

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
ORGANIZATION MEETING                      JANUARY 4, 2016**

The Organization Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by previous Vice President Edward L. Gottschall at 7:00 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Sheri Hoover, Ruth O'Leary and Tony J. Sacco via conference call. Lorri K. Swan was absent with prior notification to the Board of Commissioners. Also attending were Solicitor Michael A. Setley, Fire Chief Scott R. Brady, Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Public Works James A. Beane, Business/Personnel Administrator Peggy A. Carpenter, Recreation Director Samson Gausch, Manager Jeanne E. Johnston, and Secretary Latoya Procopio.

Pledge to the Flag.

**ORGANIZATION**

**A) Swearing in of Commissioners**

Mr. Edward L. Gottschall and Mrs. Ruth A. O'Leary were sworn in by Magisterial District Judge David L. Yoch.

Mr. Gottschall turned the meeting over to Mr. Setley for the election of officers. Mr. Setley called Mr. Sacco at 7:02 p.m. on speaker phone. Mr. Sacco made a motion to postpone the election of officers to the next meeting. Mr. Setley explained that, in the First Class Township Code, the election of officers may be recessed up to 10 days from the date of the current meeting. After the 10 days has expired, if the meeting has not been held, the decision can go to a judge. The motion failed to carry for the lack of a second.

**B) Elect:**

**1) President**

Mrs. Hoover nominated Ruth O'Leary for President of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Gottschall seconded the nomination.

Mr. Sacco nominated Lorri K. Swan for President of the Board of Commissioners. The motion failed to carry for the lack of a second.

**ON MOTION OF MRS. HOOVER, SECOND OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ELECT RUTH O'LEARY AS PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.**

**2) Vice President**

Mrs. O'Leary nominated Edward L. Gottschall as Vice President of the Board of Commissioners. Mrs. Hoover seconded the nomination. **No further nominations being heard, a unanimous ballot was recorded for Edward L. Gottschall as Vice President of the Board of Commissioners.**

Mr. Setley turned the meeting over to Mrs. O'Leary.

**C) Appoint Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer by Resolution**

Ms. Johnston explained to the Board that the previous Treasurer was Mrs. O'Leary, who is now President of the Board, and she is unable to hold both of the positions. Appointing Mrs. Carpenter, previously the Deputy Treasurer, was an option.

Mr. Gottschall nominated Peggy A. Carpenter as the Treasurer. Mrs. O'Leary seconded the nomination. Mrs. O'Leary nominated Sheri Hoover as Deputy Treasurer. Mr. Gottschall seconded the nomination. **No further nominations being heard, a unanimous ballot was recorded to appoint Peggy A. Carpenter as the Township Treasurer and Sheri Hoover as the Deputy Township Treasurer.**

**PUBLIC**

Mrs. O'Leary invited public comment. No one from the public indicated a desire to comment.

Attendance: James Williamson and Madelyn Johnston.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Appointments**

A) Township Solicitor

**ACTION:**

**APPOINTED MICHAEL A. SETLEY, ESQ., OF GEORGEADIS//SETLEY, AS TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR, PLANNING SOLICITOR, AND SOLICITOR TO THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF CUMRU.**

B) Consulting Solicitors

**ACTION:**

**APPOINTED CONSULTING SOLICITORS, AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1) **Atty. Stephen H. Price of Mogel, Speidel, Bobb & Kershner – Civil Service Commission and Zoning Hearing Board**
- 2) **Atty. Daniel Becker of Kozloff Stoudt – certain planning issues**
- 3) **Atty. Jill Nagy of Summers Nagy Law – issues pertaining to East Pointe**

C) Manager

**ACTION:**

**APPOINTED JEANNE E. JOHNSTON AS MANAGER.**

D) Secretary

**ACTION:**

**APPOINTED LATOYA PROCOPIO AS SECRETARY.**

E) Assistant Secretary

**ACTION:**

**APPOINTED JEANNE E. JOHNSTON AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY.**

F) Engineer

**ACTION:**

**APPOINTED GREAT VALLEY CONSULTANTS AS THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2016 RATE SCHEDULE, DATED 12/4/2015.**

G) Utility Engineer

**ACTION:**

**APPOINTED BCM, INC. AS THE SEWER ENGINEER.**

H) Sewage Enforcement Officer

1) Letter from Berks Envirotech re: SEO staff and rate schedule, dated 12/11/2015

**ACTION:**

**ADOPTED A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 748 BY:**

- 1) **ADOPTING BERKS ENVIROTECH STAFF AS THE SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A LETTER FROM BET DATED 12/11/2015; AND**
- 2) **RETAINING THE EXISTING RATE SCHEDULE FOR SERVICES BY BET.**

#### 2016 Meeting Schedule

**ACTION:**

**ADOPTED A MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2016 AS FOLLOWS:**

- **3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M. FOR REGULAR MEETINGS.**
- **5<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M. FOR WORKSHOP MEETINGS.**

#### Plans

##### **2015-05 JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL ADDITION**

(preliminary/final) Agent: John W. Hoffert, PLS; location: off Welsh Rd.; proposal summary: expansion of facility and reconfiguration of driveway

a.) Letter from Great Valley Consultants re: plan review, dated 08/25/2015

**ACTION:**

**REAFFIRMED FINAL APPROVAL OF THE JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL ADDITION PLAN SUBJECT TO RESOLUTION OF ANY OUTSTANDING ITEMS IN THE REVIEW LETTER DATED 08/25/2015.**

#### Poplar Neck Road

**ACTION:**

**AUTHORIZED EXECUTION OF AN EXTENSION TO THE TEMPORARY ACCESS AGREEMENT WITH NRG ENERGY, WHEN THE DOCUMENT IS FINALIZED BY THE SOLICITOR.**

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**ON MOTION OF MRS. HOOVER, SECOND OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A) Board of Commissioners Organization Meeting advertised on 12/28/2015

**COMMISSIONERS**

A) Reminders:

- 1) Municipal Authority Meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2016, at 8:00 a.m.
- 2) Park & Recreation Board meeting on Monday, January 11, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS  
VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:12 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,



Latoya Procopio  
Township Secretary