

Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting

January 6, 2025 | 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Mr. Ksiazek called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

After the Pledge of Allegiance Ms. Quirple called roll. Supervisors Ksiazek, Quirple, Hannah, and Kane attended the meeting along with the Township Manager Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, Assistant Township Manager Nick Valla, Solicitor James Esposito, and Township Engineer Alex Swiderski. Supervisor Payne was absent.

2. Organization of the Board of Supervisors:

A motion was made by Ms. Quirple, seconded by Ms. Hannah to appoint Mike Ksiazek as Chairperson. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Ksiazek, seconded by Ms. Quirple to appoint Bernadette Hannah as Vice Chairperson. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Hannah, seconded by Mr. Ksiazek to appoint Dawn Quirple as Secretary. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

3. Consideration of appointing Township Solicitor.

A motion was made by Mr. Ksiazek, seconded by Ms. Quirple, to appoint Curtin & Heefner as Township Solicitor. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

4. Consideration of appointing General Labor Attorney.

A motion was made by Mr. Ksiazek, seconded by Ms. Hannah to appoint Hill Wallick as Labor Attorney. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

Ms. Kane asked if that their rates are the same as 2024. Ms. Teoli Kuhls confirmed that their rates have not changed.

5. Consideration of appointing Township Engineer.

A motion was made by Mr. Ksiazek, seconded by Ms. Quirple, to appoint Remington Vernick Engineers as Township Engineer.

Ms. Kane questioned the rate increase of about 6-7% higher than 2024. She commented that other Township professionals kept their rates the same for 2025.

Ms. Kane requested that the Township Engineer explain the reason for the higher rates.

Alex Swiderski, Township Engineer, explained that the increases in rates for Remington & Vernick Engineers help retain the high level of service to support the Township providing excellent service.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls confirmed that Remington Vernick Engineers' rates were on market.

Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

6. Consideration of appointing Township Traffic Engineer.

A motion was made by Mr. Ksiazek, seconded by Ms. Hannah to appoint Pennoni as Township Traffic Engineer.

Ms. Kane recognized Bowman Consulting for their submission.

Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

7. Consideration of appointing the Township Manager to the positions of Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and Chief Administrative Officer to Pensions.

A motion was made by Mr. Ksiazek, seconded by Ms. Kane, to appoint the Township Manager to the positions of Treasurer and Assistant Secretary and Chief Administrative Officer to Pensions. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

8. Consideration of appointing the Finance Director as Assistant Treasurer.

A motion was made by Ms. Kane, seconded by Ms. Quirple, to appoint the Finance Director as Assistant Treasurer. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

9. Consideration of establishing and authorizing advertisement of 2025 public meetings of the Board of Supervisors.

A motion was made by Ms. Kane, seconded by Ms. Quirple to establish, and advertise the 2025 public meeting dates of the Board of Supervisors. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

10. Consideration of establishing bond limits in the amount of \$1.5 Million for Township Manager/Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer for the faithful performance of the duties of said offices.

A motion was made by Ms. Quirple, seconded by Ms. Hannah to establish bond limits in the amount of \$1.5 Million for Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Township Manager for the faithful performance of the duties of said offices. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

11. Consideration of appointing a Chairperson to the Vacancy Board for 2025.

A motion was made by Mr. Ksiazek seconded by Ms. Quirple, to appoint Helene Ratner as Vacancy Board Chairperson.

Ms. Kane questioned Helene Ratner's political affiliation with the Democratic Party.

Motion carried on a 3-1 vote with Ms. Kane in opposition.

12. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Planning Commission

Action: Mr. Ksiazek made a motion to appoint Peter Tantala to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term to expire on 12-31-2027, seconded by Ms. Kane. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Human Relations Commission

Action: Ms. Hannah made a motion to appoint Kate Anderson and Suzanne Hargadon to the Human Relations Commission for a 2-year term each to expire on 12-31-2026, seconded by Ms. Quirple. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Ksiazek thanked the residents appointed for their willingness to serve their community.

Mr. Ksiazek made a motion to reappoint the following individuals to their respective Boards and Commissions:

Humans Relations Commission

David Devore to the Human Relations Commission for a 2-year term to expire on 12-31-2026.

Donna Fann Boyle to the Human Relations Commission for a 2-year term to expire on 12-31-2026.

Environmental Advisory Committee

Kevin Deeny to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a 3-year term to expire on 12-31-2027.

Lauren Lareau to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a 3-year term to expire on 12-31-2027.

Andrew McAloon to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a 3-year term to expire on 12-31-2027.

Financial Advisory Committee

Micheal Jones to the Financial Advisory Committee for a 4-year term to expire on 12-31-2028.

Michael Mariakis to the Financial Advisory Committee for a 4-year term to expire on 12-31-2028.

Parks & Recreation Board

William Fuller to the Parks & Recreation Board for a 3-year term to expire on 12-31-2027.

Daniel Giacomelli to the Parks & Recreation Board for a 3-year term to expire on 12-31-2027.

Missy Kitzmiller to the Parks & Recreation Board for a 3-year term to expire on 12-31-2027.

Planning Commission

Jospeh Antonelli to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term to expire on 12-31-2028.

Zoning Hearing Board

James McCafferty to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 5-year term to expire on 12-31-2029.

Douglas Downing as Alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 3-year term to expire on 12-31-2027.

Historic Preservation Commission

George Dranginis to the Historic Preservation Commission for a 3-year term to expire on 12-31-2027.

Mary Durkin to the Historic Preservation Commission for a 3-year term to expire on 12-31-2027.

Roberta Laney to the Historic Preservation Commission for a 3-year term to expire on 12-31-2027.

Citizens Traffic Commission

William Everett to the Citizens Traffic Commission for a 3-year term to expire on 12-31-2027.

Chris Haughey to the Citizens Traffic Commission for a 3-year term to expire on 12-31-2027.

Seconded by Ms. Quirple. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Ms. Ksiazek thanked all Boards & Commission members that were reappointed and continued to serve the community.

13. Consideration of approving the Minutes of the December 16, 2024, Public Meeting of the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors.

A motion was made by Ms. Hannah, seconded by Ms. Quirple to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2024, meeting. Motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

14. Public Comment

Bill Everett, 286 Hidden Spring, expressed his opposition to the Newtown Water Sewer Treatment project. He provided an update on what the resident's group opposes the project has organized and hopes to accomplish. He added that he will continue to update the Board of Supervisors on their ongoing efforts and progress.

Mr. Ksiazek thanked Mr. Everett for all the group's committed efforts and strategies. He added that the Township Solicitor is working on a comprehensive plan to address this project.

Donna Salvucci, 144 Pine Glen Road, thanked the Board of Supervisors for their time and attention to the residents' opposition to the Newtown Water Sewer Treatment at December's meeting. She requested that the Board includes opposition to this project at their next meeting.

Mr. Ksiazek commented that the Board of Supervisors have all intentions of having Newtown Water Sewer Treatment on next week's agenda but unclear if it will be informational or if there will be any action items.

15. Other Business

Mr. Swiderski noted that there are plans for the Board to sign. He also thanked the Board for reappointment of Remington & Vernick as Township Engineers.

Mr. Esposito thanked the Board for their confidence in reappointing him as the Township Solicitor.

Ms. Quirple thanked everyone who was appointed tonight to the Boards and Commission.

Ms. Kane thanked Mr. Everett for service to the Citizens Traffic Commission and his work around the Newtown Water Sewer Treatment project.

Ms. Hannah thanked all residents who attended last month's meeting. She added that the more the residents are involved the more the Board of Supervisors is informed.

The Board of Supervisors wished everyone a Happy New Year.

16. Adjournment

Mr. Ksiazek moved to adjourn the public meeting of the Middletown Township Board of Supervisors' public meeting at 7:24 p.m., seconded by Ms. Quirple. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Next Board of Supervisors Meeting – Monday, January 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.