

DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 2, 2024

THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON JANUARY 2, 2024 AT THE DARBY TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, GLENOLDEN (DARBY TOWNSHIP), PENNSYLVANIA, 19036 AT 6:00PM.

COMMISSIONER LACEY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND ASKED ALL TO STAND FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

ON ROLL CALL, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

COMMISSIONERS

OFFICIALS

MR. LACEY, COMMISSIONER

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER

MS. TALIAFERRO, COMMISSIONER

MR. SOUSA, CHIEF

MR. FITZ, COMMISSIONER

MS. POE, SECRETARY

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION.

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONER ELECT MARY ANN SANDONE AS DARBY TOWNSHIP WARD V COMMISSIONER BY THE HONORABLE JUDGE SANDONE.

SWEARING IN OF REELECTED COMMISSIONER MICHAEL FITZ AS DARBY TOWNSHIP WARD III COMMISSIONER BY THE HONORABLE JUDGE SANDONE.

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONER ELECT RACQUEL HOLMAN AS DARBY TOWNSHIP WARD I COMMISSIONER BY THE HONORABLE TAMMI FORBES.

COMMISSIONER LACEY REQUESTED NOMINATIONS FOR TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON.

COMMISSIONER FITZ NOMINATED NICOLE WHITAKER, MANAGER AS TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

FIVE APPROVED FOR MS. WHITAKER TO BE TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON. MOTION CARRIED.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER OPENED THE FLOOR FOR NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

COMMISSIONER FITZ NOMINATED COMMISSIONER LACEY AS PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.
COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO SECONDED THE NOMINATION.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS.
COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

COMMISSIONER LACEY FOR COMMISSIONER LACEY
COMMISSIONER FITZ FOR COMMISSIONER LACEY
COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO FOR COMMISSIONER LACEY
COMMISSIONER HOLMAN FOR COMMISSIONER LACEY
COMMISSIONER SANDONE FOR COMMISSIONER LACEY
COMMISSIONER LACEY RECEIVED FOR PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER ANNOUNCED COMMISSIONER LACEY AS PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. SHE CONGRATULATED HIM AND TURNED THE FLOOR OVER TO HIM.

COMMISSIONER LACEY REQUESTED NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO NOMINATED MICHAEL FITZ FOR VICE PRESIDENT. IT WAS SECONDED BY MICHAEL FITZ.

COMMISSIONER LACEY ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS.
COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SANDONE. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

COMMISSIONER LACEY FOR COMMISSIONER FITZ
COMMISSIONER FITZ FOR COMMISSIONER FITZ
COMMISSIONER HOLMAN FOR COMMISSIONER FITZ
COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO FOR COMMISSIONER FITZ
COMMISSIONER SANDONE FOR COMMISSIONER FITZ
COMMISSIONER FITZ RECEIVED 5 VOTES FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

COMMISSIONER LACEY CONGRATULATED COMMISSIONER FITZ AS VICE PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

ON ROLL CALL THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

COMMISSIONERS

OFFICIALS

MR. LACEY, COMMISSIONER
MR. FITZ, COMMISSIONER
MS. HOLMAN, COMMISSIONER
MS. TALIAFERRO, COMMISSIONER
MRS. SANDONE, COMMISSIONER

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER
MR. SOUSA. POLICE CHIEF
MS. POE, SECRETARY
MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR

THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENTS.

COMMISSIONER FITZ NOMINATED BEATRICE POE AS TOWNSHIP SECRETARY. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY CONGRATULATED MS. POE AS TOWNSHIP SECRETARY.

COMMISSIONER FITZ NOMINATED NICOLE WHITAKER AS TOWNSHIP MANAGER. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY CONGRATULATED MS. WHITAKER AS TOWNSHIP MANAGER.

COMMISSIONER FITZ NOMINATED BARRY MERLINO AS TOWNSHIP TREASURER. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY CONGRATULATED MR. MERLINO AS TOWNSHIP TREASURER.

COMMISSIONER FITZ NOMINATED HARRY DINGLER AS TOWNSHIP RIGHT TO KNOW OFFICER. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY CONGRATULATED MR. DINGLER AS TOWNSHIP RIGHT TO KNOW OFFICER.

COMMISSIONER FITZ NOMINATED MICHAEL PIERCE, ESQ AS TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY CONGRATULATED MR. PIERCE, ESQ AS TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR.

COMMISSIONER FITZ NOMINATED CATANIA ENGINEERING AND ASSOCIATES AS TOWNSHIP ENGINEER. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY CONGRATULATED CATANIA ENGINEERING AS TOWNSHIP ENGINEER.

COMMISSIONER FITZ NOMINATED H. GILROY DAMON AND ASSOCIATES AS TOWNSHIP ALTERNATE ENGINEER. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ NOMINATED CHARLES CATANIA AS TOWNSHIP BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY CONGRATULATED CHARLES CATANIA AS BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL.

COMMISSIONER FITZ NOMINATED RICK TRIO AND JIM CHILDS AS TOWNSHIP CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. IT WAS SECONDED BY

COMMISSIONER LACEY CONGRATULATED RICK TRIO AND JIM CHILDS AS TOWNSHIP CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

COMMISSIONER FITZ NOMINATED LISA CATANIA AS TOWNSHIP ZONING OFFICER. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY CONGRATULATED LISA CATANIA AS TOWNSHIP ZONING OFFICER.

COMMISSIONER FITZ NOMINATED MICHELLE FINELLI AS TOWNSHIP HEALTH OFFICER. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY CONGRATULATED MICHELLE FINELLI AS TOWNSHIP HEALTH OFFICER.

COMMISSIONER FITZ NOMINATED JIM CHILDS AS TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY CONGRATULATED JIM CHILDS AS TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR.

COMMISSIONER FITZ NOMINATED RUFUS STOKES AS TOWNSHIP FIRE MARSHAL. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY CONGRATULATED RUFUS STOKES AS TOWNSHIP FIRE MARSHAL.

COMMISSIONER FITZ NOMINATED JIM CHILDS AS ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHAL. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY CONGRATULATED JIM CHILDS AS ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHAL.

COMMISSIONER FITZ NOMINATED JIM CHILDS AS TOWNSHIP FIRE CHIEF. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY CONGRATULATED JIM CHILDS AS TOWNSHIP FIRE CHIEF.

COMMISSIONER FITZ NOMINATED RUFUS STOKES AS ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY CONGRATULATED RUFUS STOKES AS ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF.

COMMISSIONER FITZ NOMINATED PAT MCDERMOTT FOR VACANCY BOARD. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LACEY. COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPOINT NOMINEE PAT MCDERMOTT OR NOMINEE RICHARD WOMACK TO THE VACANCY BOARD.

COMMISSIONER LACEY - PATRICK MCDERMOTT
COMMISSIONER FITZ - PATRICK MCDERMOTT
COMMISSIONER HOLMAN - RICHARD WOMACK
COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO - RICHARD WOMACK
COMMISSIONER SANDONE - RICHARD WOMACK
3 - 2 VOTE IN FAVOR OF RICHARD WOMACK. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY CONGRATULATED RICHARD WOMACK AS CHAIRMAN OF THE TOWNSHIP VACANCY BOARD.

COMMISSIONER FITZ NOMINATED THOMAS ANDERSON AND ASSOCIATES AS PENSION CONSULTANTS. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY CONGRATULATED THOMAS ANDERSON AND ASSOCIATES AS PENSION CONSULTANTS.

COMMISSIONER FITZ NOMINATED CBIZ INR AS PENSION INVESTMENT ADVISOR. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ NOMINATED AJ GALLAGHER AS INSURANCE BROKER. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT NICOLE WHITAKER AS CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OFFICER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DARBY POLICE AND NON-UNION PENSION PLAN. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE DEPOSITORY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF DARBY FUNDS TO WELLS FARGO, SHARON BANK, PLGIT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LACEY. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO DESIGNATE AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DARBY BANKING TRANSACTIONS. (COMMISSIONERS, SECRETARY AND TREASURER) IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE 2024 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE (TAN). IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LACEY. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE ATTENDANCE OF COMMISSIONERS AND TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS AT CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES, EDUCATIONAL EVENTS, ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA FIRST CLASS TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS WILL OCCUR AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND OFFICIALS.

COMMISSIONER LACEY ASKED FOR REMARKS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO WELCOMED THE TWO NEW COMMISSIONERS AND CONGRATULATED COMMISSIONER HOLMAN, COMMISSIONER SANDONE AND COMMISSIONER FITZ. SHE ALSO STATED IT IS A PLEASURE TO SERVE THE RESIDENTS OF DARBY TOWNSHIP.

COMMISSIONER FITZ CONGRATULATED THE TWO NEW COMMISSIONERS. HE ALSO THANKED HIS FRIENDS, FAMILY AND THE RESIDENTS FOR RE-ELECTING HIM FOR A SECOND TERM.

COMMISSIONER LACEY THANKED EVERYONE FOR COMING OUT AND STATED HE LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE BOARD AND BEING PRESIDENT FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO MAKING GOOD CHANGES. HE ALSO CONGRATULATED THE NEWLY ELECTED COMMISSIONERS.

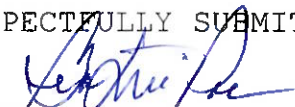
COMMISSIONER HOLMAN STATED SHE WAS SORRY SHE COULD NOT BE HERE. SHE THANK THE RESIDENTS FOR ELECTING HER AND SHE LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH EVERYONE.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

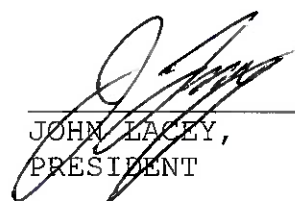
MOTION TO ADJOURN BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



BEATRICE POE,
SECRETARY



JOHN LACEY,
PRESIDENT