

**BRECKNOCK TOWNSHIP
RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2016**

The Re-organizational meeting of Brecknock Township, Lancaster County was held at the Brecknock Township Municipal Building on January 4, 2016 commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Zerbe and seconded by Long to appoint Jerry Long as temporary Chairman. Motion was approved by Zerbe & Long, Boyd opposed.

Motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe to appoint Carol Martin as temporary Secretary. Motion was approved.

Present were Arthur Zerbe, Melvin Boyd & Jerry Long.

Motion was made by Boyd to nominate Arthur Zerbe as Chairman, Zerbe stated he didn't want it, so hearing no second the motion died.

Motion was made by Zerbe seconded by Long to nominate Jerry Long as Chairman. Motion was approved by Zerbe and Long, Boyd opposed.

Motion was made by Zerbe to nominate Melvin Boyd as Vice-Chairman, Boyd stated he didn't want, so hearing no second the motion died.

Motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Long to nominate Arthur Zerbe as Vice-Chairman. Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe appoint Carol L. Martin as Secretary/Treasurer. Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe to set the Treasurer's Bond at \$750,000. Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Zerbe and seconded by Boyd to increase the compensation for the Secretary/Treasurer by .50 cents. Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Boyd and Long seconded it with comments to appoint Andy Baum as Roadmaster. Long would like to see the appointment for a 6 month period since he hasn't worked through a winter as a Roadmaster yet. Asked if Boyd would revise his motion, Boyd declined, vote was taken one for two apposed motion does not carry.

Motion was made by Long and seconded by Zerbe to appoint Andy Baum as Roadmaster for 6 months followed by an evaluation and satisfactory performance would continue his service with full intentions of a full appointment after a winter season stating we support him and should not be taken as criticism. Before a vote was called the meeting was paused to allow for public comments: Cindy Speace made comments that she felt what they are attempting to do to the Roadmaster is not fair and

didn't make sense. Stating that she wouldn't blame this gentleman if he were to go out and look for another job that was a twelve month job. Again stating it makes no sense at all to her. Meeting continued with a call for a vote on a motion that was seconded, motion was approved by Long and Zerbe, Boyd voted no.

Motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe to set the Roadmaster's hourly rate at \$23.50 per hour, which is keeping it the same as 2015. Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Boyd to keep the same hourly rate for the road crew but give them some kind of bonus whatever the board felt was appropriate maybe \$150-200. Zerbe stated he didn't feel bonuses were the best use of tax dollars. Long asked if there was a seconded to the motion after hearing none Long stated that he felt this could be something as part of an evaluation process. Motion died.

Motion was made by Zerbe and seconded by Long to keep the same hourly rate for Steve Kulp (\$22.09) and Anthony Zerbe (\$21.00). Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Zerbe and seconded by Boyd to set increase the hourly rate for 2016 for Garry Messner's by .50 cents with no benefits. Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Zerbe and seconded by Boyd to increase the hourly rate for 2016 for Dottie Jamison by .50 cents. Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Zerbe and seconded by Boyd to increase the hourly rate for 2016 for Office cleaning, Doris Gehman by .50 cents. Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Zerbe and seconded by Boyd that the depositors for the township funds remain the same, PLGIT, Fulton, and Ephrata National Bank. Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Zerbe and seconded by Boyd that the signatories for the township accounts should be Secretary/Treasurer & any one of the Board of Supervisors. Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe to continue to retain Appel & Yost, Bill Cassidy as the township Legal Counsel at the rate of \$170.00 per hour. Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe to continue to retain Larry Maier as Legal Counsel for the Zoning Hearing Board at the rate of \$155.00. Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Long and seconded by Zerbe to move the appointment of Township Engineer to later in the agenda. Motion was approved by Long & Zerbe, Boyd voted no.

Motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Long to appoint Ebert Engineering as the Special Water Quantity/Quality Engineer for the township at the highest rate of \$103.50 per hour. Motion was approved by Boyd and Long, Zerbe voted no.

Motion was made by Long and seconded by Zerbe to appoint Ron Hershey as the Chairman of the Vacancy Board. Motion was approved, by Long and Zerbe, Boyd noted no.

Motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe to reappoint Gene Martini to the Planning Commission for a 4 year term (term to expire 12/19). Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Long and seconded by Boyd to move Ken Martin from the alternate position on the Zoning Hearing Board to fill the unexpired term of Holly Dobb who passed away in 2015 (term to expire 12/2018). Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Boyd to appoint Garth Wise as alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board. Hearing no second the motion died.

Motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe to reappoint Levi Hoover to the Zoning Hearing Board (term to expire 12/2018). Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Long and seconded by Boyd to reappoint Garry Messner to the Park & Recreation Board (term to expire 12/19). Motion was approved

Motion was made by Boyd to reappoint Larry Horning to the Park & Recreation Board. Hearing no second the motion died.

Motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Long to reappoint Kevin Fuentes as the Brecknock Township Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion was approved.

At this time Long presented a petition that was presented to this Board 3 years ago and that request is for the township to consider offering choices for inspection agencies for the issuance and inspections of building permits (i.e. Residential and Commercial). He suggested having 3-4 companies provide fee schedules for the township to evaluate and make certain that we are offering competitive prices for permits. At the same time suggested getting another company to provide the township with information regarding Engineering and SEO service to take a look at. Long asked the Board to consider hiring a part time in-house zoning officer instead of using a third party agency. After some discussion a motion was made by Long and seconded by Zerbe to offer choices for the issuance of Building Permits/Inspections. Motion was approved by Long and Zerbe, Boyd voted no.

Motion was made by Long and seconded by Zerbe to continue with the current services of Technicon for Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer, SEO & Engineering at 2015 rates (no change in rates for 2016) and to advertise for a possible direct hire of a part time zoning officer. Motion was approved by Long and Zerbe, Boyd voted no.

Motion was made by Zerbe and seconded by Boyd to reappoint the following members to the Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals, Henry Merklinger, Jr. to another five year term, and alternates for one year terms; Ben Stoltzfus and Larry Knepper. Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe to appoint Carol L. Martin as voting delegate to the State Convention. Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Zerbe and seconded by Boyd to establish the non-uniform holiday schedule as New Years Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe to establish the meeting schedule as follows Board of Supervisors meet 2nd Tuesday of each month, Planning Commission meet 4th Monday of each month, Zoning Hearing Board 3rd Tuesday of each month, Sewer Authority 2nd Monday of each month and Park & Rec Commission 3rd Monday of each month. All meeting held at the Brecknock Township Building. All meetings will commence at 7:00 p.m. Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Zerbe and seconded by Boyd to appoint David Andrew, William Messner, Delbert Martin, Kevin Baker, Tim Greenwalt, Adam Byers & Jeffrey Musser as part time as needed snow removal/winter maintenance personnel (\$19.63 hr) Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Zerbe and seconded by Boyd to accept the IRS mileage reimbursement rate for 2016 at 0.54 per mile. Motion was approved.

Motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe to reappoint Carol Martin as the open records officer. Motion was approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol L. Martin
Secretary/Treasurer