

**TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR**  
**Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 5, 2015**

*The Radnor Township Board of Commissioners met at approximately 7:30 PM in the Radnorshire Room in the Radnor Township Municipal Building, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087*

**Commissioners Present**

*Elaine Schaefer  
John Fisher  
John Nagle  
William Spingler*

*James C. Higgins  
Richard F. Booker  
Donald Curley*

**Also Present:** *Robert A. Zienkowski, Township Manager; John Osborne, Treasurer; John Rice, Township Solicitor; William White, Finance Director; William Colarulo, Superintendent of Police; Steve Norcini, Director of Public Works; Tammy Cohen, Director of Community Programming & Recreation; Kevin Kochanski, Director of Community Development; Roger Phillips, P.E., Township Engineer; Amy Kaminski, Traffic Engineer and Jennifer DeStefano, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager.*

*President Schaefer called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance*

Public Participation

Christina Perrone, Ward 1 – She requested for the new President or Vice President to speak to the issue of public comment and how it will be handled going forward.

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented in regards to public participation not appearing on the agenda as well as commenting in regards to the selection of the incoming President and Vice President.

Election of President

Commissioner J. Higgins moved to nominate Commissioner Spingler as President of the Board of Commissioners, seconded by Commissioner Nagle.

Public Comment

Christina Perrone – She commented in regards to the Board keeping in mind the open investigation pending involving Mr. Spingler.

There were comments by Commissioners Curley, Booker and Fisher that they are not in support of the above motion. Commissioner Schaeffer called the vote, motion passes 4-3 with Commissioner Booker, Curley and Fisher opposed.

Election of Vice President

Commissioner Spingler moved to nominate Commissioner Higgins as Vice President of the Board of Commissioners, seconded by Commissioner Nagle.

Commissioner Booker made a motion to nominate Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Fisher.

There was a brief discussion amongst the Board.

Public Comment

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented in regards to the current nomination and the current vote for President of the Board.

Commissioner Schaefer called the vote on the nomination of Commissioner Fisher as Vice President, motion failed 2-5 with Commissioners Curley, Spingler, Schaefer, Higgins and Nagle opposed.

Commissioner Schaefer called the vote on the nomination of Commissioner Higgins as Vice President, motion passes 4-3 with Commissioners Booker, Curley and Fisher opposed.

Oath of Office to President

The Honorable Judge Ann A. Osborne administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner William Spingler as President, Radnor Township Board of Commissioners.

Oath of Office to Vice President

The Honorable Judge Ann A. Osborne administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner James Higgins as Vice President, Radnor Township Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Curley thanked Commissioner Schaefer for her 2 years as President of the Board of Commissioners.

Reappointments to Advisory Boards and Commissions

Commissioner Fisher made a motion to reappoint the following to various Advisory Boards and Commissions, seconded by Commissioner Nagle.

**Board of Health**

Andrew Forman

**Planning Commission**

Kathy Bogosian  
Elizabeth Springer

**Rental Housing Appeals Board**

Joseph Voegelé

**Stormwater Advisory Committee**

Joseph Schanne  
Maya Van Rossum

Commissioner Spingler called the vote; motion passed 7-0.

Announcements of Vacancies on Various Boards & Commissions

<b><i>Board &amp; Commission Vacancies – Effective Immediately</i></b>	
<i>Civil Service Commission – 1 Alternate Vacancy</i>	<i>Planning Commission - 1 Vacancy</i>
<i>Parks &amp; Recreation Board - 1 Vacancy</i>	<i>Rental Housing Appeal Board - 1 Vacancy (Alternate)</i>
<i>CARFAC – 2 Vacancies</i>	

Please forward your letters of interest to Robert Zienkowski, Township Manager, Radnor Township, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne PA 19087.

Commissioner Spingler commented that the standing committees will remain the same except Commissioner Schaefer will be Chair of the Public Safety Committee; she will also be on the Public Works Committee.

Ordinance #2014-16 – (Adoption) - Amending Article VIII, Personnel Policies, Section 5-70, Civil Service Provisions, Of The Administrative Code Of Radnor Township

Commissioner Schaefer made a motion to adopt ordinance #2014-16, seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Mr. Zienkowski thanked the Civil Service Commission on their work. There was a brief discussion in regards to the rankings listed in the ordinance. Commissioner Higgins commented that he would like to make one non-substantial change in Section 1: section 3.6 A2 to read: *An applicant for the position of Sergeant shall have at least four (4) years of experience as a Patrol Officer or higher rank in the Police Department of the Township of Radnor.*

Commissioner Higgins made a motion to adopt with the following change to be made; *Section 1: Section 3.6 A2 to read: An applicant for the position of Sergeant shall have at least four (4) years of experience as a Patrol Officer or higher rank in the Police Department of the Township of Radnor.* Motion seconded by Commissioner Fisher.

Public Comment

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented about the Board holding Executive Session. Commissioner Spingler called the vote, motion passed 6-1 with Commissioner Booker opposed.

Notice of Executive Session preceding the Board of Commissioners meeting of January 5, 2015

All commissioners were in attendance, where land matters were discussed.

Discussion of Capital Funding Plan

Mr. Zienkowski and Mr. White discussed the 5-year Capital Funding Plan for the Township and looked for direction from the Board. There was an in depth conversation amongst Commissioners and Staff in regards to the capital funding.

Commissioner Schaefer made a motion to request CARFAC to prepare an analysis of the different options available for funding of our capital needs and particular attention to the life of assets and how we would pay for them, seconded by Commissioner Higgins.

Public Comment

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented in regards to items that are discussed in executive session.

Commissioner Spingler called the vote, motion passes 7-0.

Discussion on the Conditional Use Hearing and Orders Process

Mr. Rice, Township Solicitor discussed his memorandum to the Board of Commissioners in regards to Conditional Use Deliberations and the Charter Requirements dated December 30, 2014. He set forth in his

memorandum the applicable Charter and statutory requirements which governed the Board deliberations in the Villanova conditional use matter. There was an in depth discussion amongst the Commissioners on whether conditional use hearing order process should be discussed in public or executive session.

Public Comment

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented in regards to the executive session held when the conditions for the Villanova Conditional Use Hearing were held as well as commented on Mr. Rice’s memorandum.

Diane Edbril, Spruce Tree Rd – She spoke in regards to the process taken during executive session when the Villanova Conditional Use Order was discussed.

Christina Perrone – She spoke about the process that had been taken during the order process of Villanova’s Conditional Use.

Roberta Winters, League of Women Voters – She spoke from League position that they support openness of government proceedings, high standards of professionalism and individual accountability; and all the functions of the Township including personnel practices as stated in the Home Rule Charter.

David Wood, Bryn Mawr – He commented that the process needs to be completely open and in the public.

Maya van Rossum, Bryn Mawr – She commented in regards to public comment and on the record decisions.

Commissioner Higgins commented on the process that was taken on November 24, 2014 which was a culmination of many months of public discussion. There was a brief discussion amongst a few Commissioners in regards to the process of holding executive session.

Toni Bailey – She commented in regards to the concerns on the size and scope of the project and her disappointment in the process taken.

Dan Sherry, Wayne – He commented in regards to the ethics complaint that he submitted last week which he also requested John Rice to recuse himself from.

David Wood – He commented in regards to the public feeling intimidated to attend the meetings because of the behavior.

Christina Perrone – She commented in regards to attorney-client privilege.

Patti Barker, Garrett Hill – She commented in regards to the Commissioners behaviors.

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on a motion duly made and seconded.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jennifer DeStefano*