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Township Board
Lucinda Taylor-Freund, District 1
David E. Knight, District 5
Neil Mack, District 3
Josh Masquelier, District 2
Luke Schmitt, District 4

TO: Decatur Township Board

FROM: Neil Mack

DATE: January 5, 2020

RE: Minutes from January 5th Township Board Meeting

Pre-Meeting Activities

Jason Holliday made everyone aware that David Knight would be joining via conference call due to his positive Covid-19 test result. Jason had previously consulted with legal counsel and it was determined that due to the pandemic, those with Covid-19 could be counted as present and that official business could be handled, so long as they could be heard by everyone that was physically at the meeting, and that the caller could hear everyone that was physically in the room. Several comments ensued regarding David's speedy recovery.

Judge Myron Hockman performed the swearing in ceremony for the newly elected Township Board Members, Lucinda Taylor-Freund, Josh Masquelier, Luke Schmitt, and Neil Mack. Judge Hockman left after the swearing in ceremony.

Those present for the duration:

Board Members:
Jason Holiday
David Knight
Lucinda Taylor-Freund
Josh Masquelier
Luke Shmitt
Neil Mack

Non-Board Members:
Chief Pascal Arnes
Councilor Josh Bain

Meeting Minutes

- Jason Holliday called the meeting to order and asked for a nominee for chairman of the board. David Knight was nominated. He was unanimously elected to serve as chairman.
- Jason Holliday called for a nomination for the board secretary. Neil Mack was nominated. He was unanimously elected to serve as secretary.
- Some discussion ensued regarding the creation of a board of finance. Since there are no investments to be handled, and no abnormal income streams at the present, there would be no immediate need to create a board of finance. Chief Arnes chimed in and mentioned that the state board of finance has accepted this approach in the past. Luke Schmitt made a motion that the existing officers would serve in that capacity for the time being. Josh Masquelier provided the 2nd. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion passed.

- Jason Holliday brought forth Resolution No. 2021-01, which would establish holiday schedule for 2021, along with comments around what the City-County Council had adopted. After discussion, Neil Mack made a motion to adopt the schedule as presented, Josh Masquelier offered the 2nd. All were in favor, none opposed. The scheduled was adopted as presented. Please see the attached Resolution No. 2021-01 for schedule reference and detail.
- Jason Holliday brought forth Resolution No. 2021-02, which outlined the Nepotism In Employment Policy. Each board member was given a copy for review. After a short discussion Josh Masquelier made a motion to adopt as policy, Lucinda Taylor-Freund provided the 2nd. All were in favor. None were opposed. The policy was adopted. Please see the attached Resolution No. 2021-02 reference and detail.
- Jason Holliday brought forth Resolution No. 2021-03, which outlined the Nepotism In Contracting Policy. Each board member was given a copy for review. After discussion and acknowledgement that some services are unique, and in some cases only one vendor may be available. It was understood by all that in the case of a unique vendor, where the appearance of nepotism may occur, we should make every effort to provide full transparency and documentation. Luke Schmitt made a motion to accept, Lucinda Taylor-Freund provided the 2nd. All were in favor. None were opposed. The policy was adopted. Please see the attached Resolution No. 2021-02 reference and detail.
- Jason Holliday proposed the 2021 Decatur Township Board meeting Schedule. After a simple consensus, the schedule was accepted.
- At 7:07pm, Lucinda Taylor-Freund made a motion to adjourn, this was 2nded by David Knight. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil Mack