

January 4th, 2016 Reorganization Meeting

The Supervisors of Towanda Township met at the residence of Francis Lindsey for the reorganization meeting of January 4th, 2016. At 10:00am the meeting was called to order and a motion was made to appoint Frank Lindsey temporary chairman and Lori Kepner temporary secretary by Charlotte Sullivan, seconded by Gary Scranton. Present at the meeting were Francis Lindsey, Charlotte Sullivan, Gary Scranton, Lori Kepner, Ray Green Jr., and solicitor Jonathan Foster.

OFFICERS: A motion was made by Frank Lindsey to nominate Charlotte Sullivan as Chairman, Frank Lindsey as Vice Chairman and Gary Scranton as member, seconded by Gary Scranton, all agreed.

Charlotte Sullivan a motion to appoint secretary/treasurer, Lori Kepner with a cost of living increase of 3%. Gary Scranton seconded the motion and all agreed.

Gary Scranton made a motion to appoint Lori Kepner as our Open Records Officer, Charlotte Sullivan seconded the motion and all agreed.

The appointment of a Zoning Officer on an as needed basis. Jeff Innocenzo will fulfill this position if needed.

Charlotte Sullivan made a motion to appoint Gary Scranton as our Emergency Management Coordinator, and Bill Manvel as the assistant EMA coordinator. Gary Scranton seconded and all agreed.

Gary Scranton made a motion to increase employee's wages with a 3% cost of living increase. The wages for new hires will be at the discretion of the board of supervisors, depending on experience. Charlotte Sullivan seconded the motion and all agreed. Gary Scranton made a motion to pay Larry Morse a rate of \$15.45 an d hour seconded by Frank Lindsey and all agreed.

Charlotte Sullivan made a motion that the recommended wages for the working supervisors to our auditors be as follows: Frank Lindsey, Charlotte Sullivan and Gary Scranton will receive a rate of \$14.65 per hour.

Gary Scranton made a motion to establish the treasurers bond at \$500,000.00, Charlotte Sullivan seconded the motion and all agreed.

Gary Scranton made a motion to appoint Stiffler & McGraw Associates as our engineer, Charlotte Sullivan seconded the motion and all agreed.

Gary Scranton made a motion to appoint Mike Welliver as Chairman of the Vacancy Board. Charlotte Sullivan seconded and all agreed.

Gary Scranton made a motion to appoint the Assistant Secretary as Charlotte Sullivan. Charlotte Sullivan seconded and all agreed.

Gary Scranton made a motion to appoint Charlotte Sullivan TMA representative, Charlotte Sullivan seconded and all agreed.

Gary Scranton made a motion to appoint Charlotte Sullivan, Avery Boardman, and Dr. Henson Paul Kreischer, and Jody Place as representatives for CBPA, Charlotte Sullivan seconded and all agreed.

Charlotte Sullivan made a motion that whoever wanted to attend could attend the monthly COG meetings and represent the township, Gary Scranton seconded and all agreed. These meetings are normally the last Monday of each month at 7:30PM at the Troy Borough Hall.

Charlotte Sullivan made a motion to retain PLGIT and Citizens and Northern bank as the Township Depositories. Gary Scranton seconded and all agreed. Berkheimer Associates will continue as the Township Earned Income Tax Collector which is in compliance with Act 32. .

Charlotte Sullivan made a motion to retain Jonathan Foster as our township solicitor at a rate of \$100.00 per hour, Gary Scranton seconded the motion and all agreed.

Gary Scranton made a motion to appoint the following members to the Zoning Hearing Board. Charles Strickland, Jeff Innocenzo and Paul Kreischer. Fred Smith will be held as the Zoning Solicitor. Charlotte Sullivan seconded the motion and all agreed.

Gary Scranton made a motion to appoint Charlotte Sullivan as our deputy for the Bradford County Tax Collection Committee. Charlotte Sullivan seconded and all agreed. Gary Scranton will be our first alternate, and Lori Kepner will be our second alternate.

Charlotte Sullivan made a motion to appoint Gary Scranton as representative for the Fire Board, Gary Scranton seconded the motion and all agreed. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm at the Towanda Borough Fire Dept.

Gary Scranton made a motion to retain Code Inspections as our Building Permit Official. Charlotte Sullivan seconded the motion and all agreed. Please note fee schedule is on file.

Charlotte Sullivan made a motion to establish the Township meetings to be held at the Towanda Township Municipal Building, 44 Chapel St, Towanda PA 18848, with the dates set forth at the December 2014 Township Meeting. Gary Scranton seconded and all agreed.

Charlotte Sullivan made a motion to certify the voting delegate for the PSATS convention as whoever may attend the convention. This could be a road master, supervisor, or secretary. Gary Scranton seconded the motion and all agreed.

Gary Scranton made a motion to set rental rates for the equipment:
Backhoe: \$95.00, Lg, truck \$85.00, Sm trk \$70.00, Tar Buggy \$45.00, Stonerake \$35.00, Roller \$70.00, tractor/mower \$185.00; these rates do not include operators wages. These rates do not include operator rate. The operator must be a Township employer. The contracted Sidewalk snow removal located along South Main Street at \$150.00 per job. Frank Lindsey seconded the motion and all agreed.

Gary Scranton made a motion to set taxes as following, seconded by Charlotte Sullivan and all agreed:

Real Estate: 2.48 mills
Spec Fire Tax: 1.91 mills
Real Estate Transfer: .5%
Earned Income: .5%
Total road miles at 13.91

Federal Mileage Rate for 2016 at .54 cents per mile.

Charlotte Sullivan made a motion to authorize payment of everyday utilities bills, etc when due, to avoid late charges. Gary Scranton seconded and all agreed.

Gary Scranton made a motion to donate \$300.00 to the Bradford County Humane Society, \$100.00 donation to the veteran's memorial park, and \$1400.00 to the Towanda Public Library. Charlotte Sullivan seconded and all agreed.

Gary Scranton made a motion to authorize the Road master to make purchases up to \$1000.00 without prior approval of the board and will provide the secretary with the purchase information and invoice. Charlotte Sullivan seconded the motion and all agreed.

Gary Scranton made a motion to establish a 5 minute limit on visitors to be heard during our township meetings. Charlotte Sullivan seconded the motion and all agreed.

Charlotte Sullivan made a motion to set holidays & benefits which are to be determined by the employee manual. Gary Scranton seconded the motion and all agreed. Gary also made a motion to review the employee manual this year to be sure that it is up to date.

Gary Scranton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Charlotte Sullivan and all agreed.

No visitors present.

Signed: _____
Lori Kepner, Secretary