

Lewis Township Supervisors
Organizational/Regular Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2019

The Lewis Township Reorganizational Meeting was called to order by Solicitor Daryl Yount at 7:01 P.M. at the Lewis Township building. Those also present were Supervisors Willard Murray, Ricky Dyer, Duane M. Blakeney, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger and six guests.

Solicitor Daryl Yount sought a nomination for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed by Roll Call vote to nominate/elect Willard Murray as Chairman. The meeting was then turned over to the newly elected Chairman.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer to nominate Duane M. Blakeney as Vice-Chairman of the Board, seconded by Willard Murray and passed.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to appoint Lucinda R. Bomberger as Secretary/Treasurer.

Public Comment on Reorganizational Agenda Items

No comments

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to compensate the Secretary/Treasurer fulltime \$16.39/hour/ 40 hours/week, a 3% increase from \$15.91, Participation in Township Pension Plan: 10%/Gross Wages, 3 Weeks Paid Vacation, 3 Sick_Personal Days, 8 Paid Holidays.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to hire the following employees as equipment operators 24 Hours/Week:

George Albertson

Ronald Knopp

Robert Robbins

Drivers Employed by Murray Transportation if needed

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to compensate the part time employees a 3% increase and is as follows:

George Albertson: \$13.70/hour

Robert Robbins: \$13.70/hour

Ronald Knopp: \$16.79/hour

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to hire Willard Murray as Roadmaster fulltime forty hours/week.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M Blakeney and passed to appoint all Supervisors as equipment operators, Duane & Rick on an as needed basis up to 24 hours/week.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to approve and appoint the following:

- ❖ **Solicitor** **MPVH: Jonathan Dewald**
- ❖ **Municipal Engineer** **R.K. Webster Engineering**
- ❖ **Vacancy Board Chairman** **Karen Ulmer**
- ❖ **Zoning Enforcement Officer** **Victor Marquardt/Code Inspections**
- ❖ **Building Code Enforcement** **Code Inspections, Inc.**
- ❖ **Sewage Enforcement Officer** **James Sanders**
 - A. **2019 Fee Schedule submitted by James Sanders**
- ❖ **Alt. Sewage Enforcement Officer** **Kenneth Young**
- ❖ **Depositories** **Muncy Bank & Trust/ Woodlands Bank**
- ❖ **Delinquent Tax Collector** **Statewide Tax Recovery/ Tax Claims Bureau**
- ❖ **Delegates to PSATS Convention** **Supervisors, Secretary and Employees**
- ❖ **Lewis Township Planning Commission Members:**
 - 1. **Charles Axtman: Term Ending 12/31/21**
 - 2. **Recording Secretary: Lucinda R. Bomberger**
- ❖ **Lewis Township Zoning Hearing Board Members:**
 - 1. **David Dershem: Term Ending 12/31/21**
 - 2. **Ronald Knopp, Alternate: Term Ending 12/31/21**
 - 3. **Solicitor: Attorney Preston L. Davis**

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve and advertise the following meeting schedule for township business:

- A. **Supervisor's 2019 Regular Monthly Meetings:** February – June & August - December First Wednesday of the month at 4:00 P.M. and Wednesday July 10th, 2019 at 4:00 P.M.
- B. **Planning Commission 2019 Meetings:** January – October on fourth Thursday evenings at 7:00 P.M., Thursday November 14, 2019 and Thursday December 12, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.
- C. **Zoning Hearings:** Third Thursday's at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to adjourn the reorganizational portion of the meeting and open the Supervisors regular monthly meeting.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2018 Supervisors regular monthly meeting as written.

A motion was made by Ricky Dyer, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to approve the December 2018 Financial Reports as presented.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

No Comments

Township Reports

Supervisors

Supervisor Duane M. Blakeney reported on the various work done the past month throughout the Township which includes filling of pot holes and cleaning ditches. Duane mentioned that there are trees that need trimmed back and also there is a need to address a few roads that are experiencing water damage due to the continuing rains. Roadmaster Willard Murray added that equipment repairs are being done and also one of the trucks came back with a new stainless steel box installed.

Supervisor Ricky Dyer expresses interest in the near future to do a ride along to look at roads and see upcoming projects for this year.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/ Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger reported the following:

- ❖ The 2018 Audit will begin Tuesday, January 15, 2019.
- ❖ A copy of the Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2018-? Was given to each of the Supervisors for their review. A Special Meeting is needed to adopt this Ordinance. It was decided to hold this meeting on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 8:00 A.M. Also on this agenda will be authorization to open a sinking fund account at Muncy Bank & Trust for the Interim Financing.
- ❖ The sewer accounts at Turbotville National Bank will be able to be closed upon the return of one outstanding check. The transition has gone smoothly for payments to begin collection at Muncy Bank & Trust.
- ❖ The Multimodal Transportation Fund Account is no longer needed. A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to authorize the closing of this account at Muncy Bank and Trust.

Fire Board Representative

Representative Duane M. Blakeney shared information from the monthly fire report submitted by Chief Douglas Funk. Willard Murray questioned the status of the second ambulance in regards to the \$2.00 per capita increase and why there is not a second crew in operation. The answer is unclear at this time and is still in discussion.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

No New Business

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to authorize payment of bills for the month of January 2019.

Public Comment

Gerald Ulmer asked for clarification on a motion to approve the Supervisors meeting schedule for 2019 to be held at 4:00 P.M. vs 7:00 P.M. as was so confirmed.

Gene Brannigan inquired about the status of any communication regarding Hullcrest Blvd. Willard Murray responded that repair was needed for the culvert. Welding would need to be done. Someone from the Township would need to be on site to inspect this work as it is being done. Gene questioned why someone from the Township hadn't been on site originally to inspect the work. Will answered that the Township was not asked to be part of it at that time. Gene requested that Will look into the CMT report that supposedly Mr. Hull is waiting on. Will was not aware of any report and will look into it.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Ricky Dyer and passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger
Lewis Township Secretary