

**WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

JANUARY 2, 2018

The Annual Organizational Meeting of the Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 8:00 PM, in the Whitemarsh Township Building, 616 Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA.

Supervisors Present: Amy Grossman, Melissa S. Sterling, Michael Drossner, Fran McCusker and Laura Boyle Nester.

Also Present: Richard L. Mellor, Jr., Township Manager.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OATH OF OFFICE

The Honorable Wendy Rothstein, Justice of the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas, was present to administer the Oath of Office to the elected Supervisor Michael Drossner.

The Honorable Wendy Rothstein, Justice of the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas, was present to administer the Oath of Office to the elected Supervisor Fran McCusker.

SELECTION OF TEMPORARY POSITIONS

On a Motion by Supervisor Drossner, seconded by Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0), Supervisor Melissa Sterling was appointed as the Temporary Chair for the Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors.

On a Motion by Supervisor McCusker, seconded by Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0), Richard L. Mellor, Jr. was appointed as the Temporary Secretary of Whitemarsh Township.

ELECTIONS OF BOARD CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

On a Motion by Supervisor Drossner seconded by Supervisor McCusker (Vote 5-0) Supervisor Amy P. Grossman was elected Chair of the Board of Supervisors for Whitemarsh Township.

On a Motion Supervisor Nester seconded by Supervisor Drossner (Vote 5-0), Supervisor Melissa S. Sterling was elected Vice-Chair of the Board of Supervisors for Whitemarsh Township.

APPOINTMENTS

On a Motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0), Richard L. Mellor, Jr. was appointed Township Manager and Secretary by approving his employment agreement with the Whitemarsh Township.

On a Motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Drossner (Vote 5-0), Leonard R. Gricoski was appointed Finance Director, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary of Whitemarsh Township.

On a Motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0), Christopher P. Ward was appointed Chief of Police of Whitemarsh Township.

On a Motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Boyle Nester (Vote 5-0), Charles L. Guttenplan, AICP PP was appointed Zoning Officer of Whitemarsh Township.

On a Motion by Supervisor Drossner, seconded by Supervisor Sterling (Vote 5-0), Sean P. Kilkenny of the Law Offices of Sean Kilkenny was appointed Solicitor for Whitemarsh Township.

On a Motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0), James C. Sullivan, P.E. of the T & M Associates was appointed Engineer for Whitemarsh Township.

On a Motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0), the following Nominees were appointed to serve on the Vacancy Board for 2018:

- Shari Petrakis (Supervisor Boyle Nester’s Nominee)
- Beth Waks (Supervisor Grossman’s Nominee)
- Ari Greis (Supervisor Drossner’s Nominee)
- Debra Brenner (Supervisor Sterling’s Nominee)
- Chris Solecki (Supervisor McCusker’s Nominee)

Various Board, Commission, and Committee Member Reappointments

On a Motion by Supervisor Nester, seconded by Supervisor Sterling (Vote 5-0), the Board of Supervisors re-appointed the following individuals to the appropriate Boards and Commissions for the appropriate terms:

NAME	BOARD OR COMMISSION	TERM	TERM ENDING
William E. Kramer	Zoning Hearing Board	5 years	12/31/2022
Scott Quitel	Planning Commission	4 years	12/31/2021
Pat Doran	Planning Commission	4 years	12/31/2020
Robert Dambman	Planning Commission	4 years	12/31/2021
Terry Ferris	Park and Recreation	4 years	12/31/2021
Jim Convey	Park and Recreation	4 years	12/31/2020
Megan O'Rourke	Park and Recreation	4 years	12/31/2018
Jeannette Qirus	Whitemarsh Authority Board	5 years	12/31/2022
Jori Broad	Whitemarsh Authority Board	5 years	12/31/2021
Eileen S. Spector	Library Board	3 years	12/31/2020
Diane Smith-Hoban	Library Board	3 years	12/31/2019
Kenneth A. Parsons	Historical Architectural Review Board	4 years	12/31/2021
Jerry Rafter	Historical Architectural Review Board	4 years	12/31/2021
Alex DiGiacomo	Emergency Services Board	3 years	12/31/2020

Carol Proud	Emergency Services Board	3 years	12/31/2020
Deborah Heuckeroth	Environmental Advisory Board	3 years	12/31/2020
Deborah Shreero	Environmental Advisory Board	3 years	12/31/2020
Ed Brant	Environmental Advisory Board	3 years	12/31/2019
Lisa Litzinger-Drayton	Media Communications Advisory Board	3 years	12/31/2020
Sharon Harvey	Media Communications Advisory Board	3 years	12/31/2020
Ariane Gittelman	Media Communications Advisory Board	3 years	12/31/2020
Chris Indelicato	Open Space Committee	3 years	12/31/2020
Stephen J. Kaufman	Open Space Committee	3 years	12/31/2020
Hugh Moulton	Open Space Committee	3 years	12/31/2020
Josh Cohn	Open Space Committee	3 years	12/31/2018
Celine Childs	Human Relations Commission	3 years	12/31/2020
Paul Stanish	Ethical Standards Advisory Board	5 years	12/31/2022
Mike Pasceri	Building Coad Board of Appeals	4 years	12/31/2021
Amber Corbin	Building Coad Board of Appeals	4 years	12/31/2019

LouAnn Maerkle, resident, stated she had applied for Environmental Advisory Board. She read a statement. Chair Grossman explained why she was not appointed at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Establishing Board of Supervisor Meeting Schedule Format

On a Motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Drossner (Vote 5-0), the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #2018-01, establishing the Board of Supervisor’s Meeting schedule and format for 2018.

2. Establishing Travel and Business Expense Policy

On a Motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0), the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #2018-02, establishing the Township Travel and Business Expense Policy for 2018.

3. Establishing Holidays for Non-Uniformed, Non-Union Township Employees

On a Motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Totten (Vote 5-0), the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #2018-03, establishing the Township Holiday’s for Non-Uniformed, Non-Union Employees in 2018.

MOTIONS

1 Selection of Township Depositories

On a Motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Drossner (Vote 5-0), the Board of Supervisors approved the selection of Township Depositories for the deposit of Township funds in 2018.

On a Motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Drossner (Vote 5-0), the Board of Supervisors approved the selection and Company to audit the Township Financial Statements for 2017.

2. Certify Delegates to PSATS Annual Conference

On a Motion by Supervisor Drossner, seconded by Supervisor Sterling (Vote 5-0), the Board of Supervisors appointed Amy P. Grossman as the voting delegate to the 2018 PSATS Conference on behalf of Whitemarsh Township.

AMEND AGENDA

On a motion by Supervisor Nester, second by Supervisor Drossner (Vote 5-0) the Board of Supervisors amended the agenda for additional action items:

3. Settlement agreement between The 2015 McCausland Descendants' Trust, Erdenheim Farm, LLC, Whitemarsh Foundation, Peter A. Ernst and Erdenheim Farm, LP and Whitemarsh Township

Mr. Mellor explained this is an agreement that was worked on with the solicitor's office and representatives of various entities of Erdenheim Farm and the Whitemarsh Foundation in dealing with the intersection improvements at Stenton Avenue and Flourtown/Cricket Roads. He stated the main piece had to do with stormwater.

Eli Glick, resident, asked about the work to be done, specifically if certain trees are to be removed. Mr. Mellor stated they will not.

On a Motion by Supervisor Drossner, seconded by Supervisor Sterling (Vote 5-0), the Board of Supervisors approved the settlement agreement between The 2015 McCausland Descendants' Trust, Erdenheim Farm, LLC, Whitemarsh Foundation, Peter A. Ernst and Erdenheim Farm, LP and Whitemarsh Township pertaining to the intersection improvements associated with Stenton Avenue and Flourtown/Cricket Roads.

4. Solicitor to represent the Zoning Officer

Mr. Mellor explained the Township was notified by the applicant at 650 Church Road that they are amending their Zoning Hearing Board Application and they are appealing the Zoning Officers violation notice. The Township Solicitor felt it necessary to represent Mr. Guttenplan.

On a Motion by Supervisor Sterling, seconded by Supervisor Nester (Vote 5-0), the Board of Supervisors authorized the Solicitor to represent the Zoning Officer in the appeal to his zoning violation notice of 650 Church Road before the Zoning Hearing Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Supervisor Sterling congratulated both Supervisor Drossner and McCusker.

Supervisor McCusker thanked the Board for their faith in him and his family.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Grossman announced the Board of Supervisors held an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss litigation and personnel.

ADJOURNMENT

On a Motion by Supervisor Drossner, seconded by Supervisor McCusker the Board of Supervisors Annual Organizational Meeting for January 2, 2018 was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard L. Mellor, Jr.
Township Manager