

Donegal Township Board of Auditors
Organization Meeting
January 12, 2021
9:30 A. M.

The organizational meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Donegal Township was called to order by Chairman Richard Fidler at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held as a virtual meeting utilizing a Zoom Video Conferencing Application with residents attending by computer, cell phone or landline, and in-person due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Board Members in attendance by Roll Call: Richard Fidler, Tammi Iams, Richard Martin, Kathleen Croft. Absent was: Edward Shingle. Also in attendance: Lane Turturice—Solicitor, Judith Taylor—Secretary/Treasurer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited. Chairman Fidler announced the meeting was being recorded, and is also being recorded by the public.

Motion to appoint Richard Fidler as the temporary chairman

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Martin

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—no, Shingle—abs. Motion carried.

Motion to elect Richard Fidler as Chairman

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Martin

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—no, Shingle—abs. Motion carried.

Motion to elect Tammi Iams as Vice Chairman

Motion by Richard Fidler, Second by Richard Martin

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—no, Shingle—abs. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Judith Taylor as Secretary/Treasurer

Motion by Richard Fidler, Second by Tammi Iams

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—no, Shingle—abs. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Turturice & Associates LLC as legal counsel at a rate of \$125.00 per hour

Motion by Richard Fidler, Second by Richard Martin

During discussion Ms. Croft stated that some members of the public wanted the solicitor's meeting rate to be set at \$250.00 per meeting. Mr. Martin stated he intends to make a motion at the next meeting to limit Board meetings to two hours. Mr. Turturice stated the township Board meetings are rarely only two hours long. It would not be fair to limit his fee to a flat rate considering the length of the meetings.

J. D. Martin, 553 Route 40 West, stated meetings should not be limited in length, and he was only concerned with saving the township money.

Roll Call Vote to appoint Turturice & Associates LLC as township solicitor: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—no, Shingle—abs. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Harshman Engineers, LLC as the township engineer at the project engineer rate of \$95.00 per hour

Motion by Richard Fidler, Second by Tammi Iams

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—no, Shingle—abs. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Zack Prescott as the Emergency Management Coordinator
Motion by Richard Fidler, Second by Tammi Iams
Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—yes, Shingle—abs. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Richard Fidler as a liaison over the road department
Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Martin
Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—no, Shingle—abs. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Richard Martin as a liaison over the Police Department
Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Fidler
Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—no, Shingle—abs. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Tammi Iams as liaison over the Office and Water Department
Motion by Richard Fidler, Second by Richard Martin
Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—no, Shingle—abs. Motion carried.

Kathy Prescott, 162 Ramage Road, inquired why there were only three department liaisons.

J. D. Martin, 553 Route 40 West, commented that Ms. Prescott had a valid point that the Office and Water departments could be split and another supervisor could be appointed to share the work load.

Motion to set the Treasurer's bond at \$1,800,000.00
Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Fidler
Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—yes, Shingle—abs. Motion carried.

Motion to set the depositories for township funds as Community Bank, Wesbanco, and PLGIT
Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Fidler
Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—yes, Shingle—abs. Motion carried.

J. D. Martin, 553 Route 40 West, commented on whether the bank account deposits are covered under FDIC limits of \$250,000.

Motion to certify Richard Fidler as the voting delegate to the PSATS 2021 Conference
Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Fidler
Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—no, Shingle—abs. Motion carried.

Motion to set the Board meeting date and time in 2021 as the first Thursday of the month
Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Fidler
Prior to the vote, Ms. Iams amended her motion with the agreement of Mr. Fidler, to add "at 6:00 p.m. and as a virtual and in-person meeting and to advertise"
Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—no, Shingle—abs. Motion carried.

J. D. Martin, 553 Route 40 West, commented that 7:00 p.m. had been the time for meeting for many years, and was at times adjusted for daylight savings time.

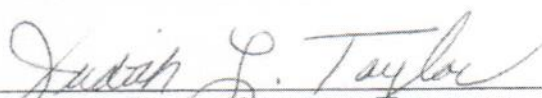
J. D. Martin, asked Mr. Fidler to ask the solicitor if it is proper procedure to call for the vote in rotating order, should the chairman vote last, a Board member does not vote for himself. The solicitor stated that the 2nd Class Township does not require that for any of the questions. Ms. Iams stated that a member of the Board can vote for himself unless there is financial gain involved and the solicitor agreed.

The Board discussed holding an executive session on Friday, January 15, 2021 between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mr. Fidler will determine the best time and the secretary will notify the Board.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Motion by Richard Martin, Second by Tammi Iams

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—yes, Shingle—abs. Motion carried.


Judith L. Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer