

**Minutes – Board of Commissioners
Upper Pottsgrove Township**

January 2, 2018

A Special Meeting of the Upper Pottsgrove Township Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, for the purpose of reorganization at the Upper Pottsgrove Administrative Office, 1409 Farmington Avenue, with Commissioners Martin Schreiber, Elwood Taylor, Renee Spaide, Trace Slinkerd, and France Krazalkovich. Also present were Notary Michelle Reddick, Solicitor Matthew Hovey, Tax Collector Diane DeLong and Township Manager Carol R. Lewis.

OATH OF OFFICE – Notary Michelle Reddick administered the Oath of Office to Martin Schreiber, Trace Slinkerd, Renee Spaide and Diane DeLong.

CALL TO ORDER – Matt Hovey called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm.

MOMENT OF SILENCE – Matt Hovey requested a moment of silence in honor of those who have served and those who are currently serving in the armed forces.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Those present pledged allegiance to the flag.

M. Hovey then explained how nominations would run; there will be a roll call from left to right. Commissioners do not have to vote for the person they nominated and they can vote for more than one person. Some of the procedures in Roberts Rules of Order are discretionary so any Commissioner can move to change the rule.

NOMINATION FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD – Motion by Renee Spaide to nominate Trace Slinkerd as President; he accepted the nomination. E. Taylor expressed that “I am honored to nominate Martin Schreiber to be the next President of the BOC. But significantly, I believe that the people at large have endorsed his nomination as well, as evidenced through the recent General Election. Fully 78% of the people that went to the polls chose Martin to be their representative – over 50% more than any other candidate. The people entrusted Martin with this sizable mandate based on his performance as their elected representative during the 4 years since his first election to office in Upper Pottsgrove. In that time, he has demonstrated his dedication to our community, not just by sitting at this table once a month, but by volunteering to serve on several other committees of this Board, including Civil Service and the Fire Committee. As Emergency Services Liaison, he has ensured coordination between the will of the Board of Commissioners and the activities of both the Police and Fire Departments. He has also made himself an expert in Ambulance Services in this region and was key in making sure that the ambulance service zones within the TWP were reconfigured to provide the fastest possible response times to all homes. And now, as the recently elected President of the Fire Co, he continues to coordinate the personnel, material, and finances that have kept this vital service afloat during recent hard economic times. In short, Martin has already proven himself an effective leader in our TWP. He knows its history as well as its challenges for the future. We should feel confident that he can be trusted to guide and inform this Board as we continue to address our citizen’s needs.” and nominated him as President. M. Schreiber accepted the nomination. M. Hovey closed the nominations. The Board first voted on T. Slinkerd’s nomination. Renee Spaide ~ aye, Elwood Taylor ~ nay, France Krazalkovich ~ aye, Trace Slinkerd ~ aye, Martin Schreiber ~ nay. The motion carried and Trace Slinkerd took over the meeting.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD – T. Slinkerd then opened nominations for Vice President. Trace Slinkerd nominated France Krazalkovich. The Board unanimously voted for France Krazalkovich as Vice President.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

TRACE SLINKERD called John Bealer and Herbert Miller up to the front. He gave each a coin that they give out in the military to express his appreciation for what they have done over the years as Commissioners.

MICHELLE REDDICK, 1416 Kummerer Rd. – Read a prepared poem about John Bealer and Herb Miller. At the end she thanked them both personally for their dedication and service to our community and for all their support and assistance they provided her personally during their years of service.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSS APPROVAL OF DESIGNATED 2018 TOWNSHIP APPOINTMENTS - F. Krazalkovich asked Herb Miller and Dennis Elliott if they were willing to be re-appointed to their previous positions; H. Miller declined but D. Elliott said he would.

M. Schreiber pointed out that the dates are skewed for the Fire Committee as some are appointed by the Commissioners and some are elected by the Fire Company and they come from a combination of the MOU and the By-Laws. Motion by F. Krazalkovich seconded by E. Taylor, to fill the appointments as presented except for Herbert Miller. M. Schreiber asked about the Consultants. C. Lewis explained that they are on the list for two (2) years but that they are at will and can be replaced at any time. Motion by F. Krazalkovich to amend his motion to include Renee Spaide for Pottsgrove Recreation Board. The motion was seconded by E. Taylor. T. Slinkerd asked about the Property Maintenance Appeals Board. E. Taylor explained that they have asked the County to create a Board but they have gotten no response. M. Hovey explained that in order to serve on that Board you need to have certain expertise. The motion carried unanimously. Motion by F. Krazalkovich seconded by R. Spaide and unanimously carried to appoint Robert Anthony to the Zoning Hearing Board by Resolution. H. Miller expressed his willingness to be considered as an Alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion by F. Krazalkovich seconded by M. Schreiber and unanimously carried to appoint Herb Miller as an Alternate member to the Zoning Hearing Board by Resolution.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

RENEE SPAIDE - Commented that tonight is a big change for the Township and she hopes that everyone will support our new President for a positive future. She asked that the meetings be recorded.

FRANCE KRAZALKOVICH - Congratulated Martin Schreiber, Renee Spaide and Trace Slinkerd on being elected. He looks forward to the next years stating that they have been governed well and will get better. He thanked Elwood Taylor for his leadership and that he learned a lot from him.

TRACE SLINKERD commented that it has been quite humbling and recounted a personal story.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Motion by Renee Spaide seconded by France Krazalkovich and unanimously carried to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$49,326.65.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. for matters of personnel. They reconvened at 7:50 p.m. The Board then discussed the position of liaisons; how they came to be and what their purpose was. They discussed the roll of them vs. having the Committee Chairs report directly to the Commissioners. They then discussed the Ad Hoc Building Committee meeting and the potential of hiring a Planner to help them with the planning process. F. Krazalkovich mentioned that he would like a public presentation by the Planners.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by F. Krazalkovich seconded by R. Spaide and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol R. Lewis, Manager/Secretary/Treasurer