

The Adams Township Board of Supervisors held their organizational meeting on January 3, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. at the Adams Township Municipal Building, 690 Valencia Road, Mars, Pennsylvania. Present at the meeting were Supervisors Russell R. Ford, Ronald J. Shemela, Darryl M. Brandon, Ronald G. Nacey and Edward L. Vogel, Township Manager Gary Peaco and Assistant Township Secretary Andrea Dunton.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 P.M. by Vice Chairman Ronald J. Shemela. Mr. Shemela then declared the present Board disorganized.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, they appointed Russell R. Ford as temporary Chairman. All were in favor.

On a motion by Darryl M. Brandon and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, they appointed Gary A. Peaco as temporary Secretary. All were in favor.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, they appointed Russell R. Ford as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. All were in favor.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, they appointed Ronald J. Shemela as Vice Chairman. All were in favor.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, they appointed Ronald J. Shemela as Supervisor in Charge of Police. All were in favor.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, they appointed Russell R. Ford and Ronald G. Nacey as the liaisons between the fire departments and the Board of Supervisors. All were in favor.

On a motion by Darryl Brandon and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, they appointed Gary A. Peaco as Township Manager. All were in favor.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, they appointed Gary A. Peaco as Secretary/Treasurer. All were in favor.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, they appointed Andrea C. Dunton as Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer. All were in favor.

On a motion by Ronald G. Nacey and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, they appointed Candace A. Mathews as Assistant Secretary. All were in favor.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Ronald G. Nacey, they appointed Russell R. Ford as Chief Administrative Officer. All were in favor.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, they appointed Shawn T. Anglum as Chief of Police and Public Safety Director. All were in favor.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Ronald G. Nacey, they appointed Robert J. Scanlon as the Assistant Chief of Police. All were in favor.

On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Ronald G. Nacey, they appointed John R. Hock as the Assistant Public Safety Director. All were in favor.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, they appointed Edward F. Lenz and Aaron M. Zaliponi as Sergeants for the Adams Township Police Department. All were in favor.

On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, they appointed John R. Hock as Public Works Director. All were in favor.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, they appointed all Supervisors as Road Masters. All were in favor.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, they appointed Michael R. Knox as Code Enforcement Officer. All were in favor.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, they appointed Joseph B. Julian as Assistant Code Enforcement Officer. All were in favor.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, they appointed Brian Perry as Park Director. All were in favor.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, they appointed Bridget Miller for vacancy Board. All were in favor.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, they appointed Michael Gallagher and Sean Gallagher from Gallagher Law Group as Solicitors for the Board of Supervisors at the rate of \$190 per hour. All were in favor.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, they appointed Michael Gallagher and Sean Gallagher from Gallagher Law Group as Solicitors for the Planning Commission at the rate of \$190 per hour. All were in favor.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, they appointed Slade Miller from Miller & Miller, Attorneys at Law as Solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board at the rate of \$175 per hour. All were in favor.

The opening for Solicitors for labor issues for police and public works was left open by common consent.

The opening on the Solicitor for Special Counsel was left open by common consent.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Ronald G. Nacey, they appointed the firm of R. D. Hoag and Associates as the Certified Public Accountants for the township. All were in favor.

The opening for Elected Auditor was left open by common consent.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, they reappointed Robert Downie and Steve Madeja to the Planning Commission for a four-year term. All were in favor.

On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, they reappointed Marilyn Watson to the Park & Recreation Board for a three-year term. All were in favor.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Ronald G. Nacey, they reappointed Ed Unger to the zoning hearing board for a three-year term. All were in favor.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, they reappointed Edward L. Vogel, Ronald G. Nacey and Darryl M. Brandon to the Pension Selection Committee. All were in favor.

On a motion by Ronald G. Nacey and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, they appointed Dennis Sybert as Animal Control Officer at wages of \$500 per month. All were in favor.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, they appointed Olsen Craft as Township Engineers and tabled the rate discussion until January 09, 2023. All were in favor.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, they appointed M.E.S.A as backup Engineers to the Township at a rate of \$115 per hour. All were in favor.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, they appointed Olsen Craft as the Zoning and Planning Consultant for the township at the standard rates. All were in favor.

The opening for Traffic Consultant was left open by common consent.

On a motion by Edward L. Vogel and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, they appointed Michael Corle as Sewage Enforcement Officer. All were in favor.

On a motion by Ronald G. Nacey and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, they appointed Robert Geyer, Jimmy Sperdute and Frank Thompson as Building Codes Appeals Board. All were in favor.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, they appointed Ronald J. Shemela onto the Sewage Authority. All were in favor.

#### **ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS**

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, the Outline of Benefits and wages for non-union employees was approved as presented. All were in favor.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Ronald G. Nacey, the following taxes were reenacted. All were in favor.

Real Estate – 3.75 mills

Occupation Tax – \$10.00

Real Estate Transfer Tax – ½ of 1%

Earned Income – ½ of 1%

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, Mars Bank will remain the depository for all township funds. All were in favor.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, they authorized the Chairman to spend \$5,000 for emergency repairs or supplies. All were in favor.

On a motion by Darryl M. Brandon and seconded by Edward L. Vogel, the 2023 meeting dates were approved as presented. All were in favor.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Land Uses for Telecommunications Towers**

A motion was requested to give the Solicitor permission to prepare and submit a curative amendment regarding conflicting provisions for cell tower structures as a use in Adams Township.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, the solicitor was authorized to prepare and submit a curative amendment to the board of supervisors. All were in favor.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 P.M. All were in favor.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. Dunton", is written over a horizontal line.

Andrea C. Dunton, Township Assistant Secretary