradel stated appointed positions do not require advertising. Kradel motioned to reappoint Sandi Cox as Code Enforcement Officer with an increase to \$25.00/hr. up from \$19.76/hr. Fleeger seconded. Roll call, yes.

Spangler stated there is one full term available for a Sewer Authority Board member. Kradel motioned to appoint Bruce Steinheiser to a 5-year term. Fleeger seconded. Roll call, yes.

Spangler stated there are two open 4-year terms on the Planning Commission. Kradel motioned to appoint Lee Kradel and Diane Hanchosky for 4-year terms. Fleeger seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kradel motioned to retain Nextier Bank as the depository, seconded by Fleeger. Roll call, yes.

Spangler motioned to appoint Kradel as the township's voting delegate at the State Convention in Hershey this year. Kradel, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kradel motioned to reappoint Lee Kradel as delegate for the BCTCC. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kradel motioned to reappoint Brenda Davis as the alternate delegate for the BCTCC. Fleeger seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kradel motioned to reappoint Lee Kradel as the BCATO representative. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kradel motioned to approve 3 year contract with MaherDuessel through 2025. Fleeger seconded. Roll call, yes. Kradel motioned to appoint MaherDuesel as auditors for 2024 to audit the 2023 books. Fleeger seconded. Roll call, yes.

Spangler stated the road workers wage is set by the union contract.

Kradel motioned to set the monthly supervisor meetings for the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Building, seconded by Fleeger. Roll call, yes.

Fleeger motioned to set the Planning Commission meetings for the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Building and the pay rate remains at \$50/mo. Spangler seconded. Roll call, Spangler, yes; Fleeger, yes; Kradel, abstained.

Spangler stated the holidays for the road workers are set by the union contract and the office personnel receive the same.

Spangler stated the road workers personal days are set by the union contract. The office personnel receive 5 paid personal days per year.

Spangler stated the road workers sick days are set by the union contract. The office personnel receive 4 paid sick days per year.

Kradel adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m. to the supervisors meeting. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.