

TOWNSHIP OF RESERVE
REORGANIZATION/REGULAR PUBLIC MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
January 4th, 2022

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Manager/Notary Public Natalie Thiess swore in the newly elected officials, Ron Neurohr and Sharon Sweeney, with the Oath of Office.

CALL TO ORDER

Township Manager, Natalie Thiess called the meeting to order on January 4th, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

1. Roll Call

Indicated Commissioner Dan Giebel, Commissioner John Kaib, Commissioner Ron Neurohr, Commissioner Sharon Sweeney, Manager Natalie Thiess, Engineer Gordon Taylor, and Solicitor Nate Boring were all present. Commissioner Ed Vincent was absent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

NOMINATIONS: PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT:

1. Manager Natalie Thiess called for a nomination for President of the Board of Commissioners. John Kaib nominated Ron Neurohr with a second by Dan Giebel. All in favor.
2. Ron Neurohr called for a nomination for Vice President. John Kaib nominates Dan Giebel with a second by Sharon Sweeney. All in favor.

MOTIONS REQUIRED:

1. Ron Neurohr asks for motion to approve Resolution 738 of 2022 appointing the following: Auditor, Maher Duessel; Township Depository, WesBanco and Township Real Estate Tax Collector, Jordan Tax Service. John Kaib made the motion to approve with a second by Dan Giebel. All in Favor.
2. Ron Neurohr asks for motion to approve Ordinance 688 of 2022 to legally advertise the dates and times of the regular monthly meetings. Meetings will be now held on the third Monday of each month (unless advertised otherwise). John Kaib made to motion to approve the legal advertisement with a second by Dan Giebel. Per Solicitor Nate Boring, the legal advertisement must state that the public workshop is at 6pm and the regular meeting will follow at 7pm. All in favor.

BOARD COMMISSIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**1. Planning Commission**

- a. Daniel R Rehak
- b. Vacancy
- c. Vacancy

B. Zoning Hearing Board

- a. Josie Crame
- b. David Moore (Alternate)
- c. Vacancy (Alternate)

C. Vacancy Board

- a. John Huntermark

D. Civil Service Commission

- a. Scott Henzler
- b. Vacancy

E. Girty's Run

- a. Beth Celik

REORGANIZATION- CONTRACTS, EMPLOYEES, AND APPOINTMENTS:**1. Appointment of Township Solicitor - Gaitens, Tucceri & Nicholas (Nate Boring)**

John Kaib made the motion to approve with a second by Dan Giebel. All in favor.

2. Appointment of Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor -Goehring, Rutter & Boehm (Emily Mueller)

Sharon Sweeney made to motion to approve with a second by John Kaib. All in favor.

3. Appointment of Township Engineer – Senate Engineering (Gordon Taylor)

John Kaib made the motion to approve with a second by Sharon Sweeney. All in favor.

4. Appointment of Manager – Natalie Thiess

Sharon Sweeney made the motion to approve with second by Dan Giebel. All in favor.

5. Appointment of Chief of Police – James Etherington

Sharon Sweeney made the motion to approve with a second by John Kaib. Dan Giebel opposes.
Ron Neurohr approves to make the vote 3 to 1.

6. Appointment of Township Treasurer – Karen Henschel

Dan Giebel made the motion to approve with a second by Sharon Sweeney. All in favor.

7. Appointment of Township Secretary – Karen Henschel

Sharon Sweeney made the motion to approve with a second by John Kaib. All in favor

8. Appointment of Clerk- Lisa Pisanko

John Kaib made the motion to approve with a second by Dan Giebel. All in favor

9. Appointment of Zoning/Code Enforcement- Harold Seretti

Sharon Sweeney made the motion to approve with a second by John Kaib. All in favor.

10. Appointment of Building Inspector – Building Inspection Underwriters

John Kaib made the motion to approve with a second by Dan Giebel. All in favor.

11. Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator- Dale McGlaughlin

Sharon Sweeney made the motion approve with a second by John Kaib. All in favor.

12. Appointment of Newspaper of Record – Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Dan Giebel made the motion to approve with a second by Sharon Sweeney. All in favor.

13. Appointment of Delegate/Alternate NHCOG – Ron Neurohr as the delegate with Ed Vincent as the alternate

John Kaib made the motion to approve with a second by Sharon Sweeney. All In Favor.

14. Appointment of Police and Non-Uniform Pension Boards and Pension Plan Administrator –

Natalie Thiess

John Kaib made the motion to approve with a second by Dan Giebel. All in favor.

ASSIGNMENTS OF COMMITTEES AND ALTERNATES:

The following are the Board's assignments of committees and alternates:

1. Public Safety Committee: Dan Giebel (Chair); John Kaib; Sharon Sweeney
2. Public Works Committee: John Kaib (Chair); Edward Vincent; Ron Neurohr
3. Public Finance Chair: Sharon Sweeney (Chair); Dan Giebel; Ed Vincent.
4. Recreation: Sharon Sweeney (Chair); Ed Vincent; Ron Neurohr.
5. Public Relations and Intergovernmental Affairs: Ron Neurohr (Chair); Ed Vincent; John Kaib
6. Planning/Zoning: Sharon Sweeney (Chair); John Kaib; Ron Neurohr

The Reorganization Meeting has concluded.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Commissioner Ron Neurohr announced that the Board of Commissioners held an executive session tonight at 6:00 pm., wherein the following topics were discussed: employment and personnel matters, contracts and policies, actual and ongoing litigation as well as potential litigation and identifiable complaints. Mr. Neurohr asked for a moment of silence in honor of long-time firefighter Mark Mikulan along with reading his obituary.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Sharon Sweeney made the motion for the Approval of Consent Agenda as submitted, with a second by Commissioner John Kaib. All in favor.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED

None

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

Manager Thiess stated that the International Property Maintenance Code edition the Township is currently using is 2003 and would need to amend Ordinance 630 if the Township would like to use a newer edition.

ORDINANCES TO BE ENACTED

Commissioner Dan Giebel made the motion to approve Ordinance 687, establishing a fee for false alarms caused by fire/burglar alarm device within the Township. Seconded by John Kaib. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMISSIONER SWEENEY – Ms. Sweeney stated breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be the next township event. Ms. Sweeney will check with the firehall for availability on 4/9/22/ or 4/10/22. The environmental road clean-up project will be held in the spring.

COMMISSIONER VINCENT –Absent

COMMISSIONER KAIB – Mr. Kaib stated with the arrival of the snow and freezing temperatures, watermain breaks have the potential to occur.

COMMISSIONER GIEBEL – Mr. Giebel suggested that the Board needs to set new personnel public safety rules.

COMMISSIONER NEUROHR – Mr. Neurohr read December's police report. He wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Engineer Gordon Taylor will speak regarding Arlington & Karen Drive CDBG Project Grant updates.
2. Ms. Thiess announced there will be two cases in front of the Zoning Hearing Board for review on Wednesday, January 12th, 2022. The Zoning Hearing Board will hear two cases requesting variances for properties 811 Geyer Road and 1971 Mount Troy Road.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

1. Mr. Boring stated the Township is moving forward with the zoning amendment for Geyer Rd with a portion of the Township changing from R-1 to R-3 to allow for potential development of multi-family housing. The amendment will be sent to the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development

for review and recommendations, per MPC. Mr. Boring stated the public hearing is anticipated to be held on February 21st, 2022, prior to the regular public meeting. The area will need to be posted along with mailing notices to the properties affected by the zoning change.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Mr. Taylor stated that we are continuing to work on the first part of the Phase II Consent Order with Alcosan. The Township has six months from the time it was signed in October 2021 to complete the first items for the consent order.
2. Mr. Taylor stated that the notice to proceed letter was issued by the NHCOC for the demolition of both 1917 Mt Troy Rd and 844 Hoffman Rd. The Mt Troy Rd property contains asbestos which required permitting by Allegheny County.
3. Mr. Taylor reported that the Arlington Drive and Karen Drive CBDG projects were discussed at last month's meeting and changes of scope of work was sent to the County for review. The estimated costs of the projects have increased substantially since the designs were completed. The cost of Karen Drive doubled from \$200,000 to \$400,000 and Arlington Drive's cost has increased by \$60,000 causing the County to drop the projects for Year 46. Mr. Taylor stated Foreman Jim Roemer could complete some of the work to lower the estimated costs by about \$30,000. Mr. Taylor recommended that the Township may need to apply for some other grants in the future.

GIRTYS RUN REPORT- None

COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS – None

OLD BUSINESS – Commissioner Sharon Sweeney noticed that Star Automotive is once again being filled with trash and old vehicles. Solicitor Nate boring suggested checking zoning certification for repairs & salvage. Issue a violation if necessary.

NEW BUSINESS –

Geyer Road will be closed for approximately one month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Greg Nicosia of 3150 Mt Troy Rd- Dr. Nicosia discussed County Hauling refusal to establish trash service for his property on 3124 Mt Troy Rd in his name/address. His former tenant who occupied the property owes the trash company over \$900 in unpaid bills and is questioning why they continued service for months without payment. Dr. Nicosia suggested that property owners be notified of unpaid trash charges. Solicitor Nate Boring suggested that the Township review the County Hauling contract for provisions. Dr. Nicosia also asked how the property was zoned with the response being R2/Duplex. He

also questioned if the property could be used as an Airbnb rental. Ms. Thiess advised Mr. Nicosia to visit the Township Office to review the zoning ordinances.

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT – Commissioner Ron Neurohr announced the next public meeting would be on Mon, Feb 21, 2022, at 6:45PM.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Sharon Sweeney moved to adjourn the meeting, with a second by Commissioner Ed Vincent. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Henschel
Secretary

APPROVED