MINUTES OF PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING JANUARY 2, 2024

1. Call to Order: The January 2, 2024, re-organization meeting of the Plumstead Township Board of Supervisors was held at Plumstead Township Municipal Building, 5186 Stump Road, Pipersville, PA. Mr. McComb called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

James McComb Member
Daniel Hilferty Member
Gregory Bankos Member
Kenneth Lichtenstein Member
Matthew Given Member

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Township Manager:

Angela P. Benner

Township Solicitor:

William Oetinger, Esq.*

Township Engineer:

Timothy Fulmer, PE*

- * Not Present
- 2. Moment of Silence & Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. McComb led the Board and Audience in a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Announcements: Mr. McComb announced that all meetings for 2024 have been advertised and posted on the Township website on the calendar page and that the Township Offices will be closed Monday, January 16th in observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Mr. McComb also announced that the Board held two executive sessions on December 20, 2023, and December 27, 2023, with discussions pertaining to a collective bargaining agreement.
- 4. Swearing in of Newly Elected Supervisor Matthew Given: Bucks County District Judge Gary Gambardella performed the swearing in of Mr. Given, with Mr. Given's wife and children holding the Bible.

5. Reorganization:

5.1. Election of Officers:

- A. Nomination and Election of Chairperson
- B. Nomination and Election of Vice-Chair
- C. Appointment of Secretary
- D. Appointment of Treasurer
- E. Appointment of Assistant Treasurer
- F. Appointment of Assistant Secretary

A. Nomination and Election of Chairperson:

NOMINATION: Mr. Lichtenstein nominated Mr. McComb to be Chairperson. Mr. McComb accepted the nomination and by acclamation, the Board unanimously appointed Mr. McComb as Chairperson.

B. Nomination and Election of Vice Chair:

NOMINATION: Upon nomination by himself, Mr. Lichtenstein was nominated as Vice Chair.

NOMINATION: Upon nomination by Mr. Bankos, Mr. Hilferty was nominated as Vice Chair and elected as Chairperson on a vote of 3-2. Mr. Given and Mr. Lichtenstein were opposed.

C. Appointment of Secretary:

MOTION: Upon general consent, the Board unanimously appointed Ms. Benner as Secretary.

D. Appointment of Treasurer:

MOTION: Upon general consent, the Board unanimously appointed Ms. Benner as Treasurer.

E. Appointment of Assistant Treasurer:

NOMINATION: Upon nomination by Mr. McComb, Mr. Given was unanimously nominated as the Assistant Treasurer.

F. Appointment of Assistant Secretary:

NOMINATION: Upon nomination by Mr. McComb, Mr. Bankos was unanimously nominated as the Assistant Secretary.

5.2. Resolution #2024-01: Establishing Employee Benefits, Holiday Schedule, and Staff:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Lichtenstein, the Board unanimously approved Resolution #2024-01 establishing employee benefits, holiday schedule and staff.

5.3. Resolution #2024-02: Acknowledgement of Professional Appointments, Check Signers, appointment of Boards, Commissions and Committees and list of Township Depositories: Mr. Bankos expressed his gratitude to all members of the Boards, Commissions and Committees; and stated the importance of those members attending all scheduled meetings for their respective Boards, Commissions and Committees.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Bankos, the Board unanimously approved Resolution #2024-02 Acknowledging the Professional Appointments, Check Signers, Township Depositories; and the Appointment of Boards, Commissions and Committees.

5.4. PSATS Voting Delegate:

NOMINATION: Upon general consent, Mr. McComb was unanimously appointed as the Township's PSATS Voting Delegate.

6. Other Business:

6.1. Resolution #2024-03: Police Pension Contribution: Ms. Benner stated that the Township's Ordinance requires a 5.0% contribution from employees into their pension plan, however the Minimum Municipal Obligation only requires 3.5%.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. McComb, seconded by Mr. Hilferty, the Board unanimously approved Resolution #2024-03 reducing the Police's required pension requirement from 5.0% to 3.5% for the 2024 calendar year.

6.2. Resolution #2024-04: Identity Theft Prevention Program: Ms. Benner stated that this program is required to be re-adopted annually.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Given, the Board unanimously approved Resolution #2024-04 re-adopting the Identity Theft Prevention Program.

6.3. Resolution #2024-05: Fee Schedule: Ms. Benner stated that the only updates were regarding Parks and Recreation, increasing Field Use Fees 5%, and adding the cost to schedule lighting which takes a significant amount of time. Ms. Benner stated that the additional costs and fees are based on the analysis done by Duane Freed of the Parks and Recreation department.

Mr. Lichtenstein expressed his gratitude toward Mr. Freed for his continued work, growing the Parks and Recreation department.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Lichtenstein, the Board unanimously approved Resolution #2024-05 adopting the Township's fee schedule.

- 8. Public Comment: Tom Alvare of State Park Road congratulated Mr. Given.
- 9. Adjournment: Upon motion by Mr. Lichtenstein and seconded by Mr. Hilferty the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Date Approved: 1024

Angela P. Benner, Township Manager

lespectfully Submitted,