

HANOVER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2022
****MINUTES****

The Hanover Township Board of Commissioners conducted a public re-organization meeting on January 3, 2022 at the Municipal Building, 1267 Sans Souci Parkway, Hanover Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

ROLL CALL OF HOLDOVER MEMBERS

Present: Commissioners George Andrejko, William Howatt, Ronald Krushnowski.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

Commissioner Krushnowski states, I move that George Andrjeko be appointed Temporary Chairman for the purpose of re-organization. Motion by Krushnowski, secc. Howatt. On the motion the following voted yes: Andrejko, Howatt, Krushnowski. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

The Temporary Chairman called for the Commissioners-elect to present their certificates of election to the Township Secretary. The Secretary read the certificates of Commissioners-elect for George W. Bowers, Jeffrey P. Lewis, none for Russell P. Davis.

The Solicitor announced that with none for Russell P. Davis being presented a vacancy on the Board exists.

The Temporary Chairman introduced the Honorable Joseph A. Halsey, District Justice, who administered the Oath of Office to Commissioners Elect Bowers and Lewis

Leonard Sanguedolce, Esq., Solicitor witnessed the signing of the Oaths of Office by the Commissioners.

The Temporary Chairman declared that George W. Bowers, and Jeffrey P. Lewis are Commissioners of the Township of Hanover, County of Luzerne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Temporary Chairman requested that Commissioners Bowers and Lewis take their seats on the Board of Commissioners.

ACCEPTANCE – OATH OF OFFICE

Motion by Lewis, secc. Bowers that the certificates of Election and the Oaths of Office are accepted and that the Certificates of Election be returned to the Commissioners, and the Oaths of Office be filed in the Office of the Township Secretary. On the motion the following voted yes: Bowers, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko. MOTION CARRIED.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN

Motion by Krushnowski, secc. Lewis to nominate George Andrejko as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. On the motion the following voted yes: Bowers, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis. Abstain: Andrejko. MOTION CARRIED

NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-CHAIRMAN

Motion by Krushnowski, secc. Bowers to nominate Jeff Lewis as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. On the motion the following voted yes: Bowers, Howatt, Krushnowski, Andrejko. Abstain: Lewis. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO DECLARE VACANCY

Motion by Lewis, secc. Bowers to declare a vacancy in the office of Commissioner of the Township of Hanover. On the motion the following voted yes: Bowers, Howatt, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 001-2022: APPOINTING JOSEPH HOWANITZ COMMISSIONER PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 501 AND 530 OF THE FIRST-CLASS

Motion by Lewis, secc. Bowers to approve Resolution No. 001-2022 appointing Joseph Howanitz to fill the vacancy in the Office of Township Commissioner pursuant to Sections 501 and 530 of the First Class Township Code. On the motion the following voted yes: Bowers, Howatt, Krushnowski. Lewis, Andrejko. MOTION CARRIED.

The Chairman introduced the Honorable Joseph A. Halesey, District Justice, who administered the Oath of Office to Joseph Howanitz. Commissioner Howanitz takes his seat with the Board.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP SECRETARY

Motion by Lewis, secc. Bowers that Jennifer Dukes be appointed as Secretary of the Township of Hanover for a term of two (2) years effective January 1, 2022 at a salary as per the 2022 Salary and Compensation Resolution. On the motion the following voted yes: Bowers, Howatt, Howanitz, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko. MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP MANAGER/BUDGET DIRECTOR

Motion by Lewis, secc. Bowers that Samuel T. Guesto Jr. be appointed as Manager/Budget Director of the Township of Hanover for a term of two (2) years effective January 1, 2022 at a salary as per the 2022 Salary and Compensation Resolution. On the motion the following voted yes: Bowers, Howatt, Howanitz, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko. MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP ASSISTANT BUDGET DIRECTOR

Motion by Lewis, secc. Bowers that Corena Prato be appointed as Assistant Budget Director of the Township of Hanover for a term of two (2) years effective January 1, 2022 at a salary as per the Hanover Township 2022 Salary and Compensation Resolution. On the motion the following

voted yes: Bowers, Howatt, Howanitz, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko. MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER

Motion by Lewis, secc. Bowers that Mildred Luba be appointed as Treasurer of the Township of Hanover for a term of two (2) years effective January 1, 2022 at a salary as per the 2022 Salary and Compensation Resolution. On the motion the following voted yes: Bowers, Howatt, Howanitz, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko. MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR

Motion by Lewis, secc. Bowers that Leonard Sanguedolce be appointed as Solicitor of the Township of Hanover effective January 1, 2022 at a salary as per the 2022 Salary and Compensation Resolution and hourly rate. On the motion the following voted yes: Bowers, Howatt, Howanitz, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko. MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT OF ENGINEER

Motion by Lewis, secc. Bowers that Borton Lawson be appointed as Township Engineer as per the negotiated fee basis effective January 1, 2022. On the motion the following voted yes: Bowers, Howatt, Howanitz, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko. MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT OF ZONING HEARING BOARD SOLICITOR

Motion by Lewis, secc. Bowers that John Zelinka be appointed as Solicitor of the Township of Hanover Zoning Hearing Board for a term of two (2) years effective January 1, 2022 at a salary as per the 2022 Salary and Compensation Resolution and hourly rate. On the motion the following voted yes: Bowers, Howatt, Howanitz, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko. MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSION SOLICITOR

Motion by Lewis, secc. Bowers that Michael Yelen be appointed as Solicitor of the Township of Hanover Planning Commission effective January 1, 2022 at a salary as per the 2022 Salary and Compensation Resolution and hourly rate. On the motion the following voted yes: Bowers, Howatt, Howanitz, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko. MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION SOLICITOR

Motion by Lewis, secc. Bowers that Michael Blazick be appointed as Solicitor to the Hanover Township Civil Service Commission effective January 1, 2022 at a salary as per the 2022 Salary and Compensation Resolution and hourly rate. On the motion the following voted yes: Bowers, Howatt, Howanitz, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko. MOTION CARRIED.

**APPOINTMENT OF CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/BUILDING
INSPECTOR/ASSISTANCE ZONING OFFICER/PLUMBING HVAC INSPECTOR**

Motion by Lewis, secc. Bowers that Mark Bienias be appointed as Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector/Assistant Zoning Officer for a term of two (2) years effective January 1, 2022, at a salary as per the 2022 Salary and Compensation Resolution. On the motion the following voted yes: Bowers, Howatt, Howanitz, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko. MOTION CARRIED.

AGREEMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF ZONING OFFICER

Motion by Lewis, secc. Bowers that John Varaly be appointed as Zoning Officer for a term of two (2) years effective January 1, 2022 and to approve the proposed compensation agreement. On the motion the following voted yes: Bowers, Howatt, Howanitz, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko. MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Motion by Lewis, secc. Bowers that Joesph Sleboda be appointed Electrical Inspector for a term of two (2) years effective January 1, 2022 at a salary as per the 2022 Salary and Compensation Resolution. On the motion the following voted yes: Bowers, Howatt, Howanitz, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko. MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT OF PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE OFFICERS

Motion by Lewis, secc. Bowers that Bill Kunec and Jamie Yurkowski be appointed as property and maintenance officers for a term of two (2) years effective January 1, 2022 at a salary as per the 2022 Salary and Compensation Resolution. On the motion the following voted yes: Bowers, Howatt, Howanitz, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko. MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT OF VACANCY BOARD CHAIRMAN

Motion by Lewis, secc. Bowers to table the appointment for Vacancy Board Chairman.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lewis. secc. Bowers to adjourn the meeting. On the motion the following voted yes: Bowers, Howatt, Howanitz, Krushnowski, Lewis, Andrejko. MOTION CARRIED.

Jennifer Dukes, Township Secretary