



HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 3, 2024

I. OATH OF OFFICE FOR TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS (alphabetical) *The Honorable Judge, Andrea Duffy*

- A. Gerald Andris – Ward 5
Term: 01/01/24 – 12/31/27
- B. Jennifer D. LoStracco – Ward 1
Term: 01/01/24 – 12/31/27
- C. Shahidul Partha – Ward 3
Term: 01/01/24 – 12/31/27

Judge Andrea Duffy administered the Oath of Office to Gerald Andris, Jennifer LoStracco and Shahidul Partha.

II. PRESIDENT PROTEM

Christen Pionzio, Township Solicitor and President Pro Tem asked for a roll call.

III. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (alphabetical)

Roll call was taken by Aaron Bibro, Township Manager. Present at the meeting were Commissioner Andris, Commissioner LoStracco, Commissioner Partha, Commissioner Rodgers and Commissioner Zipfel. In addition to Township Manager Aaron Bibro, also in attendance were Solicitor Christen Pionzio, Assistant Township Manager Scott Hutt, Township Engineer Bryan McAdam and Chief of Police William Tierney.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Andris, Commissioner LoStracco, and Commissioner Partha.

V. TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION

A. Election of President of the Board of Commissioners

Ms. Pionzio asked for a motion to appoint a President. Commissioner Rodgers motioned to appoint Tom Zipfel as President, seconded by Commissioner Andris. Hearing no questions or comments, the motion was approved 5-0.

B. Election of Vice President of the Board of Commissioners

President Zipfel made a motion to appoint Bob Rodgers as Vice President, seconded by Commissioner Andris. Hearing no questions or comments, the motion was approved 5-0.

VI. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

There were no citizens comments.

VII. HATFIELD HERO PRESENTATION

President Zipfel said the Hatfield Hero Program began in 2021 to recognize Hatfield residents that go above and beyond to help others.

- Matthew DeCesare

Tom Pepe, a resident of Montgomery Township was running in the Lansdale area in November 2023 when he collapsed on a the side of the road. Matthew DeCesare was driving with his wife when they saw Mr. Pepe laying on the side of the road. They immediately called 911. Mr. DeCesare then began to administer CPR even though he had no training. Someone else stopped and helped Mr. Pepe keep the CPR rhythm going with the song "Stayin' Alive". The EMT's arrived within six minutes to continue caring for Mr. Pepe. After hospitalization and a procedure, Mr. Pepe has fully recovered. President Zipfel said we are incredibly grateful to Mr. DeCesare and that he embodies the best of Hatfield Township. Mr. DeCesare was recognized with a plaque in honor of his heroism.

President Zipfel also recognized the VMSC for their help; Mariah Cox, David Holmes, Richard Sox, Stephanie Traub and Chief Shane Wheeler and the Montgomery Township Police; Officer Hannah Moran, Canine Office Joseph McGuigan, Canine Officer Daniel Rose, Officer Peter Burn and Patrol Sergeant Joseph Scott.

Mr. DeCesare said he is honored to receive this recognition and added he would never leave another human alone on the side of the road. He too thanked the first responders and other everyday heroes that care for others.

VIII. PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- A. Township Manager/Secretary/Deputy Treasurer – *Aaron Bibro*
Resolution # 24-01
Motion to Appoint and approve Employment Agreement

Commissioner Andris made a motion to approve Resolution #24-01, seconded by Vice President Rodgers. The motion was approved 5-0.

- B. Assistant Township Manager/Asst. Secretary
Skippack Creek Watershed Alliance Management Committee Representative -
Scott Hutt
- C. Township Treasurer – *Dave Bernhauser, Hatfield Township Finance Director*
- D. Township Solicitor –*Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin, P.C.*
- E. Township Engineer – *CKS, an ARRO Consulting Company*
- F. Township Planner/Assistant Zoning Officer – *Ken Amey, AICP*
- G. Township Zoning Officer –*Donald Delamater*
- H. Township Traffic Engineer –*Bowman Consulting (Formerly McMahon)*
- I. Township Building Code Official – *Keystone Municipal Services*
- J. Township Auditor – *DunlapSLK*

President Zipfel called for a motion to approve the professional appointments B-J. Vice President Rodgers made a motion to approve appointments B-J, seconded by Commissioner LoStracco. The motion was approved 5-0.

IX. VOLUNTEER BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Building Code Appeals Board

Sandra Szabo, RA, LEED AP (Term: 2024 – 2026)

Fran Taylor (Term: 2024-2025)

Jeff Wert (Term: 2024)

HTMA

Barry Wert

Term: 2024 - 2028

NP Health, Hospital and Educational Authority

Dino Sanna

Term: 2024 – 2028

Planning Commission

Bill Allen

Charlie Guttenplan

Term: 2024-2027

Vacancy Board Chairman

David Kresge

Term: 2024

Zoning Hearing Board

Neil Brady

Term: 2024-2026

Parks and Recreation Board

Deborah Zimmerman

George Landes

Term: 2024 – 2028

Industrial Development Authority

Aaron Bibro

Term: 2024 – 2027

President Zipfel called for a motion to approve the Volunteer Board Appointments as listed. Commissioner Andris made a motion to approve appointments B-J, seconded by Vice President Rodgers. The motion was approved 5-0.

X. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

There were no citizens comments.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Andris motioned for adjournment, seconded by Vice President Rodgers. The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm