

## **YORK TOWNSHIP**

### **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

190 Oak Road, Dallastown, PA 17313

Monday, January 3, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

### **SWEARING IN CEREMONIES: District Justice Scott Laird**

**District Justice Scott Laird performed the swearing-in ceremonies for the following York Township Commissioners and Tax Collector:**

**George W. W. Jones, Commissioner Ward 2**

**George W. Cronin, Commissioner Ward 4**

**Kay Crumling, Tax Collector**

### **Reorganization**

#### **President**

On motion of Comm. Knepper, Robert D. Steele was nominated as President of the Board. Comm. Jones moved to Close the nomination, seconded by Comm. Kessler.

Nomination carried 5/0

#### **Vice President**

On motion of Comm. Knepper, George Jones was nominated as Vice President of the Board, Comm. Kessler moved to Close the nomination, seconded by Comm. Steele.

Nomination carried 5/0.

#### **Secretary**

On motion of Comm. Steele Gary Milbrand was nominated as Secretary to the Board. Comm. Jones moved to Close the nomination, seconded by Comm. Kessler. Nomination carried 5/0.

#### **Treasurer**

On motion of Comm. Knepper Kay Crumling was appointed as Treasurer for York Township. Comm. Jones moved to Close the nomination, seconded by Comm. Kessler.

Nomination carried 5/0.

#### **Township Engineer**

On motion of Comm. Knepper JMT was nominated as Township Engineer. Comm. Jones moved to Close the nominations, seconded by Comm. Kessler.

Nomination carried 5/0.

#### **Solicitor**

On motion of Comm. Kessler, Stock and Leader, Steve Hovis, was nominated as Township Solicitor. Comm. Knepper moved to Close the nominations, seconded by Comm. Jones.

Nomination carried 5/0.

## **1. Call to Order**

Comm. Steele called the January 3, 2022 meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Comm. Steele	Gary Milbrand	Steve Hovis, Solicitor
Comm. Jones	Lisa Frye	
Comm. Cronin	Robert Miller	
Comm. Kessler	Carly Mercadante	
Comm. Knepper		

Other Township Employees or Board Members:

Josie Dick, Water and Sewer Authority

Adam Wolf, York Township Public Works

Other Community Members:

Corporal Dan Miller, York Area Regional Police

Rob Greene, York Township Goodwill Fire Company

Jim Marsteller, York Township Goodwill Fire Police

Jean Abreght, Stenographer

Comm. Steele announced that an Executive Session was held on December 20, 2021 to discuss litigation matters. He announced that an Executive Session will be held this date to discuss litigation and personnel at the end of the meeting.

## **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Comm. Steele led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **3. Minutes – December 14, 2021**

On motion of Comm. Kessler, seconded by Comm. Jones, the minutes December 14<sup>th</sup> were approved.

Motion carried 4/0; 1 abstention, Comm. Cronin was not present.

## **4. Payment of Bills**

On motion of Comm. Jones, seconded by Comm. Kessler, the following bills for December 2021 were approved for payment.

General Fund	\$354,940.69
Sewer Revenue Fund	365,047.60
Inter-Municipal Sewer Fund	12,115.79
Storm Water Management Fund	17,300.00
General Capital Reserve Fund	53,572.70
Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	194,039.01

Street Light Fund	238.03
Impact Fees Fund	1,184.66
Total	<hr/> \$998,438.48
Motion carried 5/0.	

On motion of Comm. Jones, seconded by Comm. Kessler, the non-reimbursable portion of bills for December 2022 in the amount of \$7,062.00 were approved for payment.  
Motion carried 5/0.

## **5. Public Comments**

There were no Public Comments.

## **6. Engineer – Director of Economic Development – Lisa Frye**

Ms. Frye stated that she had nothing new concerning plans from the Engineer to report.

## **7. Commissioner Agenda**

### **a. Appointment to York County Regional Police Commission – Representative and Alternate (2 year term)**

On motion of Comm. Knepper, seconded by Comm. Jones the Board appointed Comm. Kessler as Primary Representative for a term expiring December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.  
Motion carried 4/0; 1 Abstention. Comm. Kessler abstained.

On motion of Comm. Jones, seconded by Comm. Kessler to appoint Comm. Knepper to serve as Alternate to the York County Regional Police Commission for a term expiring December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

Motion carried 4/0; 1 Abstention. Comm. Knepper abstained.

### **b. Appointment to York Area Regional Police Commission – Representative and Alternate (1 year term)**

On motion of Comm. Knepper, seconded by Comm. Jones the Board appointed Comm. Robert Kessler as Representative to York Area Regional Police Commission for a term expiring December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Motion carried 4/0; 1 Abstention. Comm. Kessler abstained.

On motion of Comm. Kessler, seconded by Comm. Jones, Comm. Knepper was appointed as the Alternate Representative to the York Area Regional Police Commission for a term expiring December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Motion carried 4/0; 1 Abstention. Comm. Knepper abstained.

### **c. Appointment to York Area Regional Police Citizen at Large (1 year term)**

On motion of Comm. Knepper, seconded by Comm. Jones to appoint Al Granholm to the position of Citizen-At-Large to the York Area Regional Police Commission for a term expiring December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Motion carried 5/0.

**Comm. Knepper** reported that he had attended the December 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Session, the Township Luncheon on December 15<sup>th</sup> and the Joint Meeting of the York Area Regional Police on December 30<sup>th</sup>. Comm. Knepper voiced a complaint concerning all the trash laying along the road. He, personally, had filled up three 42-gallon garbage bags picking up trash.

**Comm. Kessler** reported that he had attended the meeting concerning the sewer rates for the American Water Company; also the Township Christmas Lunch. He, Comm. Jones and Gary Milbrand attended a meeting at Station 19 to discuss the leadership transition that's occurring there after their member vote in December. Comm. Kessler attended the York Area Regional Police meeting and participated in the York County Regional Police Meeting. He welcomed George Cronin to the Board and looked forward to working with him over the next four years taking care of York Township.

**Commissioner Jones** reported he had attended meetings of the Fire Chief on November 18<sup>th</sup> with Gary Milbrand, Executive Committee meetings on the sewer issue and Staff Christmas Party on the 15<sup>th</sup>. He, too, welcomed Comm. George Cronin to the Board.

**Commissioner Cronin** thanked everyone on the Board and those who voted for him. He stated it is an honor to be selected as their representative. He stated he will work hard for the next four years to do his best for those in Ward #4 and support the fire company, police department, and first responders for whom he has the utmost respect. He thanked his wife and daughter for their continued support, and he thanked his fellow Commissioners for welcoming him and answering all his questions.

**Comm. Steele** reported he had attended the York Township Holiday Party on the 15<sup>th</sup> and the Executive Session Meeting on December 20<sup>th</sup>. He thanked his fellow Commissioners for electing him the honor of serving as President of the Board. He thanked Comm. Kessler and Comm. Knepper for their service on the Police Commission. And lastly he welcomed Comm. Cronin to the Board. He hoped everyone had helped him get a fast start.

## **8. Township Manager – Gary Milbrand.**

### **a. Appointment to York Adams Tax Bureau**

On motion of Comm. Jones, seconded by Comm. Kessler, Jennifer Byers was appointed as representative and Gary Milbrand as alternate to the York Adams Tax Bureau.

Motion carried 5/0.

### **b. Appointment to York County Tax Collection**

On motion of Comm. Kessler, seconded by Comm. Jones, Jennifer Byers was appointed as representative and Gary Milbrand as alternate to the York County Tax Collection Bureau.

Motion carried 5/0.

**c. Property Maintenance Appeals Board**

On motion of Comm. Steele, seconded by Comm. Knepper, the following were reappointed to the Property Maintenance Appeals Board for a term ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023: Bridgett McAuliffe, Walter Henry, Jr. and Nicholas Sabold,  
Motion carried 5/0.

**d. Request hearing date for 1851 Powder Mill Road (OSS Health) rezoning request, suggested date February 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

By Consensus the board agreed to set the date for a rezoning hearing 1851 Powder Mill Road (OSS Health), for February 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**e. York County Stormwater Consortium Queenswood Grant Approval (\$212,920).**

On motion of Comm. Steele, seconded by Comm. Knepper, the Board approved the Queenswood Improvements Stream Restoration grant contract with the York County Stormwater Consortium in the amount of \$212,920.  
Motion carried 5/0.

**f. JMT Municipal Campus Upgrade Contract Amendment (\$3,510.25)**

On motion of Comm. Jones, seconded by Comm. Kessler, the Board amended JMT's Sanitary Sewer Building Construction Consultation Contract by adding \$3,510.25 to the contract amount and pay for it out of the capital projects fund.  
Motion carried 5/0.

Township Manager Gary Milbrand stated that Laura Kirk, the EMA Coordinator, received the York County Municipalities Emergency Management Coordinator's EMC Choice Award. He commended her for her efforts.

**9. Recreation – Carly Mercadante.**

Ms. Mercadante had provided a monthly report to the board. She offered to respond to questions, but there were none.

**10. Public Works – Bob Miller.**

**a. Advertise to Bid Green Valley Rod Bank Stabilization Project**

On motion of Comm. Knepper, seconded by Comm. Jones, the Board authorized the Public Works Director to advertise for bids for the Green Valley Road Bank Stabilization Project.  
Motion carried 5/0.

**11. Solicitor – Steve Hovis**

Solicitor Hovis indicated he had no action items. He congratulated and welcomed Comm. Cronin to the Board, and welcomed Comm. Jones back to the Board. He thanked the Board for his reappointment, which is something that he does not take lightly. Stock and Leader had been York Township Solicitor for over 60 years, which is something they greatly appreciate, value and honor representing the township.

Solicitor Hovis noted that their Municipal 101 Course will be available on January 27<sup>th</sup>. He was not sure whether there will be an option to attend virtually which will be determined shortly.

**12. The Board recessed to Executive Session - 6:45 p.m. to discuss personnel and litigation  
Executive Session**

Meeting Reconvened 8:45 p.m.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Secretary

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