

LOWER MILFORD TOWNSHIP

Lehigh County

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Monday, January 4, 2021 Organization Meeting

MINUTES

Present: Donna Wright, Chair; Ellen Koplin, Vice Chair; John Quigley, Supervisor; Zachary Siverten, Esq., Solicitor; Emily Fucci, Township Administrator; Stacy Smith, Township Secretary; and members of the public.

Attorney Siverton calls meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Siverton called for a motion of the Temporary Chair.

Koplin made the motion to nominate Wright as Temporary Chair. Seconded by Wright.

2 Aye 1 Nay

Wright made the nomination for Smith as Temporary Secretary. Seconded by Koplin.

2 Ayes 1 Nay. With Quigley's objection (see attached)

Wright announced that after appointment at the CU Hearing will be opened and for the sake of time will be limited to one hour.

Koplin made the motion to appoint Wright as Chair for the 2021 year. Seconded by Wright.

2 Ayes 1 Nay. Quigley stated that he objects to the Appointment of Wright as Chair based on his beliefs that the decisions previously made in the year 2020 were detrimental to Lower Milford Township.

Wright made the motion for Koplin as Vice-Chair for the 2021 year. Seconded by Koplin. 2 Ayes 1 Nay. Quigley stated that he feels as though Koplin is "Venomous, Cancerous, Anti-male, Bigoted and that she is a bad person and a bad person for Lower Milford Township."

Koplin made the motion to appoint Smith as Secretary. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes 1 Nay. Quigley objected. (See Attached).

Koplin made a motion to appoint Stryker as Treasurer. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes 1 Nay.

Quigley objects to Stryker's appointment for the reason he feels as though Stryker had left the Township for a better position and that before she returned the position should have been advertised to find a better candidate.

Koplin made the motion to table remainder of the Agenda until after the CU Hearing. Seconded by Quigley. 3 Ayes.

CU Hearing for 6421 Dekrane Dr was opened. CU Hearing was held.

Koplin made the motion to reopen the Re-Organization meeting. Seconded by Quigley.
3 Ayes.

Returning to item #7 Koplin made the motion to appoint Mark Cappuccio Esq of Eastburn & Gray as Township Solicitor. Seconded by Quigley. 3 Ayes.

Koplin made the motion to appoint Mark Cappuccio of Eastburn & Gray as the Solicitor for the Planning Commission. Seconded by Quigley. 3 Ayes.

Koplin made the motion to appoint Clark Hill as the HR Council Attorney. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes. 1 Nay. Quigley objected the appointment of Clark Hill. Stating he feels as though Clark Hill has been "dishonest" and "unethical" in regard to the "investigation against him."

Quigley made the motion to authorize work to be done on Township roads in 2021. Seconded by Koplin. 3 Ayes.

Koplin made the motion for the Board of Supervisors meetings be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Seconded by Quigley. 3 Ayes.

Koplin made the motion for the Board of Supervisors Workshop meetings be held the 1st Thursday of each month. Seconded by Quigley. 3 Ayes.

Koplin made the motion to authorize advertisement of the 2021 Township meetings. Seconded by Quigley. 3 Ayes.

Koplin made the motion to appoint Quigley as the Township Delegate for the Annual PSATS Convention. Seconded by Wright. 3 Ayes.

Koplin made the motion to appoint Cowan Associates as the Township Engineer. Seconded by Quigley. 3 Ayes.

Koplin made the motion to appoint Cowan Associates as the Code Official & Building Inspector. Seconded by Quigley. 3 Ayes.

Koplin made the motion to appoint Wynn Associates Inc. as the Engineer/ Forester. Seconded by Quigley. 3 Ayes.

Koplin made the motion to appoint Embassy Bank as the depository for Lower Milford Township. Seconded by Quigley. 3 Ayes.

Koplin made the motion to authorize signatures for the Embassy Bank accounts as Wright, Koplin and Stryker. Seconded by Quigley. 3 Ayes

Koplin made motion to appoint John Kortvely as Primary Sewage Enforcement Officer. Seconded by Quigley. 3 Ayes.

Koplin made the motion to appoint Charyn Ayoub as Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer. Seconded by Quigley. 3 Ayes.

Letter of Interest was received by Lowell Linde to serve on the Vacancy Board.

Koplin made the motion to appoint Lowell Linde to the Vacancy Board. Seconded by Quigley. 3 Ayes.

Wright made the motion to appoint Quigley as the Agricultural Advisory Board to serve as Chair. Seconded by Quigley. 2 Ayes. 1 Nay.

Quigley made the motion to appoint Ryan Fields as the Lower Milford Township Library representative. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes. 1 Nay.

Motion by Wright to Appoint John Harbove to a four-year term on the Planning Commission. Seconded by Quigley. 3 Ayes.

Announcement of letter received by Roger Hall to continue the Zoning Hearing Board.

Koplin made the motion to appoint Stryker to the Lehigh County Tax Collection Committee. Second by Quigley. 3 Ayes.

Koplin made the motion to appoint Fucci as the Open Records Officer. Seconded by Wright. Quigley stated "he does not believe in the integrity of Miss Fucci" 2 Ayes. 1 Nay

Koplin made a motion to retain the wages as previously set for Non-Union Employees. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes. 1 Nay.

Bookkeeper/Treasurer	\$48,000
Township Administrator	\$19,685
Zoning/Planning Administrator	\$40,315
Township Secretary/Assessment Treasurer	\$48,000

Wright announced the 2021 union wage increase as per the (2017-2022) Contract.

Public Works Foreman	\$ 30.90
Equipment Operator/Maintenance Person	\$ 27.21

Koplin made the motion to establish the reimbursement rate for employees using personal vehicles for Township business at the rate of .56 cents per mile (IRS) rate. Seconded by Quigley. 3 Ayes.

Wright made the announcement that Berkheimer has been selected by the Lehigh County Tax Collection Committee as the Earned Income Tax and Local Services Tax Collector for Lower Milford Township in 2021.

Koplin made the motion to set the Bond amounts as 1,000,000 for the Treasurer and \$500,000 for the Administrator. Second by Quigley for purposes of discussion. Quigley questions the cost

of the bonds. Koplin and Wright explained that the cost of each cannot be determined until the bonds have been processed. 2 Ayes 1 Nay.

Koplin made the motion to accept the following Holidays the Township Building will be closed in 2021. Seconded by Quigley. 3 Aye.

February 15

April 2

May 31

July 5

September 6

November 25

November 26

December 23 & 24

December 31

Koplin made the motion to accept Resolution 2021-1 Setting of Fee Schedule. Seconded by Wright. 2 Ayes. 1 Nay.

Koplin made the motion to accept Resolution 2021-2 Authorization of timely payments. Seconded by Quigley. 3 Ayes.

Koplin made the motion to accept Resolution 2021-3 Appointment of Roger Hall to the Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Quigley. 3 Ayes.

Public Comments:

Wright announced that the Regular Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on January 21, 2021 at 6:30 PM & the CU Hearing for 6421 DeLlane Dr. will continue.

Koplin made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Quigley. 3 Ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy R. Smith

Township Secretary

Again I want to state that I am opposed to the presence of Stacy Smith at these meetings for reasons that I have stated at previous meetings. Those reasons are:

- Her history of making false accusations against a township supervisor and the previous manager
- Her lies and false statements regarding me and others with regard to the placement of a camera in the township office
- Her documented threat against the African-American family of our previous township manager
- Her complete lack of qualification for the job for which she was hired and the fact that now we have had to hire a qualified bookkeeper/treasurer to do that job.

I find these offenses to be terminable offenses and I am personally offended that she has not only been able to continue as a township employee but is now receiving a promotion and 23% raise for a job which should be part-time and whose responsibilities are certainly less than the job which she is being removed from and therefore deserving of less compensation.