

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING HELD  
January 3, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on January 3, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butler Township Municipal Building, 290 S. Duffy Road, Butler, PA 16001. The following Commissioners were present: Pres. Dave Zarnick, Vice-Pres. Sam Zurzolo, Commis. Joe Wiest, Commis. James Lokhaiser, Jr. and Commis. Ed Natali.

Also present were Manager Tom Knights, Solicitor Larry Lutz, Chief of Police John Hays, and Dir. Of Public Works Dave Meeder.

Pres. Zarnick called the meeting to order followed by a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pres. Zarnick stated that anyone taping the meeting is required to state their name and address. Ryan Saeler, Butler Radio Network, and Eddie Trazzini, Butler Eagle recorded the meeting.

Pres. Zarnick asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the preceding meeting, there being none the minutes will stand as presented.

Pres. Zarnick asked for public comment on agenda items, there was none.

Commis. Zarnick appointed Manager Knights as the acting Chairman of the meeting.

Manager Knights introduced the Honorable Marilyn J. Horan, U.S. District Judge to administer the Oaths of Office.

Judge Horan administered the Oaths of Office for Butler Township Commissioners Sam Zurzolo, Ed Natali and Butler Township Tax Collector Olivia Wiest.

Judge Horan administered the Oaths of Office for Butler Township Volunteer Fire District's Administrative Officers and Line Officers.

Judge Horan thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to administer the oaths of office to the elected officials.

Manager Knights turned the meeting Chair over to Solicitor Lutz for the election of Board President.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to nominate Dave Zarnick as President of the Board, second by Commis. Wiest. Solicitor Lutz asked for any additional nominations. There was none. The vote to elect Commis. Dave Zarnick as President of the Board carried unanimously.

Solicitor Lutz turned the meeting over to Board President Dave Zarnick.

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to nominate Sam Zurzolo as Vice-President of the Board. Second by Commis. Wiest. Commis. Zarnick asked for any additional nominations. There was none. The vote was: Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion to elect Commis. Sam Zurzolo as Vice-President of the board pass unanimously.

Commis. Zarnick gave the following voting order: Ed Natali, James Lokhaiser, Jr., Joseph Wiest, Sam Zurzolo, and David Zarnick.

Commis. Zarnick stated that the departmental assignments will be announced at the next board meeting.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to appoint Tom Knights as Township Manager. Second by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to appoint Theresa Giesler as Township Secretary. Second by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to appoint Olivia Wiest as Township Treasurer. Second by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Abstain; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Wiest to appoint Lutz & Pawk as Township Solicitor. Second by Commis. Zurzolo. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to appoint the law firm Campbell Durrant as Special Counsel. Second by Commis. Natali. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to appoint Gateway Engineers as the Township Engineer. Second by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to appoint Senate Engineering as Alternate Engineer. Second by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to appoint David Ice as Sewage Enforcement Officer. Second by Commis. Natali. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to appoint Mike Corel as Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer. Second by Commis. Natali. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Wiest to appoint Professional Code Services as Third Party Code Inspector and Plan Reviewer. Second by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was

Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to appoint Fred Vero to fill the vacant Butler Township Board position for the Butler Area Sewer Authority. Second by Commis. Natali. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Manager Knights presented the Designation of Depositories Resolution.

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to pass Designation of Depositories Resolution, as presented. Second by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Manager Knights presented the Investment of Surplus Funds Resolution.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to pass the Investment of Surplus Funds Resolution, as presented. Second by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Manager Knights presented the Records Disposition Resolution.

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to pass the Records Disposition Resolution, as presented. Second by Commis. Natali. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Manager Knights presented the One Year Union Contract Extension for the Road Department.

Motion by Commis. Wiest to pass the Road Department One Year Union Contract Extension, as presented. Second by Commis. Natali. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Manager Knights presented the One Year Union Contract Extension for the Senior Clerks.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to pass the Senior Clerks One Year Union Contract Extension, as presented. Second by Commis. Natali. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Manager Knights presented the One Year Union Contract Extension for the Police Association.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to pass the Police Association One Year Union Contract Extension, as presented. Second by Commis. Natali. The vote was Natali: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Commis. Zarnick asked for a letter be sent to Gerry Patterson thanking him for his years of service serving on the Butler Area Sewer Authority Board.

Pres. Zarnick asked for any correspondence.

Manager Knights indicated correspondence had been received from Scott Frederick accepting the Director of Emergency Services employment offer.

There were no questions from the media.

Motion by Commis. Wiest to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m., second by Commis. Lokhaiser and carried unanimously.

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