

Upper Moreland Township
Board of Commissioners

Minutes of Reorganization Meeting

JANUARY 7, 2008

CALL TO ORDER - Commissioner Efkwitz commented that the Board of Commissioners of Upper Moreland Township, this evening, is in a very unique position. We are without a President and a Vice President. According to the Board of Commissioners' Bylaws the President pro-temporary would be the Board member present who has served the longest continuous period. Therefore, it is my pleasure to call to Order the January 7, 2008 Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 7:35 P.M.

Commissioner Efkwitz asked for a moment of silent meditation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL - Mr. Dodies took roll call. The following were present: Ward 1, Ward 2, Ward 3, Ward 4, Ward 5, Ward 6, and Ward 7. All members of the Board are present this evening, Township Manager is also present.

Commissioner Efkwitz, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, welcomed the community, family and friends of those being sworn in. She announced that after the swearing in there will be a five minute break for pictures and congratulations.

Commissioner Efkwitz announced that the Willow Grove Chamber of Commerce was having a reception this evening for the Commissioners which will be a joint reception with Abington Township. Commissioner Efkwitz thanked the Chamber of Commerce for hosting the celebration.

Presentation of Certificates of Election to Township Secretary

The following Commissioners Elect presented their Certificates of Election to Mr. Dodies, Township Manager.

Commissioner Spearing	Ward 2
Commissioner Lavalley	Ward 4
Commissioner R. Samuel Valenza	Ward 6

Administration of Oaths of Office

District Justice Paul Leo swore in each of the newly elected Commissioners who were joined by their family members.

Nomination and Election of Temporary Chairman

Commissioner Efkwitz opened the chair for nominations stating that each Commissioner has an opportunity to nominate one member. Each Commissioner has one vote on each nomination. Once nominations are closed we will vote on them in the order they were received. The first nominee to carry at least four yes votes will win the election. There is no debate, no second is needed it is simply a nomination from the floor.

Commissioner Hotchkiss nominated Commissioner Valenza for Temporary Chairman.

Motion was Adopted 7-0.

Nomination and Election of President of Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Hotchkiss nominated Commissioner Efkwitz for President of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Valenza asked if there were any other nominations. There were no other nominations.

Motion was Adopted 5-1, with 1 abstention. (Commissioner Romaniello opposed, Commissioner McKenna abstained.)

Nomination and Election, Vice-President, Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Hotchkiss nominated Commissioner Valenza for Vice-President of the Board of Commissioners. There were no other nominations.

Motion was Adopted 7-0.

Appointment of Township Manager/Secretary

Commissioner Valenza made a motion to appoint David A. Dodies as Township Manager/Secretary seconded by Commissioner Lavalle.

Motion was Adopted 7-0.

Appointment of Assistant Township Manager/Director of Finance/Assistant Township Secretary

Commissioner Valenza made a motion to appoint John Crawford to Assistant Township Manager/Director of Finance and Assistant Township Secretary seconded by Commissioner Lavalle.

Motion was Adopted 7-0.

Appointment of Township Solicitor

Commissioner Valenza made a motion to appoint Timoney Knox as the Township Solicitor seconded by Commissioner Lavalle.

Motion was Adopted 4-2, with 1 abstention. (Commissioners Spearing and Romaniello opposed, Commissioner McKenna abstained.)

Appointment of Township Engineer

Commissioner Hotchkiss made a motion to appoint Chambers & Associates as Township Engineer seconded by Commissioner Valenza.

Motion was Adopted 6-1. Commissioner Spearing opposed.

Appointment of Chief of Police

Commissioner Hotchkiss made a motion to appoint Thomas J. Nestel, III as Chief of Police seconded by Commissioner Valenza.

Motion was Adopted 7-0.

Appointment of Director of Code Enforcement

Commissioner Lavalle made a motion to appoint Paul E. Purtell as Director of Code Enforcement seconded by Commissioner Valenza.

Motion was Adopted 7-0.

Appointment of Director of Parks and Recreation

Commissioner Spearing made a motion to appoint Patrick T. Stasio as Director of Parks and Recreation seconded by Commissioner Lavalle.

Motion was Adopted 7-0.

Appointment of Director of Public Works

Commissioner Spearing made a motion to appoint Jack Snyder as Director of Public Works seconded by Commissioner Lavalle.

Motion was Adopted 7-0.

Appointment of Director of Human Resources

Commissioner Romaniello made a motion to appoint Megan DeLaurentis to Director of Human Resources seconded by Commissioner Hotchkiss.

Motion was Adopted 7-0.

Appointment of Director of Emergency Services/Fire Marshal

Commissioner Romaniello made a motion to appoint Joseph O'Neill as Director of Emergency Services/Fire Marshall seconded by Commissioner Hotchkiss.

Motion was Adopted 7-0.

Appointment of Township Landscape Architect

Commissioner Lavalley made a motion to appoint McCloskey & Faber, P.C. as Township Landscape Architect seconded by Commissioner Valenza.

Motion was Adopted 7-0.

Appointment of Tax Review Hearing Officer

Commissioner Hotchkiss made a motion to appoint Flamm, Boroff and Bacine, P.C. as Tax Review Hearing Officer seconded by Commissioner Valenza.

Motion was Adopted 7-0.

Appointment to Vacancy Board

Commissioner Lavalley made a motion to appoint Richard Booth to the Vacancy Board seconded by Commissioner Valenza.

Motion was Adopted 7-0.

Commissioner Efkwitz commented that all the Commissioners support redevelopment in the core area and revitalization of the core business district. She also stated that she will be shifting the consideration of redevelopment matters to the Community Development Committee.

Commissioner Efkwitz said that there will be a schedule change in the meetings. She said she would like to flip the second and third weeks around. The general board meeting will remain the first Monday night of the month and the second Monday of the month will be the Community Development Committee meeting. The third Monday of the month will be Finance & Admin., Parks & Rec. and Public Health & Safety. January's schedule will remain the same. In February the changes will begin. At the general board meetings only items that have been discussed thoroughly at committee meetings should

be moved for action. There may be exceptions such as something crucial or urgent that would relate to Public Health & Safety issues for our community.

Commissioner Efkwitz stated that she would like the Manager to take the minutes as he sees fit according to the law. Without hiring a Court Reporter for each meeting, making sure every word of a statement is true and correct becomes quite difficult. If anyone wishes to make a certain specific comment and you want it recorded she suggested that one should preface the statement so that it will, in fact, be included in the minutes, otherwise, the minutes will be simple and pointed and if you wish to have a copy of the meeting on a CD, you could certainly request one and you can always watch the meeting on our new cable channel.

Appointment of Committees of the Board of Commissioners

Finance & Administrative: R. Samuel Valenza, Chair; Stacey E. Efkwitz, Member; James McKenna, Member

Parks & Recreation: Kevin C. Spearing, Chair; R. Samuel Valenza, Member; Lisa Romaniello, Member

Public Health & Safety: James G. Hotchkiss, Jr., Chair; Lisa Romaniello, Member; Joseph A. Lavallo, Member

Community Development/Public Works/Redevelopment: Joseph A. Lavallo, Chair; James G. Hotchkiss, Jr. Member; Kevin C. Spearing, Member

Commissioner Efkwitz stated that a good deal of thought was put into everyone's strengths and is pleased to say that we have a broad spectrum among us and a true willingness to work with one another as they move forward.

Appointment of Members to Library Board

Commissioner Efkwitz appointed Commissioner Spearing along with herself to sit on the library board.

Announcements

Commissioner Efkwitz announced the Regular Meeting is scheduled for January 14th at 7:00 P.M.

Commissioner Hotchkiss made a Motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Valenza.

Adjournment: 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene M. Nolan