

UPPER FREDERICK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOS Workshop Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2023

The workshop meeting of the Upper Frederick Township Board of Supervisors, was called to order by the Chairman at 7:00 PM.

Attending Were: Sean A. Frisco, Chairman; Ronald Di Francesco Vice Chairman; Tracy Tackett, Township Manager; Kate Hanna; Ken Picardi, Solicitor

Others in Attendance: Ellan & Dave Garlich; Paul Christman; Edward Myers; Susan Myers; William Morwald; William C. Morwald; Lois Hoffman; Matt Brodowski; Tracy Harper; Dawn Grove; Donna Usavage; Greg Usavage; Mike Petosa; Tom Trojansky; Joan Rosiak; Michael Rosiak; Byron & Sandra Phillips; Carolyn & Les Benzak; Nicole King; Elizabeth Fisher; Bill Karaffa; Bill Landman; Mark Nolan

Public Comment:

Mr. Petosa stated he could not access meeting minutes from previous years, they were no longer available on the website. Mrs. Tackett utilized the laptop to show Mr. Petosa how to find the minutes on the website as they are all posted, they had not been removed as he suggested.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Vacancy Board Chairman Appointment

Mrs. Tackett explained the vacancy board position serves as a tie-breaker in situations where an existing Board of Supervisors cannot agree on a replacement when a vacancy on the Board occurs. Three applications were received for the Vacancy Board Chairman position - David Garlich, William Karaffa & Nicole King. Each candidate gave a short presentation on why they would like to be considered for the position.

Mr. Frisco made a motion to appoint Nicole King to the Vacancy Board Chairman position. Mr. Di Francesco seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

2. Presentations by Candidates for Supervisor

Mr. Frisco asked that each candidate for the open supervisor position make a presentation explaining why they are interested in the position and why they believe they are qualified for the position. Les Benzak, Bill Landman, Ed Myers and Tom Trojansky each made a presentation, each of which is summarized as follows:

Les Benzak

- Has lived here for 10 years
- Abington Township Commissioner for 6 years, understand the role and challenges
- 10 years in the financial business, understand budgeting and finance

- Focus would be resident input, bring communication and transparency to township. Answers resident questions. Would implement video taping and broadcasting meetings.
- Has experience with developers and can work with them
- Would follow guidelines to avoid ethical pitfalls
- Plans to run in next election

Bill Landman

- Ran For school board in Bucks County
- Would be transparent
- Previous work experiences qualify him for the position
- Would be the voice of the residents without bias.
- Stop wasteful spending and bring transparency
- Publicize meetings
- Owns and operates a local farm
- Plans to run in next election
- Regularly attends meetings

Ed Myers

- Has lived here for 40 years, appreciates the ruralness of this area
- Would try to slow down growth of this township to maintain rural status
- Environmental background, work to prevent environmental issues
- Volunteers for the Perkiomen Valley Watershed
- Knows many people in this area
- Believes if it's not broke, don't fix it

Tom Trojansky

- 15-year resident
- Has plenty of experience running business
- Integrity and fairness across the board
- Would like to control the growth
- Would get input from employees and residents

Following the presentation, members of the community and the board asked questions of the candidates. Mr. Frisco explained that the vote for a replacement would take place at the regular meeting on February 9, 2023.

3. Potential Agenda Items for February 9, 2023 Regular Meeting

Mrs. Tackett went over potential agenda items for the BOS meeting on February 9, 2023

- Introduction of State Representative Donna Scheuren, 147th Legislative District
- Appointment of Supervisor
- Appointment of Township Auditor
- Appointment to vacancies on UCC/Appeals Board and Agricultural Advisory Committee
- Approval to sell equipment on Muni-bid
- Bid Documents for Faust/Sweisford Road
- Green Lane Park- Master Plan Update- Steering Committee Appointment

Public Comment:

Donna Usavage- Creek Lane - stated she enjoys living in this township. She was sad to hear of the ethics violation and conflict of interest. She stated that perception of conflict of interest is as bad as conflict of interest. She wanted the Board to keep this in mind while deciding.

Denny Jones – Goetz Road – Stated there are tremendous candidates applying for the supervisor position. She hopes the board will make a good management decision.

Updates:

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting February 9, 2023 at 7 PM

Parks Board Meeting February 21, 2023 at 7 PM

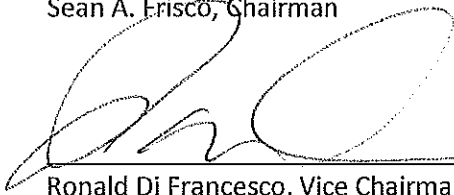
Planning Commission Meeting February 23, 2023 at 7 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Frisco motioned and Mr. Di Francesco seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:15 PM



Sean A. Frisco, Chairman



Ronald Di Francesco, Vice Chairman