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THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SCHUYLKILL TOWNSHIP WAS HELD ON MONDAY 1/4/2016 IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING. AT 6:00PM MEETING OPENED WITH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG. ROLL CALL TAKEN. PRESENT WERE CHARLES HOSLER, CHARLES FAYASH, NEWLY ELECTED SUPERVISOR FRANK FABRIZIO & NATASHA TYSON.

THE MEETING STARTED WITH NATASHA TYSON STATING THAT SHE HAS RECEIVED THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR FRANK FABRIZIO AS A NEWLY ELECTED SUPERVISOR AND HE IS ABLE TO BE PRESENT AND VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON REORGANIZATION MEETING ITEMS ONLY:

CHRISTINE VERDIER, MARY D- QUESTIONED, OUT OF THE APPOINTING LIST THAT IS LISTED ON THE AGENDA, WHICH POSITIONS WILL BE CHANGING FROM 2015. SUPERVISORS LOOKED THROUGH THE LIST AND DISCUSSED WHICH APPOINTINGS WILL BE DIFFERENT FROM 2015. ALSO QUESTIONED IF THERE WILL BE A TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT IN BETWEEN EACH APPOINTING BEFORE A VOTE IS COMPLETED? VERDIER LISTED EACH APPOINTMENT ON THE AGENDA AND QUESTIONED WHO WILL BE APPOINTED FOR EACH ONE AND DISCUSSED WITH ALL SUPERVISORS THEIR DECISIONS.

PAT STEFANEK, BROCKTON- COMMENTED REGARDING BENULIS AS BEING APPOINTED ZONING OFFICER, THAT HE IS NOT UCC CERTIFIED, SO THE SUPERVISORS WOULD NEED TO FIND SOMEONE WHO IS UCC CERTIFIED AND ALSO IF HE IS NOT ABLE TO COMPLY WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF ZONING HIMSELF, HOW CAN HE ISSUE THE PERMITS TO OTHER RESIDENTS. BENULIS DISCUSSED THE SITUATION WITH STEFANEK AND ALSO STATED THAT HE IS NOT UCC CERTIFIED THAT IT WOULD BE UP TO THE SUPERVISORS TO HIRE A UCC INSPECTOR. BENULIS ALSO STATED THAT HE IS IN THE PROCESS OF FILING AN APPEAL.

CHRISTINE VERDIER, MARY D- QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS A MEETING HELD WITH THE SUPERVISORS ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 28TH TO DISCUSS THIS MEETING. SUPERVISORS STATED YES. VERDIER QUESTIONED WHO CALLED THE MEETING AND WAS DIRECTED TOWARDS THE SECRETARY/TREASURER. NATASHA TYSON STATED THAT IT WAS CALLED BY FAYASH. VERDIER STATED THAT IT WAS A VIOLATION OF THE SUNSHINE ACT THAT ANY MEETING BETWEEN 2 OR MORE SUPERVISORS, WHERE DECISIONS ARE BEING MADE, MUST BE ADVERTISED. VERDIER HAD ALSO QUESTIONED IF THE SUPERVISORS HAD MET PRIOR TO THIS MEETING TO DISCUSS MORE INFORMATION. VERDIER DISCUSSED MORE OF THE SUNSHINE ACT IN DETAIL.

MARY VAN PELT, BROCKTON- MADE A REMARK TOWARDS A RESIDENT IN THE AUDIENCE (NO NAME GIVEN), REGARDING WHY THERE IS A DIFFERENCE ON CHOOSING THIS OR THAT NOW, WHEN THINGS WERE DONE BY THAT SPECIFIC PERSON ON THEIR OWN BEFORE.

CHARLES HOSLER ASKING FOR A MOTION TO APPOINT A TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON.

FRANK FABRIZIO NAMED CHUCK FAYASH AS TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON. SECOND BY HOSLER. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES HOSLER MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT NATASHA TYSON AS TEMPORARY SECT/TREASURER. SECOND BY FAYASH. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES FAYASH MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT SUZANNE APANAVAGE AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY/TREASURER. SECOND BY HOSLER. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES FAYASH ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPOINT A CHAIRPERSON. CHARLES HOSLER MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT CHARLES FAYASH. SECOND BY FAYASH. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES HOSLER MADE A MOTION TO HAVE NATASHA TYSON AS SECT/TREASURER AND GARBAGE FEE COLLECTOR AT \$13.00 PER HOUR, ALSO A 2 % BONUS ON TOTAL GARBAGE COLLECTIONS. SECOND BY FAYASH. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES FAYASH ASKED FOR A MOTION FOR A ROAD MASTER. FRANK FABRIZIO MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT CHARLES FAYASH AS ROADMASTER. SECOND BY FAYASH. ***ROLL CALL-HOSLER NAY-MOTION APPROVED.***

CHARLES FAYASH ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPOINT A POLICE LIAISON. **CHARLES HOSLER** MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT FRANK FABRIZIO AS POLICE LIAISON. SECOND BY FAYASH. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED***

CHARLES FAYASH MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT CHARLES HOSLER AS VICE CHAIRPERSON. SECOND BY FABRIZIO. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES FAYASH MADE A MOTION TO PAY THE TOWNSHIP AUDITORS AT A RATE OF \$10.00 PER HOUR. SECOND BY HOSLER. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES FAYASH MADE A MOTION TO SET THE WAGES OF THE MAINTENANCE DEPT. AT \$14.00 PER HR. JOSEPH SADUSKY WILL BE PAID \$16.00 AFTER 90 DAYS OF EMPLOYMENT ALL MAINTENANCE AND PLOWING. SECOND BY HOSLER. ***ROLLCALL-ALL APPROVED.***

ALSO, AS PER EMPLOYEE CONTRACT, HOSLER MADE A MOTION THAT JOSEPH SADUSKY WILL GET A BONUS ADDING UP TO \$5,000 IN QUARTERLY INCREMENTS FOR THE INSURANCE WAIVER. SECOND BY FAYASH. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES FAYASH MADE A MOTION TO KEEP THE TREASURER BOND AT THE SAME AMOUNT OF \$400,000.00. SECONDED BY HOSLER. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES FAYASH MADE TO MOTION TO APPOINT FRANK DiMARCO AS CHIEF AND ANTHONY STANELL AS PARTIME POLICE OFFICERS FOR A COMBINED 30 HOURS PER WEEK AT A RATE OF \$15.00 PER HOUR. SECOND BY FABRIZIO. ***ROLL CALL-HOSLER NAY-MOTION APPROVED.***

CHARLES FAYASH MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT SOLICITOR CHRIS SLUSSER AS LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP RATE OF \$90.00 PER HOUR. SECONDED BY HOSLER. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES FAYASH MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT THOMAS SLANE AS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR AND GEORGE MACHAY AS DEPUTY. SECONDED BY HOSLER. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES HOSLER MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT ALFRED BENESCH AS THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEERS. SECONDED BY FABRIZIO. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES FAYASH MADE A MOTION TO KEEP THE TAX COLLECTOR COMMISSION AT 5 %. SECONDED BY HOSLER. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES FAYASH MADE A MOTION TO RETAIN APPOINT WILLIAM BRIOR AS THE TOWNSHIP SEWER ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. (SEO) SECONDED BY HOSLER. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES FAYASH MADE A MOTION FOR ALL SUPERVISORS AND TOWNSHIP SECRETARY TO ATTEND THE PSATS CONVENTION AT HERSHEY ON APRIL 17TH THRU APRIL 20TH 2016. CHARLES FAYASH WILL BE APPOINTED AS VOTING DELEGATE. SECOND BY FABRIZIO. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES FAYASH MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT DAVID SHELCUSKY TO AUDIT THE TOWNSHIP BOOKS FOR 2015. SECONDED BY HOSLER. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES FAYASH MADE A MOTION TO MAKE MAUCH CHUNK TRUST BANK HOMETOWN AND RIVERVIEW BANK POTTSVILLE AND OTHER DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY FOR THE TOWNSHIP FUNDS. SECONDED BY HOSLER. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES FAYASH MADE A MOTION THAT TWO SIGNATURES BE REQUIRED ON EVERY CHECK. ONE BEING THE TOWNSHIP SECRETARY AND THE OTHER ANY ONE OF THREE SUPERVISORS, CHARLES HOSLER, CHARLES FAYASH OR FRANK FABRIZIO. SECOND BY FABRIZIO. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES FAYASH MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT H.A. BERKHEIMER AS COLLECTOR FOR ALL LOCAL ENABLING TAX ACT & ALL DELIQUENT TAXES. SECOND BY HOSLER. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES FAYASH MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT JOHN ZUBRIS TO THE VACANCY BOARD. SECONDED BY FABRIZIO. ***ROLL CALL-HOSLER NAY-MOTION APPROVED.***

CHARLES FAYASH ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPOINT VOTING DELEGATE OF THE SUPERVISORS FOR THE EASTERN SCHUYLKILL RECREATION COMMITTEE. **CHARLES FAYASH** APPOINTED FRANK FABRIZIO FOR A 3 YEAR TERM AND ALTERNATE WILL BE **CHARLES FAYASH**. SECOND BY HOSLER. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES FAYASH MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT PAUL BENULIS AS A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SEWER AUTHORITY FOR A 4 YEAR TERM. JANUARY 2016 TO DECEMBER 31ST, 2020. NO SECOND WAS MADE. MOTION NOT PASSED **CHARLES HOSLER** MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT MARY RUDY AS A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SEWER AUTHORITY, SAME 4 YEAR TERM. SECOND BY FABRIZIO. ***ROLL CALL-FAYASH NAY-MOTION APPROVED.***

CHARLES FAYASH MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT CHARLES HOSLER AS VOTING DELEGATE FOR EASTERN SCHUYLKILL PLANNING. AND ALTERNATE WILL BE CHARLIE STANCAVAGE. SECOND BY HOSLER. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES FAYASH MADE A MOTION TO KEEP THE PENALTY ON THE DELINQUENT GARBAGE FEE AT \$20.00 PER MONTH. SECOND BY HOSLER. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES FAYASH MADE A MOTION TO GIVE THE TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES THE FOLLOWING (9) PAID HOLIDAYS: NEW YEARS DAY, PRESIDENTS DAY, MEMORIAL DAY, 4TH OF JULY, LABOR DAY, FLOATING HOLIDAY, THANKSGIVING DAY, FRIDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING, AND CHRISTMAS DAY. SECOND BY HOSLER. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES HOSLER MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT DONNA ZELONIS FOR A 3 YEAR TERM ON THE PLANNING BOARD. SECOND BY FABRIZIO. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES FAYASH MADE MOTION TO KEEP THE GAS MILEAGE THE SAME AS THE IRS .54 CENTS FOR ERRANDS AND PERSONAL CAR USED ON TOWNSHIP BUSINESS. SECOND BY HOSLER. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES HOSLER MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT BURKE & BURKE AS ATTORNEY AT LAW FOR THE ZONING HEARING BOARD AT A RATE OF \$90.00 PER HOUR. SECOND BY FABRIZIO. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES FAYASH MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT PAUL BENULIS AS ZONING PERMITTING OFFICER. CHARLES FAYASH HAS REWORDED HIS MOTION TO BE- MAKE A MOTION TO APPOINT PAUL BENULIS AS ZONING OFFICER TO ENFORCE THE ESP AND NOT TO ENFORCE THE UCC CODE, KEEP ARRO AS THE UCC CODE. **NO SECOND WAS MADE. MOTION NOT PASSED.** FURTHER DISCUSSION WAS MADE BETWEEN THE SUPERVISORS. HOSLER HAD STATED TO TABLE THE MOTION UNTIL NEXT MEETING. **MOTION TO BE TABLED UNTIL FEBRUARY MEETING.**

CHARLES FAYASH MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT CHARLES HOSLER AS TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE WILL BE CHARLES FAYASH. SECOND BY HOSLER. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES FAYASH MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT CHARLES HOSLER AS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE WILL BE CHARLES FAYASH. SECOND BY FABRIZIO. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES HOSLER MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT CHARLES STANCAVAGE TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD FOR 3 YEAR TERM. SECOND BY FAYASH. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

CHARLES HOSLER MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT ELIZABETH MATALAVAGE AND JESSICA TIRPAK AS AUDITORS. SECOND BY FABRIZIO. ***ROLL CALL-ALL APPROVED.***

ATTEST NATASHA TYSON

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SCHUYLKILL TOWNSHIP
75 WALNUT STREET
MARY-D, PA 17952**

The Regular meeting of the Supervisors of Schuylkill Township was held immediately after the reorganization meeting on Monday, January 4th, 2016 in the Municipal Building. Those present included Charles Hosler, Charles Fayash and Frank Fabrizio. The Pledge of the Allegiance was recited.

The Chairman entertained a motion to accept the December Minutes. A motion to approve the December minutes as written was made by Hosler. Second by Fabrizio. All approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$294,056.79 total in bank accounts. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit was made by Hosler. Second by Fayash. All approved.

Public comment on agenda items only -

No public comment on agenda items.

Police Report -

No police report submitted.

Christine Verdier, Mary D, questioned regarding the police report, when will our new officers will be starting and have they been sworn in. Chief DiMarco had answered that they will be sworn in by David Plachko.

Road master Report-

Fixed issues with the backhoe, patchwork on the roads, and repaired missing signs.

Solicitors Report-

No Solicitors Report

Committee Reports

Council of Government- Committee did not meet

Recreation Committee- Committee did not meet

Tax Collection Committee- meeting lasted 7 minutes, there was a quorum that approved the minutes and spoke about when they will be electing new officers for 2016.

Communications:

The Township received a letter from Metrocast stating that the AMC channel will be removed as of December 31st, 2015 until further notice.

Old Business

Request from Marian Catholic High School to use the baseball field tabled from December meeting. There was a discussion between Tamaqua baseball association and Marian Catholic High School and they had worked out a schedule that there will be no

conflict. Hosler made a motion to grant permission to Marian Catholic High School to use the Mary D baseball field in association with the little league. Second by Fayash. All approved.

PLGIT Procurement Card process is still on hold until audits are completed for 2014. Audit was just completed on December 30th.

New Business

Renewal fee is due for the website by January 23, 2016, need approval to pay \$300 fee for 2016. Hosler made a motion to pay the \$300 fee. Second by Fabrizio. All approved. Garbage will be picked by Tamaqua Transfer on Wednesday's starting this week. There were cards that were mailed out, they may not get to the residents in time but there are postings at both post offices along with the cluster boxes in Brockton and here at the Township building. 3 bags and 1 large item per week. Information will be posted on the website as well.

Public Comment

Pat Stefanek, Brockton, would like to mention that when hiring for a solicitor to make sure they are able to attend the meetings due to any questions the board may have during the meetings that they would be there to help make proper decisions.

Billy Zahora, Mary D, questioned about any updated information on the noise ordinance that was to be completed. Chief DiMarco discussed the regulations for the ordinance and how the township does not require one. If there is an instance of public inconvenience, annoyance and alarm, violations are able to be given out for offenses like this. Also questioned, if there are any calls made to the officer, will the calls be returned? Chief DiMarco explained that if you have any messages or an emergency for an officer, do not call the township office the phone is getting eliminated, but to call 9-1-1 and any calls will be transferred/messages will be sent, to the correct officer.

Danny DeCindio, Tuscarora, is concerned that Old 209 by Tuscarora has become a dumping zone, and had mentioned if the new officer could investigate this incident. Chief DiMarco explained that this incident is already in progress.

Eugene Taschler, Newkirk, questioned why we need 2 police officers, a chief and an officer, when this was not in effect before. Fayash explained that if one can not make it in that the other would be able to fill in. Taschler also questioned if the officers will be receiving a clothing allowance. Chief DiMarco stated that they have enough equipment that they do not need anymore at this time. Taschler also questioned if Officer Dempsey will still be getting paid for anytime spent on cases that had happened in the township. Chief DiMarco had explained that she will be getting paid anytime that she spends in court for open cases on the township.

Christine Verdier, Mary D, questioned if anyone has explained to Officer Dempsey that she is no longer employed in the township. There was no communication between the Supervisors and the Officer explaining that she has not been reappointed. Verdier also

questioned if anyone would be able to assist Natasha in the website, beings that a lot of things need to be updated and corrected. Fabrizio had offered to assist with the website. Verdier questioned if our police officers will still continue to be appointed to the drug task force. Fayash stated no and Chief DiMarco explained that it is under the officer's discretion to do so, it is not a requirement.

Mary Van Pelt, Brockton, made a remark towards a resident, (no name given) regarding living in one area and was a council in another area, and this person is condemning everything that wants to get done and is also questioning the honesty of the Supervisors.

Fayash made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Hosler.

Adjourned

Attest: Natasha Tyson