

PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
175 OAK GROVE ROAD, PINE GROVE, PA 17963
JANUARY 7, 2008 RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING



Appoint Temporary Chairperson – Supervisor Allen Aungst was appointed temporary chairman.

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance – Aungst called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Attending were Supervisors Allen Aungst, Judith Lehman, Diane Tobin, Larry Zimmerman and Jerry Wise. Also attending were Secretary / Treasurer Kathy Ferguson, Aimmee Reiter, Bernie Kulkaski, Joan Schwer, Donald Wenrich, Tom McMullen and other residents, list on file.

Public Comment on Agenda Items – Aimmee Reiter asked to take a picture of the Board for the Press Herald newspaper and Bernie Kulkaski asked to comment on Solar Innovations at the regular meeting.

Agenda Items

Recognition of New Supervisor – The Board of Supervisors welcomed Diane Tobin as Supervisor.

Appoint Chairperson – Lehman nominated Tobin and Wise nominated Zimmerman. On the nomination for Tobin for chairperson, Lehman and Tobin voted in favor. Zimmerman, Aungst and Wise opposed the nomination, nomination failed. On the nomination for Zimmerman as chairperson, all were in favor and the nomination carried. As chairman, Zimmerman conducted the rest of the meeting.

Appoint Vice-Chairperson – Wise nominated Aungst. On the nomination of Aungst as Vice-Chairperson, all were in favor and the nomination carried.

Appoint Secretary/Treasurer – Aungst moved to appoint Kathy Ferguson, Tobin seconded the motion; all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Establish amount of Treasurers Bond - Aungst moved to keep the bond at \$1 million but switch carriers to Selective Insurance through Randy Stump at a cost of \$750, providing the existing bond money paid in December can be returned. Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried 5 to 0.

Establish Meeting Compensation for Secretary - Zimmerman moved to keep the compensation at \$50, Aungst seconded the motion; all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Establish Meeting Compensation for Planning Commission / Zoning Hearing Board Secretary – Wise moved to keep the compensation at \$25, Lehman seconded the motion; all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Establish Meeting Compensation for Roadmaster and Zoning Officer - Aungst moved to keep the compensation at \$15, Wise seconded the motion; all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Establish Compensation for mileage reimbursement - Aungst moved to use the current IRS mileage rate. Tobin seconded the motion; all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Affirm Supervisor Judith Lehman as Host Municipal Inspector – Zimmerman moved to affirm Judith Lehman as Host Municipal Inspector. Aungst seconded the motion; all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Reappoint / Set Wages of Employees - Wise moved to give an increase of 45 cents per hour to all hourly paid employees. Zimmerman seconded the motion; all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Zimmerman moved to re-appoint all current employees, Aungst seconded the motion. Zimmerman, Aungst and Wise voted in favor of the motion; Tobin and Lehman opposed the motion. Motion carried 3 to 2.

Wise moved to keep the Zoning Officer monthly salary at \$600, Zimmerman seconded the motion. Wise, Zimmerman and Aungst voted in favor of the motion; Tobin and Lehman opposed the motion; motion carried 3 to 2.

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Appoint Chairperson of Vacancy Board - Zimmerman moved to appoint Larry Barr, Sr., Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Appoint Emergency Management Director – Lehman moved to appoint Tim Weaver, Tobin seconded the motion; all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Appoint Engineer / Adopt Fee Schedule - Aungst moved to appoint Alfred Benesch & Company and adopt their fee schedule, Lehman seconded the motion; all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Recognize Township Fire Companies – Zimmerman moved to adopt Resolution # 2008-01 recognizing Ravine and Suedburg Fire Companies as the Township Fire companies. Tobin seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Appoint Fire Marshal / Deputy Fire Marshal – Tobin moved to appoint Jonathan Flynn as Fire Marshal and Greg Pijar as Deputy Fire Marshal. Lehman seconded the motion; all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Appoint Health Officer – Tobin moved to appoint Lewis Moyer, Lehman seconded the motion; all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Appoint Legal Counsel - Aungst moved to appoint the firm of Pfeiffer, Brown, DiNicola & Frantz. Lehman seconded the motion; all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Appoint Sewage Enforcement Officer / Adopt Fee Schedule - Aungst moved to appoint Light-Heigel & Assoc., Fisher Engineering and Brian McFeaters and adopt their individual fee schedules. Wise seconded the motion; all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Appoint Tax Hearing Officer - Tobin moved to appoint Berkheimer Assoc. Lehman seconded the motion; all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Re-Appoint / Appoint members for:

- **Joint Treatment Authority** - Ferguson noted there were letters in the correspondence folder supporting the re-appointment of John H. Stahl. Aungst moved to appoint Larry Zimmerman to the Joint Treatment Authority Board, Wise seconded the motion. Aungst and Wise voted in favor of the motion, Lehman opposed the motion, Zimmerman and Tobin abstained. Discussion followed on the validity of the motion since a majority of the five member Board did not approve the motion. The Board agreed to check with the Solicitor on the motion.
- **Planning Commission** - Tobin moved to appoint Tom Daubert to another four year term ending January 2012. Aungst seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- **Recreation Board** – Aungst moved to appoint Robert Petzko to a five year term ending January 2013. Wise seconded the motion; all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- **Zoning Hearing Board** - Lehman moved to appoint Dan Bode to a three year term ending January 2011. Aungst seconded the motion; all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- **Zoning Hearing Board Alternates** - Tobin moved to appoint Don Brown and Ruth Ann Schaeffer to three year terms ending January 2011. Lehman seconded the motion; all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Select Independent Auditor – Zimmerman said there was one proposal submitted from Huber & Associates of Harrisburg for a cost of \$3,850 for an in-house audit and \$4,800 if the audit is done

in their office. Tobin moved to appoint Huber & Associates to complete the 2007 in-house audit at the cost of \$3,850. Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Recognize Depositories of Township Funds - Aungst moved to adopt resolutions recognizing the following as depositories of Township funds: Fulton Bank (Res. # 2008-02), Sovereign Bank (Res. #2008-03), PLGIT (Res. # 2008-04), Invest (Res. # 2008-05). Wise seconded the motion; all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

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Select Preferred Advertisement location – Aungst moved to use the Press Herald for advertising whenever possible, Lehman seconded the motion; all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Establish Times, Dates, and location of monthly meetings – Tobin moved to keep the Supervisors meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 PM in the Township Building.

Certify Delegates to State Association Annual Convention in Hershey and choose voting delegate – Tobin moved to certify Aungst as voting delegate for the PSATS Convention. Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0. Aungst, Tobin, Lehman and Ferguson will be attending the convention.

Determine Holidays for township employees - Aungst moved to keep the same ten holidays (New Year's Day, Good Friday, Primary Election Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, General Election Day, Thanksgiving and the day after, Christmas Day). Zimmerman seconded the motion; all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Select Committee Representatives – The Board of Supervisors agreed upon the following committees:

- ♦ Budget and Finance – Allen Aungst and Diane Tobin
- ♦ Employee Handbook – Allen Aungst and Judith Lehman
- ♦ Fire Company – Jerry Wise and Diane Tobin
- ♦ Property and Roads - Judith Lehman and Larry Zimmerman
- ♦ Salary Reviews, Health Insurance and Benefits – Larry Zimmerman and Jerry Wise

Public Comments

Joan Schwer asked Board members why they rejected John Stahl and turned down someone who was there 12 years. Zimmerman said he didn't want him there anymore.

Aungst said there was a lot of turmoil within the Sewer Authority and it was time for a change to bring some cohesiveness. Wenrich asked what turmoil and Aungst said that he has not been at any meetings, but has heard about it. Aungst said John did a good job, but as chairman he didn't keep control what was happening at the Sewer Authority amongst the members.

Wise said Zimmerman is a customer of the system and Larry was interested in the position and a change coming through. Tom McMullen said they are saying a change should be made because the chairman wants the job, even if the man is doing an excellent job, the chairman who made a statement at a public meeting saying he would not vote for John Stahl on anything he tried to be appointed to. Zimmerman said it was close to what he had said, but for the last sentence.

McMullen said they said the progress Stahl has made there is fantastic and they are going to remove him. Aungst said progress at the facility, but not with the organizational structure, right now the plant is almost completed, but the structure needs to operate more smoothly. McMullen asked Bernie Kulkaski who is on the Sewer Authority Board for a comment.

Bernie Kulkaski said earlier in the week he had shared a comment with Allen, right now he can only say the way the vote went, the vote was invalid and in his opinion the Authority solicitor won't accept it.

Wenrich asked if the position is a paid position and Zimmerman said yes.

Zimmerman tabled the matter until the next meeting.

Adjournment – Zimmerman moved to adjourn the Re-organization Meeting at 8 PM. Aungst seconded the motion; all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Ferguson, Secretary / Treasurer

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 13, 2008.