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The Board of Supervisors of East Brunswick Township held their Annual Re-Organizational meeting on Monday, January 3, 2023 at the Municipal Building. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeffrey Faust at 6:30PM. There was a PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to our flag.

In attendance for the meeting were Chairman Jeff Faust, Vice-Chairman/Treasurer Thomas Strause, Supervisor John Heim, Solicitor Jim Crossen. Roadmaster Thomas Noecker, and Secretary Nicole Fisher. Brian Baldwin was not in attendance. Residents in attendance were John and Donna Moser, Keith Coller and Jean Strause.

RE-ORGANIZATION

On a motion by J. Heim, seconded by T. Strause, Jeff Faust was nominated as the Temporary Chairman. Voted All in Favor. (Jeff Faust abstained)

On a motion by T. Strause, seconded by John Heim, Nicole Fisher was nominated as the Temporary Secretary. Voted All in Favor.

On a motion by J. Heim, seconded by T. Strause, Jeff Faust was re-elected as the Chairman of the Board for 2023. Voted All in Favor. (Jeff Faust abstained).

On a motion by J. Heim, seconded by J. Faust, Tom Strause was re-elected as the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for 2023. Voted All in Favor (Tom Strause abstained).

On a motion by J. Heim, seconded by T. Strause, Nicole was re-appointed as the Secretary. Voted All in Favor.

On a motion by Jeff Faust, seconded by J. Heim, Tom Strause was re-appointed as Treasurer. Voted all in Favor. (Tom Strause abstained)

On a motion by J. Heim, seconded by J. Faust, Karen Coller, Tracie Noecker and Alicia Keller were appointed as auditors for 2023. Voted All in Favor.

On a motion by J. Heim, seconded by T. Strause, Tom Noecker was re-appointed Roadmaster. Voted all in favor.

WAGE SCALE

On a motion by T. Strause, seconded by J. Faust, the following wage scales were approved:

- Road Crew Member (Keith Coller) - increase of \$.50 per hour
- Road Master (Tom Noecker) - increase of \$.50 per hour
- Secretary (Nicole Fisher) - increase of \$.50 per hour

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- Since John Heim is a Working Supervisor, the Board of Auditors must set his compensation. The Board of Supervisors will make a recommendation to the Auditors that his rate be increased by fifty cents.

The Board voted All in Favor for the above increase in wages. J. Heim abstained in regards to his own wage.

On a motion by J. Faust, seconded by T. Strause, the pay scale for part time/seasonal help without a CDL will increase by fifty cents making it \$13.00. On a motion by J. Faust, seconded by T. Strause the pay scale for part time/seasonal help with a CDL remains the same at \$18. Voted All in Favor.

TREASURER'S BOND

On a motion by Jeff Faust, seconded by J. Heim, to make a recommendation to the auditors to keep the Treasurer's Bond the same at \$2 Million. Voted All in Favor. (Tom Strause abstained)

APPOINTMENTS

On a motion by J. Faust, seconded by J. Heim, James E. Crossen III of Williamson, Friedberg & Jones, was re-appointed as the township legal counsel for 2023. Voted All in Favor.

On a motion by J. Heim, seconded by J. Faust, Brian Baldwin of Alfred Benesch, was appointed as the engineer of the township for 2023. Voted All in Favor.

The Alfred Benesch & Company Master Agreement was accepted and two original copies were signed by the supervisors.

BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL

On a motion by T. Strause, seconded by J. Heim, Light-Heigel and Associates, Inc. was re-appointed as Zoning Officer and Building Code Official to perform inspections for the township for 2023. Voted All in Favor.

On a motion by Jeff Faust, seconded by T. Strause, Wayne Bowen was re-appointed as the Primary Sewage Enforcement Officer for 2023. Voted All in Favor.

On a motion by J. Faust, seconded by T. Strause, the SEO service fees presented by Alfred Benesch and Company were accepted. No changes had been made. Voted All in Favor.

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APPOINTMENT OF DEPOSITORY OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS

The banking institutions for the General Fund, State and Payroll Accounts will remain the same with Mauch Chunk Trust Company (MCT). The escrow account will remain with Truist, previously BB&T.

On a motion by J. Heim, seconded by T. Strause, the board agreed the depositories to remain the same for 2023. Voted All in Favor.

CHECK SIGNERS

On a motion by John Heim, seconded by Tom Strause, first check signer is to remain Jeff Faust . Voted All in Favor. (Jeff Faust abstained)

On a motion by John Heim, seconded by Jeff Faust, second check signer is to remain Tom Strause. Voted all in Favor. (Tom Strause abstained)

On a motion by J. Heim, seconded by T. Strause, Jeff Faust was appointed as the Township Representative for Blue Mountain Recreation Commission. Voted All in Favor. (J. Faust abstained)

On a motion by Tom Strause, seconded by J. Faust, John Heim was appointed as the Alternate Township Representative for Blue Mountain Recreation Commission. Voted All in Favor. (J. Heim abstained)

On a motion by Jeff Faust, seconded by John Heim, Tom Strause was appointed as the Primary Township Representative for SSCOG. Voted All in Favor. (Tom Strause abstained).

On a motion by Tom Strause, seconded by J. Heim, J. Faust was appointed as the Alternate Township Representative for SSCOG. Voted All in Favor. (Jeff Faust abstained).

On a motion by Jeff Faust, seconded by John Heim, Jean Strause was appointed as delegate for the Schuylkill Tax Collection Committee. Voted all in favor. (T. Strause abstained)

On a motion by Jeff Faust, seconded by Tom Strause, John Heim was re-appointed as Floodplain Coordinator.

On a motion by T. Stause, seconded by J. Faust, J. Heim was delegated the task of issuing Floodplain Permits.

On a motion by J. Faust seconded by T. Strause, Jane Shellhamer was appointed as the Special Events Coordinator. Voted all in favor.

TOWNSHIP MILEAGE RATES

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On a motion by J. Faust, seconded by T. Strause to set the mileage reimbursement rate at the 2023 federal rate of .65.5 cents per mile. Voted All in Favor.

TOWNSHIP TAX RATES

On a motion by J. Faust, seconded by T. Strause, the township tax rates will remain the same. Voted All in Favor.

- Real Estate Mills - 5.614
- Per Capital - \$5.00
- Local Services Tax - \$10.00
- Tax Collector Commission Rate - 3.5%

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Moser inquired as to when Laurel Lane would be paved. He was informed that it prepped and will be completed in the spring.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

No persons to be heard

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Solar Farm Ordinance

Nothing new to report

NEW BUSINESS:

Emerich Solar Farm time extensionA request for a time extension was submitted and approved by J. Faust, seconded by J. Heim. All Voted in Favor

CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL

Blue Mountain Soccer Club Requesting use of the fields

SOUTHERN SCHUYLKILL COG MEETING

TBD

BLUE MOUNTAIN RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

The monthly recreation meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25nd at 7 PM.

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SCHUYLKILL TCC MEETING

The TCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24th at 6:00 PM at the Court House.

CONCERNS

No concerns

SEMINARS

PSATS Annual Educational Conference & Trade Show, Hershey -
January 23-26, 2023

PERMITS

Zoning Officer's Report in your binders

ROAD MASTER REPORT

Tom Noecker reported on the road crew's recent activities in the township which has consisted of cindering, plowing snow and cleaning up ice; working in shop.

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by J. Faust, seconded by T. Strause to approve the minutes for the Regular BOS Meeting of December 20, 2022 as presented. All Voted in Favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by J. Faust, seconded by J. Heim to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. All Voted in Favor. (Tom Strause abstained)

REVIEW AND AUTHORIZATION OF BILLS

Motion by T. Strause, seconded by J. Heim to approve the Payment of Bills as presented and all necessary bills between now and the February 28th BOS meeting. Voted all in Favor. J. Faust made a motion to make a monthly donation to the New Ringgold East Brunswick Fire Company in the amount of \$840, seconded by T. Strause. All Voted in Favor.

On a motion by J. Faust, seconded by T. Strause, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM. All Voted in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Fisher
Secretary