

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REORGANIZATION MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Manager Jeffrey Silka called the Reorganization Meeting of January 6, 2014 to order at the Robinson Township Municipal Complex, 1000 Church Hill Road at 6:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-P, Shiwarski-P, Abatta-P

Also in attendance were Manager Silka and Secretary Merks for the purpose of taking minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Swearing In Ceremony for the newly elected officials conducted by District Justice Carla Swearingen Batch.

District Justice Swearingen Batch administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Ronald Shiwarski, Commissioner James Barefoot and Commissioner Kenneth Kisow. Treasurer Gerald Kezmarsky was also sworn into office.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Nominations for Chairman of the Board of Commissioners:

Commissioner Shiwarski nominated Commissioner Sam Abatta as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and nomination was seconded by James Barefoot.

No other nominations

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Abstain
M/C 4 Yes, 1 Abstain

Chair was turned over from Manager Silka to Chairman Abatta

Nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Mapel nominated Commissioner Ronald Shiwarski as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

Nomination was seconded by Commissioner Barefoot and there were no other nominations.

MOTION Kisow , SECOND Mapel to close the nominations.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Abstain, Abatta-Y
M/C 4 Yes, 1 Abstain

Nominations for Township Solicitor

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski nominated Dodara, Matta & Cambest

Nomination was seconded by Commissioner Barefoot. There were no other nominations.

MOTION Kisow, SECOND Barefoot to close the nominations.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 5-0.

Nominations for Special Counsel

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski nominated Goldberg, Kamin & Garvin

Nomination was seconded by Commissioner Barefoot. There were no other nominations.

MOTION Kisow, SECOND Shiwarski to close the nominations.

Commissioner Mapel, I have concerns about an ongoing ethics investigation involving the firm of Goldberg, Kamin & Garvin. There has been no conclusion to a formal complaint of ethics violations. As they were previously our Township Solicitor, that investigation is ongoing and has not been resolved and I think it would be very irresponsible for myself or whomever feels they want to support this motion to do that with these unanswered questions in place.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-N, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y.
M/C 4 Yes, 1 No.

Appointment of Township Treasurer

Vice- Chairman Shiwarski nominated Gerald Kezmarsky as Township Treasurer.

Nomination was seconded by Commissioner Mapel. There were no other nominations.

MOTION Barefoot, SECOND Kisow to close the nominations.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 5-0.

Nominations for Chair of Public Safety Committee:

Commissioner Barefoot nominated Commissioner Kisow

Nomination was seconded by Vice-Chairman Shiwarski. There were no other nominations.

MOTION Barefoot SECOND Shiwarski to close the nominations.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-A, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 4 Yes, 1 Abstain.

Nominations for Chairman of Public Works Committee:

Chairman Abatta nominated Vice-Chairman Shiwarski

Nomination was seconded by Commissioner Barefoot. There were no other nominations.

MOTION Barefoot, SECOND Kisow to close the nominations.

Vice-Chairman Forquer nominated Ron Shiwarski as Chairman of the Public Works Committee

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-A, Abatta-Y
M/C 4 Yes, 1 Abstain.

Nominations for Chair of the Recreation Committee

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski nominated Chairman Abatta

Nomination was seconded by Commissioner Barefoot. There were no other nominations.

MOTION Mapel, SECOND Kisow to close the nominations.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 5 Yes

Nomination for Chair of the Finance Committee

Chairman Abatta nominated Vice-Chairman Shiwarski

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Barefoot

MOTION Kisow,SECOND Barefoot to close the nominations. There were no other nominations.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-A, Abatta-Y
M/C 4 Yes, 1 Abstain.

Nomination for Chair of the Planning/Zoning Committees:

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski nominated Commissioner Barefoot.

Nomination was seconded by Commissioner Kisow. There were no other nominations.

MOTION Kisow, SECOND Shiwarski to close the nominations

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-A, Kisow-A, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 4 Yes, 1 Abstain.

Nomination for Representative to the Char-West Council of Governments (COG):

Commissioner Barefoot nominated Chairman Abatta

Commissioner Kisow seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations.

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to close the nominations.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-A, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 5-0.

Nomination for Representative for the Char-Valley Flood Control Authority

Chairman Abatta nominated Commissioner Mapel

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations.

MOTION Barefoot, SECOND Kisow to close the nominations

ROLL CALL: Mapel-A, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 4 Yes, 1 Abstain.

Appointments of Boards and Commissions

Appointment: Parks & Recreation Board (2 Terms ending in 2018) and two vacancies

MOTION Barefoot, SECOND Shiwarski to appoint Janet Hammer to a five (5) year term on the Robinson Township Parks and Recreation Board

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 5-0.

MOTION Barefoot, SECOND Shiwarski to appoint Debbie Marko to a five (5) year term on the Robinson Township Parks and Recreation Board.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-A, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 5-0

Appointment: Planning Commission (Term Ending Dec. 31, 2014)

Appointment: Planning Commission one (1) year term.

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to nominate Michael Pendel for Planning Commission vacancy one (1) year term ending 12/31/14.

Commission Mapel, I have spoken to Mr. Pendel on some occasions and I will be the first to tell you all that I think he is more than qualified. He is a very articulate and very intelligent gentleman and certainly more than capable of performing that task, however, as a developer in the Township it represents a clear conflict of interest in my opinion. If he were a building contractor, which I know that he is as well, I would have no problem with that, but as a developer this is not a position that I think is consistent with the values and standards that this Board should adopt.

Chairman Abatta, Mr. Silka, was this all posted in a timely fashion as far as the applicants. Were these positions advertised in the proper time frame?

Mgr. Silka, yes all of the vacancies were posted and these are the applications that we received.

There were no other nominations.

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to close the nominations
ROLL CALL: Mapel-N, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-A, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 4 Yes, 1 No.

Appointment: Planning Commission (Term Ending December 31, 2017)

Chairman Abatta, we have one vacancy and three applicants. At this time I am going to open the floor for nominations for the vacancy.

MOTION Barefoot, SECOND Kisow to nominate Gary Shiwarski to the Planning Commission, term ending December 31, 2017.

There were no other nominations.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Abstain, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-A, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 1 Yes, 1 Abstain

Appointment: MATR (Term Ending Dec. 31. 2018)

Chairman Abatta, we have one vacancy and one applicant, that being Mr. Stan Celich.

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to nominate Stan Celich to the MATR Board, term ending December 31, 2018.

Commission Mapel, again, ethically to serve on two separate advisory Boards is a clear conflict of interest. I have absolutely no question in my mind about this applicant either. Stan is a very intelligent, successful guy and has done a wonderful job on the Civil Service Commission as well, but I think personally that one committee is enough.

Chairman Abatta, I am going to ask you again Mr. Silka, was this posted in a timely fashion?

Mgr. Silka, it was and that was the only response that we received for this position.

Chairman Abatta, is it morally approvable that we can have one person serve on two public boards?

Mgr. Silka, there is nothing statutorily in the code that says these two boards are incompatible.

Chairman Abatta, so he can serve on two boards correct?

Mgr. Silka, correct.

There were no other nominations.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-N, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 4 Yes, 1 No

Appointment: Zoning Hearing Board (Term Ending Dec. 31, 2016)

MOTION Barefoot, SECOND Shiwarski to nominate Theodore Ondo to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term ending December 31, 2016.

There were no other nominations.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Abstain, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-A, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 4 Yes, 1 Abstain

Appointment: Library Board (3 Terms ending Dec. 31, 2016)

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to nominate William Jakub to the Library Board for a term ending December 31, 2016.

There were no other nominations.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 5-0

MOTION Barefoot, SECOND Kisow to nominate William Lugaila to the Library Board for a term ending December 31, 2016.

There were no other nominations.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 5-0

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to nominate Barbara Ondo to the Library Board for a term ending December 31, 2016.

There were no other nominations.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Abstain, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 4 Yes, 1 Abstain

Chairman Abatta stated that there is one additional vacancy on the Library Board and he requested Manager Silka to advertise the position as we have no additional applicants.

Appointment Vacancy Board (Term ending Dec. 31, 2014)

MOTION Barefoot, SECOND Kisow to nominate Bryan Young to the Vacancy Board for a one (1) year term ending on December 31, 2014.

There were no other nominations.

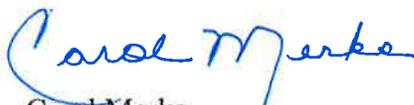
ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 5-0

MOTION Mapel, SECOND Kisow to continue the meeting to Thursday, January 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Robinson Township Municipal Complex.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 5-0

Meeting is continued to January 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Merks
Township Secretary