

The Adams Township Board of Supervisors held their organizational meeting on January 2, 2024, 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 and David M. Goodworth, Township Manager Gary Peaco and Township Secretary Andrea Dunton.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 P.M. by Chairman Russell R. Ford. Vice Chairman Ronald J. 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. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by David M. Goodworth, they appointed Gary A. Peaco as temporary Secretary. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, they appointed Russell R. Ford as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by David M. Goodworth, they appointed Ronald J. Shemela as Vice Chairman. Four 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. Four 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. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, they appointed Gary A. Peaco as Township Manager. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, they appointed Andrea C. Dunton as Secretary/Treasurer. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by David M. Goodworth, they appointed Candace A. Mathews as Assistant Secretary. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, they appointed Russell R. Ford as Chief Administrative Officer. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by David M. Goodworth, they appointed Shawn T. Anglum as Chief of Police and Public Safety Director. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, they appointed Robert J. Scanlon as the Assistant Chief of Police. Four were in favor.

On a motion by David M. Goodworth and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, they appointed John R. Hock as the Assistant Public Safety Director. Four were in favor.

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

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by David M. Goodworth, they appointed John R. Hock as Public Works Director. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, they appointed all Supervisors as Road Masters. Four were in favor.

On a motion by David M. Goodworth and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, they appointed Michael R. Knox as Code Enforcement Officer. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, they appointed Joseph B. Julian as Assistant Code Enforcement Officer. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by David M. Goodworth, they appointed Brian Perry as Park Director. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Russell R. Ford, they appointed Greg White for vacancy Board. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Darryl M. Brandon and seconded by Russell R. Ford, 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. Four 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 Planning Commission at the rate of \$190 per hour. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Darryl M. Brandon and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, they appointed Slade Miller from Miller & Miller, Attorneys at Law as Solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board at the rate of \$185 per hour. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, they appointed David Mitchell from Campbell Durant, P.C as Labor Solicitor at the rate of \$225 per hour. Four were in favor.

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

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

On a motion by David M. Goodworth and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, they appointed Terry Dillner and Wes Lausch for Auditor. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, they appointed Ronald J. Shemela onto the Sewage Authority. Four were in favor.

On a motion by David M. Goodworth and seconded by Russell R. Ford, they reappointed Shelley Savorski and Rochelle Seideneck to the Park & Recreation Board for a three-year term. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Darryl M. Brandon and seconded by David M. Goodworth, they reappointed Jeff Brown to the zoning hearing board for a three-year term and Jim Holcomb as an alternate. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Darryl M. Brandon and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, they appointed David M. Goodworth, and reappointed Ronald G. Nacey and Darryl M. Brandon to the Pension Selection Committee. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by David M. Goodworth, they appointed Animal Control Services as Animal Control Officer at wages of \$600 per month. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Darryl M. Brandon and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, they appointed Olsen Craft as Township Engineers at a rate of \$145 per hour. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Darryl M. Brandon and seconded by David M. Goodworth, they appointed M.E.S.A as backup Engineers to the Township at a rate of \$115 per hour. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, they appointed Olsen Craft as the Zoning and Planning Consultant for the township at the standard rates. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, they appointed Trans Associates as Traffic Consultant for the township at the standard rates. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Darryl M. Brandon and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, they appointed Michael Corle as Sewage Enforcement Officer. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Darryl M. Brandon and seconded by David M. Goodworth, they appointed Robert Geyer, Jimmy Sperdute and Frank Thompson as Building Codes Appeals Board. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, they appointed Scott Foreman as EMC for the Township. Four were in favor.

### **ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS**

On a motion by Darryl M. Brandon and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, the Outline of Benefits and wages for non-union employees was approved as presented. Four were in favor.

On a motion by David M. Goodworth and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon the following taxes were reenacted. Four 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 Darryl M. Brandon, Mars Bank will remain the depository for all township funds. Four 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. Four were in favor.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by David M. Goodworth, the 2024 meeting dates were approved as presented. Four were in favor.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by David M. Goodworth, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 P.M. Four were in favor.

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Andrea C. Dunton, Township Assistant Secretary