



Observer Report

Date:	5/25/2021
Media coverage?	Yes
Was there a quorum?	Yes
Number of attendees	Several (11-19)
Was the agenda posted in advance?	Yes it was
Sufficient time for public comments?	Yes
Controversial Topic/Greatest concern	<p>This was the first meeting of the newly elected board: Peter Gialamas, Clerk; Assessor Susan Krey; Supervisor Karen Diamond; Trustee James Maher; Trustee Kimberly Jones, Trustee Kelly Horvath, Ed Beauvais, Highway Commissioner; Trustee Asif Malik absent. The meeting was held in person at the Maine Township Board Room, and many staff members were also present in the audience. Discussion about two part-time deputy clerks who retired last year and there is enough work for two full-time workers. They recommended hiring ED for \$15.00 per hour full time. Motion, seconded and approved.</p> <p>Cathryn Spark, Natl. Group Health Alliance, gave brief overview for health insurance for township employees. They will stay grandfather plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield as there was a 4.6% decrease in premiums. 95% of insurance premium is paid by township and 5% by the employee. Board voted to approve.</p> <p>Board received three waste hauler proposals which were due March 16, 2021. Republic has been their waste hauler since 2008. They will table discussion and vote at the next meeting so that board members have a chance to look over proposals. Contract is up September 30, 2021.</p>
Controversial Topic/Greatest concern	<p>Trustee Horvath described the draft policy regarding wearing masks if vaccinated or not vaccinated. Sup. Diamond invited comments from staff. One mentioned wearing masks and keeping partitions up when servicing people as they feel more comfortable. There is a sign on the door that says if you are not vaccinated, they should wear a mask. Policy will be re-written by Horvath reflecting comments.</p> <p>National Night Out - Usually held during the summer, in 2020, because of Covid, this program was not held. Discussion about the work involved planning and scheduling and the possibility of postponing until September. Tabled for next meeting.</p>
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	Diamond asked for dates that will not conflict with other recycling events happening in other municipalities.
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Any topics relevant to LWVPR positions?	FOIA Officer Vacancy - There was a motion to appoint (couldn't understand the name) for this vacancy. Approved by board. Ethics Ordinance - Required by state statute to create an ethics committee with an Ethics Advisor who doesn't have to be on the committee. Motion to appoint Sup. Diamond as Ethics Advisor which was approved. The members of the committee cannot be more than 2 members of a party. Diamond asked board for recommendations to this board.
Were members civil to each other and the public?	Yes
If no, explain:	
Facilities (select any deficits)	
Officials attentive and alert?	Yes
Adequate discussion of issues?	
Any other observations about the meeting?	It's best to attend these meetings in person - the recording on the day of the meeting was very poor and very hard to understand. I had to watch the subsequent recording in order to understand what was going on.