

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

ED BARZESKI  
PAUL PIOLI-ABSENT  
ROBERT AMISTADI  
ROY SHAFFER  
SCOTT HUNT

**OTHERS**

ROBERT SHAHADE, SOLICITOR  
GARY SERBALL, ROAD SUPERVISOR  
OFFICER IN CHARGE-MARTIN DEAN  
MARY KAY MAHER, TWP. SECRETARY  
KEN MESKO-MESKO AND ASSOCIATES

**OTHERS:** None

**CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:05 P.M. WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**VICE CHAIRMAN CALLS FOR TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**

Roy moved, Scott seconded to appoint Ed Barzeski as Temporary Chairman.  
Motion Carried. 4/0

**TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN CALLS FOR TEMPORARY SECRETARY OF THE BOARD**

Scott moved, Roy seconded to appoint Mary Kay Maher as Temporary Secretary.  
Motion Carried. 4/0

**TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN CALLS FOR PERMANENT CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**

Bob moved, Roy seconded to appoint Ed Barzeski as Permanent Chairman.  
Motion Carried. 4/0

**PERMANENT CHAIRMAN CALLS FOR PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE BOARD**

Roy moved, Scott seconded to appoint Mary Kay Maher as Permanent Secretary.  
Motion Carried. 4/0

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE BOARD**

Ed moved, Roy seconded to appoint Alice Hummel as Assistant Township Secretary.  
Motion Carried. 4/0

**VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**

Roy moved, Ed seconded to appoint Bob Amistadi as Vice-Chairman.  
Motion Carried. 4/0

**TREASURER OF THE BOARD**

Scott moved, Bob seconded to appoint Roy Shaffer as Treasurer.  
Motion Carried. 4/0

**LEGAL COUNSEL/COMPENSATION**

Scott moved, Bob seconded to retain Robert Shahade as Legal Counsel with compensation at \$125.00 per hour, \$50.00 per meeting and a monthly retainer of \$600.00. Motion Carried. 4/0

**COLLECTOR OF ACT 511 TAXES/EARNED INCOME TAX/LOCAL SERVICES TAX**

Scott moved, Bob seconded to appoint Berkheimer Tax Administrator as collectors of Act 511 Taxes/Earned Income Taxes/Local Services Taxes. Motion Carried. 4/0

**APPOINTMENT OF C.P.A.**

Discussion ensued on the quotes received from proposals from Barnes & Saley, Wessel & Company and Korzan CPA & Associates.

Scott moved, Bob seconded to appoint Barnes & Saley for their three-year rate of \$3,300, \$3,500, and \$3,900 for the years ending 2016, 2017, and 2018 as the Township's C.P.A. firm  
Motion Carried. 4/0

**TOWNSHIP ENGINEER/RATES**

Bob moved, Ed seconded to appoint Mesko & Associates as Township Engineer with the rate of compensation per submitted schedule with no increase. Motion Carried. 4/0

**SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Scott moved, Roy seconded to appoint Mesko & Associates as the Sewage Enforcement Agency. Motion Carried. 4/0

**ZONING/BUILDING CODE ADMINISTRATION/NUISANCE ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Bob moved, Ed seconded to appoint Mark Walker with compensation per his submitted schedule from last year. Motion Carried. 4/0

**POLICE COMMISSIONER**

Ed moved, Roy seconded to appoint Paul Pioli as Police Commissioner.  
Motion Carried. 4/0

**POLICE CHIEF**

Lawrence Wager had submitted his resignation as Chief of Police for the Township effective immediately due to personal reasons. He requested a mutual rescission of the contract dated 12/15/2016.

Scott moved, Roy seconded to rescind the Chief of Police contract dated 12/15/2016 between Upper Yoder Township and Lawrence Wager. Motion Carried. 4/0

Scott moved, Bob seconded to retain Officer Martin Dean as Officer in Charge of the Upper Yoder Township Police Dept. Motion Carried 4/0

**PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS**

Officer in Charge-Martin Dean requested an increase in the hourly compensation for the part-time police officers for the year 2017.

Bob moved, Roy seconded to retain the current tier roster with compensation based on a graduated pay scale of 1-500 hrs. @ \$12.75/hr.; 501-1000 hrs. @ \$13.25/hr.; over 1001 hrs. @ \$13.75/hr effective with the next pay period ending 1/14/2017 which reflects an increase of \$.50/hr. Motion Carried. 4/0

**ROAD COMMISSIONER**

Roy moved, Bob seconded to appoint Ed Barzeski as Road Commissioner.  
Motion Carried. 4/0

**ROAD SUPERVISOR**

Ed moved, Bob seconded to appoint Gary Serball as Road Supervisor, compensation as per contract. MOTION CARRIED 5/0

**PART-TIME ROAD WORKER'S/COMPENSATION**

Ed moved, Roy seconded to name Mike Grandinette as Part-Time Road Worker to be compensated at the rate of \$10.50 per hour with a CDL License and \$8.50 per hour without a CDL. Motion Carried. 4/0

**VACANCY BOARD (REGISTERED ELECTOR)**

Ed moved, Scott seconded to appoint Jim Hartland to the Vacancy Board. Motion Carried. 4/0

**VOTING DELEGATE-STATE CONVENTION**

Ed moved, Roy seconded to appoint Scott Hunt as the voting delegate. Motion Carried. 4/0

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE-STATE CONVENTION**

Ed moved, Bob seconded to appoint Roy Shaffer as alternate delegate to the State Convention. Motion Carried. 4/0

**BANK DEPOSITORIES**

Scott moved, Bob seconded to retain First National Bank, Slovenian Savings & Loan, and Somerset Trust Company as bank depositories. Motion Carried. 4/0

**MONTHLY MEETINGS**

Ed moved, Bob seconded to hold the Supervisor's monthly meeting on the third Thursday of each month as legally advertised. Motion Carried. 4/0

**RECOMMENDATION TO AUDITORS-TREASURER'S BOND**

Scott moved, Bob seconded to recommend the Treasurer's Bond be set at \$500,000. Motion Carried. 4/0

**AUDITOR OF EARNED INCOME**

Roy moved, Ed seconded to piggyback off the audit of the Westmont School District. Motion Carried. 4/0

**PART-TIME ROAD WORKERS (BOARD MEMBERS)**

Ed moved, Bob seconded to appoint the entire Board of Supervisors as part-time Road workers with compensation set by the Township Auditors on an as needed Basis. Motion Carried. 4/0

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING CONTINUED INTO REGULAR MEETING**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 15, 2016**

Roy moved, Scott seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. MOTION CARRIED: 4/0

**PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE ON AGENDA - NONE  
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE**

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS-SECRETARY'S, INCOME, PAYROLL,**

Secretary noted the Fund Report and Financial Report will be submitted at the Jan. 19, 2017 meeting.

Scott moved, Bob seconded to approve the reports as submitted with discussion to follow on the Secretary's Report. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

**APPROVAL OF GENERAL FUND BILLS - \$28,505.43**

Roy moved, Bob seconded to approve the general fund bills in the amount of \$28,505.43.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Scott-aye, Bob-aye, Ed-aye, Roy-aye MOTION CARRIED 4/0

**APPROVAL OF OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES - \$36,750.84**

Scott moved, Ed seconded to approve the Other Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$36,750.84. ROLL CALL VOTE: Roy-aye, Ed-aye, Bob-aye, Paul-aye, Scott-aye MOTION CARRIED 4/0

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**SELL STREET STORM SEWER PROJECT**

Ken reported there remains one more easement to obtain from Kathy Winchester. She does not live in the property and wanted more time to review it. Ken will start the contractor working on the project where the easement is not affected until it is received from Mrs. Winchester.

**GIS MAPPING**

Ken reported Steve Kosis is still working on the system trying to get the information to conform to the County's system. Mesko and Associates uses an Auto-Cad system and the County is using Arc View. Solicitor inquired if the Township received a copy of this information for their records. Secretary noted nothing was turned into the office or the Road Dept. Ken will check with his office for a set of hard plans and a CD with the information in a PDF form for the office and Road Dept.

**ELIM STREET BUILDING-DEMOLITION**

Solicitor received a demolition quote for the Elim St. Building from Roaring Fort Excavation out of Windber, PA. He wanted to look into the quote further and contact the contractor with several questions before presenting it to the Board.

**COON RIDGE ROAD TREE REMOVAL**

Solicitor stated for the record that due to the ice storm that occurred on the weekend of Dec. 16-17, 2016, the overhanging trees along a section of Coon Ridge Road towards Ligioner Pike presented a safety hazard for the motorists using Coon Ridge Road. He advised the Chairman that it is now an emergency situation due to the ice pulling down the trees from the storm. Jim Smay, Tree Removal Contractor was contacted to remove the trees as soon as possible. Because it was an emergency situation, competitive bidding was not possible. Ed commented that Jim Smay's company did a nice job in removing the hazardous trees.

**2017 F-550 TRUCK ORDERED**

Gary informed the Board the new truck ordered will be available to the Township in three weeks.

**NEW COMPUTER STATION/PROGRAMS-TWP OFFICE**

Bob presented a quote received from LANspeed Technologies Inc. from Johnstown for the purchase of a new computer tower, monitor, and updated Microsoft Office program for a quoted price of \$1,992.53. Previous quote received from Link Computer for equipment and software was \$2,496.00.

Bob moved, Scott seconded to purchase the equipment and installation for a new computer station for the Township office from LANspeed Technologies Inc., Johnstown, for their quoted price of \$1,992.53. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

**GARBAGE EXONERATION REQUEST – 268 CAPITAL AVENUE**

Mr. Robert Albaugh, owner of the property at 268 Capital Avenue, addressed the Board with the request to have the 2017 garbage/recycling exonerated for 268 Capital Avenue. He stated the house is gutted out and is uninhabitable. He understands he would still owe the Township the 2015 and 2016 garbage/recycling fees. The balance due is currently \$417.23. Board confirmed the house is uninhabitable.

Roy moved, Ed seconded to exonerate the 2017 garbage/recycling collection fees for the property at 268 Capital Avenue as the house is uninhabitable in its present condition. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

**POLICE PENSION PLAN RESOLUTION NO. 923**

Based on the Actuarial Study received from ConRed Consulting Inc., the Supervisors directed the Treasurer not to have pension contributions deducted from Police Officers for the year 2017 as the Police Pension Fund is financially sound and sufficient. Motion by Bob, seconded by Scott. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

**CO-STARS SALT CONTRACT – WINTER YEAR 2017-18**

The Township received a notice from Co-Stars concerning the road salt supply for the upcoming winter year of 2017-18 through the State. If the Township is interested in continued participation in this state program, the Township must register with Co-Stars by March, 2017.

Ed moved, Scott seconded to continue to participate with the State program for road salt supply through Co-Stars for the winter year of 2017-18 for the same tonnage amount of 1,500 tons of salt. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

**TOWNSHIP MILLAGE DECREASED 2016-2017**

Scott informed the Board the decrease in the Township millage from 2016-2017 was due to assessment hearings, per the Assessment Office. The two biggest reductions were from Laurelwood Convalescent Home and Westmont Woods. Solicitor noted Westmont Woods, previously known as Presbyterian Home, was a non-profit organization and was assessed, but not entirely taxed, only three parcels were taxed. The Fisher Building, the condominiums, and the apartments were taxed. Now there are six parcels of property that are in taxation as it is a for-profit facility; however, their overall assessments for these parcels were reduced. Laurelwood Convalescent Home's hearing resulted in approx. 20% reduction in their assessment. The Assessment Office was notified that Upper Yoder was not receiving all the hearing notices and the results of the Hearings. Discussion ensued on the millages for the Township and County and the revenues they generate.

UPPER YODER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
JANUARY 3, 2017

REORGANIZATION MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

NEW BUSINESS - none

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none

ADJOURNMENT – motion by Bob, seconded by Ed

ADJOURNED – 7:45 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Kay Maher".

MARY KAY MAHER  
TWP. SECRETARY

THE NEXT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR'S MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.