

Amity Township Board of Supervisors
Reorganization Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2009

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

The January 5, 2009 meeting of the Amity Township Board of Supervisors, held at the Municipal Township Building, 2004 Weavertown Rd., Douglassville, Berks County, Pennsylvania, was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairperson Richard Gokey. The following were in attendance:

SUPERVISORS

Richard Gokey, Chair
Kim McGrath, Vice Chair
Scott Stepp
Robert R. Yanos
Paul Weller

STAFF

Charles E. Lyon, Manager
JoAnne Sowers-Smith, Secretary/Treasurer
Noel Roy, Chief of Police
Brian Boland, Solicitor/Kozloff Stoudt

Nomination/Election of Temporary Chairperson

Motion by Mr. Gokey, seconded by Mr. Weller, to open the floor for nominations for Temporary Chairperson. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Yanos, seconded by Mr. Weller, nominated Richard Gokey as temporary Chairperson. Motion passed unanimously.

Nomination/Election of Temporary Secretary

Motion by Mr. Yanos, seconded by Mr. Weller, to open the floor for nominations for Temporary Secretary. Motion passed unanimously.
Mr. Stepp, seconded by Mr. Yanos, nominated JoAnne Sowers-Smith as temporary Secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

Nomination/Election of Chairperson

Motion by Mr. Yanos, seconded by Mr. Weller, to open the floor for nominations for Chairperson for the year 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Yanos, seconded by Mr. Weller nominated Kim McGrath.

Motion by Mr. Yanos, seconded by Mr. Weller, to close the floor for nominations for Chairperson for the year 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon the roll call vote, all members voted in favor of Mrs. McGrath. Mrs. McGrath was duly appointed Chairperson for year 2009.

Nominations/Election of Vice Chairperson

Motion by Mr. Weller, seconded by Mr. Gokey, to open the floor for nominations for Vice Chairperson for the year 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gokey, seconded by Mr. Weller, nominated Robert R. Yanos.

Motion by Mr. Gokey, seconded by Mr. Yanos, to close the floor for nominations for Vice Chairperson for the year 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon the roll call vote, all members voted in favor of Mr. Yanos. Mr. Yanos was duly appointed Vice Chairperson for the year 2009.

Slate of Appointments for 2009:

Upon a motion by Mr. Yanos, seconded by Mr. Weller the following slate of appointments were affirmed as presented:

Secretary/Treasurer	JoAnne Sowers-Smith
Assistant Secretary	Kathie Benson
Assistant Treasurer	Charles E. Lyon
Township Manager	Charles E. Lyon
Roadmaster	Charles E. Lyon
Planning Commission Secretary	Kathie Benson
Pension Actuary	Redmond Consulting Ltd
Pension Administrator	Investors Trust
Pension Trustees	Charles E. Lyon
	JoAnne Sowers-Smith
	Kathie Benson
Solicitor	Kozloff Stoudt
Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor	Buckley, Brion, McGuire, Morris & Sommer, LLP
	LTL Consultants
Township Engineer	Steve Loomis/LTL Consultants
Code Enforcement Officer	Steve Loomis
Zoning Officer	LTL Consultants
Sewage Enforcement Officer	Long & Barrell
Appointed Auditors	Sovereign Bank, National Penn Bank, Harleysville Bank
Township Depositories	Derrick Nester
	James Munda
Emergency Management	Joseph Hayik
Fire Marshall	Blair Gilbert
Planning Commission	Matt Ferdock
Economic Development Council	Bob Hoeveler
Economic Development Council	Matthew Gonder
Environmental Advisory Council	Kim McGrath
Environmental Advisory Council	James Elliot
Recycling Coordinator	Joe Rusiewicz
Vacancy Board	JoAnne Sowers-Smith
Recreation Board	Charles E. Lyon
Open Records Officer	Charles E. Lyon
Assistant Open Records Officer	Robert R. Yanos
RATS Liaison	Paul Weller
2009 PSATS Con. Voting Delegate	Gary Weidner
2009 PSATS Con. Alternate	
Zoning Hearing Board	

Sewer Engineer	Arro Consulting
BCO	Steve Loomis
Fire Company Liaison	Kim McGrath
Library Board	Kim Finkbiner
	Susan Davis
Library Liaison	Scott Stepp
Safety Committee	Scott Stepp
Assistant Tax Collector	Gail Fronheiser
Bond Limit Recommendations	
Secretary/Treasurer	\$6,500,000
Asst. Secretary/Treasurer	\$1,000,000
Township Manager	\$1,000,000
Secretary III	\$1,000,000

The regular meeting of the Amity Township Board of Supervisors commenced at 7:15 PM by Chairperson Kim McGrath.

ANNOUNCEMENTS none

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

None

MINUTES

Mr. Gokey moved, seconded by Mrs. Yanos to approve the Minutes of December 17, 2008. Motion passed 5-0. Mr. Yanos asked the Chief of Police if a car had been placed at Maplewood Drive to control speeding. The Chief replied that it had not.

FINANCE

Moved by Mr. Yanos, seconded by Mr. Weller, and duly passed to approve the following

disbursements:	\$ 62,710.30	General Fund
	\$ 40,966.27	Sewer Fund
	\$ 830.00	Traffic Impact Fund (14)
	\$ 1,560.00	Monocacy Hill Fund
	<u>\$ 14,654.33</u>	<u>Liquid Fuels</u>
	\$120,720.90	Total

Mr. Gokey moved, seconded by Mr. Yanos to approve execution of the new signature cards for National Penn Bank. Motion passed 5-0.

REPORTS

Code Enforcement The December code enforcement report was presented to the Board. Mr. Yanos asked about the property on 422 east of the MB Investments property. The Manager will look into.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 09-01 Meeting Dates Mr. Gokey moved, seconded by Mr. Weller to adopt Resolution 09-01 setting the meeting dates for 2009. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 09-02 Fee Schedule Mr. Gokey moved, seconded by Mr. Weller to adopt Resolution 09-02 setting the fee schedule for 2009. Motion passed 5-0.

Advertise Meeting Dates for 2009 Mr. Yanos moved, seconded by Mr. Gokey to advertise all meeting dates for 2009. Motion passed 5-0.

Union Township Intermunicipal Agreement Mr. Boland stated the agreement could be approved, however, Union Township needs to adopt an ordinance to establish rules and regulations regarding connection similar to Amity's in order for the agreement to become effective. Mr. Gokey moved, seconded by Mr. Yanos to approve and authorize the appropriate officer to execute the agreement. Motion passed 5-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Yanos moved, seconded by Mr. Weller to authorize the advertising of Ordinance 253 and 254 amending the pension ordinance as recommended by the actuary. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Gokey moved, seconded by Mr. Weller to authorize the advertising of Ordinance 255 requiring residents to have proof of an agreement with a waste hauler. Motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Wexcon Change Order #2 Mr. Yanos moved, seconded by Mr. Gokey to approve change order #2 for the sewer rehab project. Motion passed 5-0.

Remove Paul Darrah from Probationary Status Mr. Gokey moved, seconded by Mr. Weller to remove Paul Darrah from probationary status. Motion passed 5-0.

Auditor for Tax Collector tabled.

EMPLOYEE/OFFICIAL REPORTS

Manager. The manager reported that everyone had seen Mr. Eidell's curbing and the Board needed to make a decision regarding his assessment. Mr. Weller moved, seconded by Mr. Gokey to resolve the issue with a formal letter and a personal visit from the Manager in accordance with the Manager's report. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Lyon reported that the Solicitor had provided information regarding vacation of streets. Mr. Gokey stated that the Board should be very careful about turning back streets. It was the consensus of the Board to respond that the Board is not in favor of turning back the street because of one owner; if all the adjacent property owners wish to petition the Board, it would be at their expense. Revised wording for the AC lease was given to the Board for comment.

The manager stated that Arro Consulting will provide an update on various project to the Board soon. The Tollgate Road right of way agreements were sent out and Monocacy Creek interceptor agreements were being executed.

Mr. Lyon reported that a tentative let date for the bridge over the railroad tracks was May 2009 and 9/3/09 for the Monocacy Creek Bridge.

Mr. Gokey asked about the status of the work at 422 and 662. The manager replied that he felt the work may be done by late spring.

Chief of Police none

SUPERVISORS

Mr. Stepp asked about a sign that was down on Weavertown Road near the Primary Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Tom Kirchner stated that the auditors meeting would be held Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 5PM. Terry Jones asked if a sign near Farmingdale Drive could be raised.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Gokey moved, seconded by Mr. Weller to recess to executive session at 7:40PM

Mr. Gokey moved, seconded by Mr. Weller to reconvene the meeting at 8:56PM. Mr. Gokey moved, seconded by Mr. Weller to authorize the execution of a temporary employment contract with Noel Roy for the Chief of Police. Motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58PM on motion by Mr. Gokey, seconded by Mr. Stepp, and duly passed.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnne Sowers-Smith
Secretary/Treasurer