

ONEIDA TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING

JANUARY 2, 2024

7:00 PM

ONEIDA TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

PRESENT: John Skipper, James Ferrenberg, John Los, Henry Strong, Chris Carper, Tim Furlong, Josh Crownover, James Grissinger, Sarah Hayden

OPENING: Mr. Skipper opened the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Mr. Skipper appointed Mr. Ferrenberg as temporary chair to begin the meeting. Mr. Los seconded the motion.

Mr. Ferrenberg motioned to appoint Mr. Skipper as Chair of the Board of Supervisors of Oneida Township. Mr. Los seconded the motion.

Mr. Skipper motioned to appoint Mr. Ferrenberg as Vice-Chair of the Board of Supervisors of Oneida Township. Mr. Los seconded the motion.

Mr. Ferrenberg motioned to appoint Mr. Henry Strong as Treasurer and Mrs. Sarah Hayden as secretary. Mr. Los seconded the motion.

Mr. Skipper motioned to appoint Mr. Ferrenberg as Road Master of Oneida Township and Chris Carper as Road Crew worker. Mr. Los seconded the motion.

Mr. Skipper motioned to appoint Mr. Edward Habbershon as Code Enforcement Officer of Oneida Township. Mr. Ferrenberg seconded the motion.

Mr. Ferrenberg motioned to appoint part-time employees on an as-needed basis at \$9.50/hr. Mr. Los seconded the motion.

Mr. Ferrenberg motioned to Bond the Treasurer for \$400,000 with Trustees Insurance Fund for 2024. Mr. Los seconded the motion.

Mr. Ferrenberg motioned to appoint on an as-needed basis: Mr. Nicholas Newfield, Esq. as solicitor, Keller Engineering as Wastewater Engineer, Mr. Jamie Catanese as SEO and Mr. Tom Levine as Engineer with Keller Engineering in reserve for 2024. It was seconded by Mr. Los.

Mr. Skipper motioned to appoint Mr. Sonny Rupert as the Chair of the Vacancy Board for Oneida Township. Mr. Ferrenberg seconded the motion.

Mr. Ferrenberg motioned to appoint Mr. Shaun Magill as the Emergency Management Coordinator for Oneida Township. Mr. Los seconded the motion.

Mr. Skipper motioned to put off filling the open position on the Planning Commission until next month. It was seconded by Mr. Ferrenberg.

Mr. Ferrenberg motioned to approve the following as depositories for Oneida Township: Kish Bank, Huntingdon Savings Bank, Community State Bank of Orbisonia, Mid Penn Bank and any others as may be needed. Mr. Los seconded the motion.

Mr. Ferrenberg motioned to approve having the Supervisors' meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Municipal Building of Oneida Township. Mr. Los seconded the motion.

Mr. Ferrenberg motioned to approve the appointment of Mrs. Hayden as Oneida Township's Delegate to the PSATS Conference in May 2024. Mr. Los seconded the motion.

Mr. Ferrenberg motioned to approve the holidays for 2024 to include, New Year's Day, President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after, Christmas Day, birthday, and one additional holiday as per the Personnel Policy of 2019. Mr. Los seconded the motion.

Mr. Ferrenberg motioned to approve Trick or Treat night for Halloween to follow what Huntingdon Borough sets. It was seconded by Mr. Skipper.

Mr. Skipper also motioned to appoint Mr. Ray Myers to be the representative to the Water and Sewer Board and Mr. Skipper to be the representative to the Huntingdon County COG. It was seconded by Mr. Ferrenberg.

VISITORS' COMMENTS: Three representatives from HRFr presented their monthly report for December 2023. They responded to 33 incidents in December bringing their YTD total to 414. Their activities for the month were the Christmas parade and escorting the National Guard. They presented the supervisors with a list of their officers for 2024. They asked for a representative to serve on their advisory board and Mr. Ferrenberg volunteered. They also mentioned that they will be holding a banquet on March 2, at which they will be recognizing a retiring member.

MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Strong pointed out that already in January, the township paid out over \$18,000 in expenses. He also stated that a CD had come due on January 1, 2024 and the new rate would be 5.2% if it was rolled over for another 6 months. He said that he plans to let that CD roll over based on the balances of the township funds and the anticipated funds coming in. Mr. Los motioned to approve the minutes and financial reports from last month and it was seconded by Mr. Ferrenberg.

ROADMASTER'S REPORT: Mr. Carper reported that the 4 rear tires were replaced on the dump truck, and a new battery was purchased for the generator. He also stated that stone was put on a section of Ridgeview Rd and ditches were cleaned.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Skipper motioned to have Clean-Up Days April 26-27, 2024 through Hollenbaugh's Garbage. It was seconded by Mr. Ferrenberg.

The State Ethics Forms are being sent out this month.

Mr. Skipper reported that a 2024 meeting of the Huntingdon County COG has yet to be determined.

Mr. Skipper motioned to send contributions in the amount of \$250.00 each to Huntingdon Ambulance Authority, Huntingdon County Humane Society, Huntingdon County Arts Council, and the Huntingdon County Library. Mr. Ferrenberg seconded the motion.

Mr. Skipper motioned to approve the mileage rate for 2024 at the IRS standard rate of \$0.67. It was seconded by Mr. Ferrenberg.

Mr. Ferrenberg and Mr. Skipper formally welcomed Mr. Los as Supervisor of Oneida Township and thanked him for his participation in his first meeting.

Mr. Skipper motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mr. Ferrenberg.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Hayden, secretary

