

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

January 5, 2015

The 2015 Organization Meeting was held on January 5, 2015, at 12:00 noon at the Shenango Township Municipal Building, with Supervisors Russell Riley, William Albertini and Albert Burick, III, present.

Present at the Meeting:

Brandy Downing	Shirley Sallmen
Kim Booher	Bill Cunningham
John Downing IV	Leighanne Joseph
David Ferrell	Dottie Angelucci
Ron and Karen Esposito	Angel Tyler-Blackwell
Harry and Debbie Grafton	Roberta Filer
Brenda Phillips	Carole Montgomery
Lauren and David DeStefano	William Cheslock
Patsy Sheldone	Brandon Rishel

The meeting was opened with a salute to the flag.

Public Comment:

Brandy Downing, Highview Drive, asked who prepared the 2015 budget and whether it was accurate. She was directed to file a Right-to-Know Request for any information she desired from the township.

Shirley Sallmen, Old Princeton Road, asked for an explanation as to letting William Phillips go because of costing the township too much. Mr. Riley said the department is costing too much money. Mr. Riley asked Mrs. Sallmen if she saw anyone from the police department in the room supporting Mr. Phillips. Mrs. Sallmen asked if she could go over to the police department and check if anyone was there. Mrs. Sallmen left and returned and said there were three in uniform and they didn't want to comment. Officer Darrin Cwynar then came into the room and said Mrs. Sallmen misquoted what was said. Officer Cwynar said, according to department and township policy, they are not permitted to speak about personnel issues, not meaning that in a positive or negative way.

Kimberly Booher, Gardner Center Road, asked where the funds from the sewer sale are. Mr. Burick said they are not part of the budget and that the funds are in PLIGIT, a state account, reserved for expenses, and they do not intend to spend the money immediately. Mr. Riley explained that the township pays approximately \$198,000 per year on a \$2 million loan taken out by previous supervisors.

Bill Cunningham, Hazen Street, said if they do not retain Bill Phillips, next year we need to get all new supervisors.

John Downing, IV, Highview Drive, said he was told by six people that when Sherry (sic.) is gone, Mr. Riley's daughter will take her place. It was clarified that he meant Mary Gay, and Mr. Riley said no, that is not true.

Angel Tyler-Blackwell, Old Princeton Road, asked where the money went that was used for Mr. Phillips' salary previously. Mr. Burick explained that expenses go up, and that they are going to purchase a new police vehicle because they need a new police vehicle.

Debbie Grafton, Melody Lane Extension, asked why they could not use the sewer sale money for his salary, and questioned what else was cut. Mr. Riley said the budget was one page in the past and now it is several. Mrs. Grafton questioned where the money was from the canine fund. Mr. Burick said it is in the bank and will be staying there.

Brenda Phillips, Highview Drive, described the things Bill Phillips does for the police department for which he receives no pay, and how he has saved the township money by doing things himself.

Carole Montgomery, Dean Drive, asked why not raise taxes.

William Cheslock, Old Princeton Road, asked Mr. Burick if he owns property in the township and/or other townships and said he has been told he uses his father's garage as his mailing address. Mr. Burick directed Mr. Cheslock to ask Mary Jane Cousins, Shenango Township Tax Collector, who was sitting next to him, if he (Mr. Burick) paid his taxes last week, to which Mrs. Cousins responded yes, he did pay his taxes last week.

Patsy Sheldone, Brookshire Drive, asked who would be in charge if Mr. Phillips is not there, and would there be an increase in that person's pay. Mr. Riley said there would be an officer in charge, and as of this time there would be no increase in the pay.

Brandon Rishel, Savannah-Gardner Road, said there are major issues in the township and people need to be here more often. The township owes more money than we have. He has numerous firefighters who volunteer their time and put their lives on the line all the time. He suggested people put their name on the ballot if they feel things are not right.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick for an executive session at 12:33 p.m. Motion carried.

(Meeting resumes at 1:43 p.m.)

Motion by Mr. Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to nominate Russell Riley as Temporary Chairman. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to elect Russell Riley as Chairman. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Riley to nominate and elect Mr. Albertini as Vice-Chairman. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Riley to appoint Albert D. Burick, III, as Township Secretary. Motion carried, with Mr. Burick abstaining.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Riley to have the Shenango Township Board of Auditors set pay for Township Secretary position. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Riley to appoint Denise Allwine Assistant Township Secretary. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Riley to appoint Albert D. Burick, III, Township Treasurer. Motion carried, with Mr. Burick abstaining.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to have the Shenango Township Board of Auditors set pay for Township Treasurer position. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to appoint Mary Gay Assistant Township Treasurer. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Riley second by Mr. Albertini to appoint William Albertini and Russell Riley as Road Masters as needed. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Riley to have the Shenango Township Board of Auditors set pay for Township Road Masters position. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to appoint Lou Perrotta as Township Solicitor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to appoint Paula Cialella as zoning Solicitor. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to appoint RAR and Associates as Township Engineers. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to appoint Anthony Sbarra as the Sewage Enforcement Officer, and Maurice Waltz as an alternate. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to appoint Phillip Weiner and Company as Township Auditors. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to appoint Thomas Maciarelo as Township Payroll service. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to appoint Richardson Inspection Services as Township Building Inspector. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to appoint Mike Lynch as Township Zoning Officer at a rate of \$15.81 an hour. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to appoint Berkheimer and Associates as Earned Income, LST and Delinquent Per Capita Tax Collector. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to appoint Bill Brown as Shenango Township representative to the Lawrence County Tax Collection Committee, with Albert D. Burick, III, as the alternate, and Roberta Filer as the second alternate. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Riley second by Mr. Burick to abolish the position of Police Superintendent. Motion carried by Mr. Riley and Mr. Burick.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to appoint Justin Data as Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Albertini to appoint Larry Herman as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to appoint Frank Augustine as the Chairman of the Vacancy Board. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to set the Treasurer's bond at \$700,000.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to approve no employee pension contribution to the non-uniform pension plan for the year 2015. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick that the twelve (12) holidays be set as follows:

New Year's Day	Fourth of July	Veteran's Day
Good Friday	Labor Day	Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Election Day	
The Day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Day		
The Day before or after New Year's Day		

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to recommend to the Board of Auditors that the Road Master and Secretary/Treasurer be granted the same holidays and benefits as other employees. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to hold the regular monthly meeting on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to appoint ESB Bank, First Merit Bank, PNC Bank, Huntington Bank and PLIGIT as depositories for Township funds. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Albertini to allow the Board of Supervisors and the Secretary/Treasurer to attend the State Convention, with the Chairman to serve as the voting delegate. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick for two (2) Supervisors as signatories on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. Motion carried.

Resolutions:

Motion by Mr. Riley second by Mr. Albertini to approve Resolution No. 1 of 2015, Increase to Zoning Fee Schedule. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Riley second by Mr. Albertini to approve Resolution No. 2, Authorization to Pay All Township Insurances for the Year of 2015. Motion carried.

Ordinances:

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Riley to adopt Ordinance #1 of 2015, Amendment to the Shenango Township Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map of Property of Keystone Rock Properties, Inc. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Riley to adopt Ordinance #2 of 2015, Township of Shenango, County of Lawrence, to Expand the Membership of the Shenango Township Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Burick second by Mr. Riley to move Darrin Cwynar to Officer in Charge, to take over now. Motion carried by Mr. Riley and Mr. Burick.

Motion by Mr. Albertini second by Mr. Burick to adjourn.