

COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
January 3, 2012

In attendance: Council

Staff

Mark McCouch
Gregory S. Nesbitt
Andrew Santacroce
Deborah Tustin
W. William Whiteside, III

William T. Walker, Township Manager
Mary Eberle, Esq. - Solicitor
Erik Garton, P.E. - Engineer

Acting President Mark McCouch called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. in the Township Building, 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham, PA, and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

It was moved by Mr. Whiteside, second by Mr. Santacroce to nominate:

Mark McCouch – Council President
Gregory Nesbitt – Council Vice President
Andrew Santacroce – Council Secretary
Deborah Tustin – Council Treasurer
W. William Whiteside, III - Parliamentarian

All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

President McCouch asked for comments or questions from the public and there were none.

President McCouch asked for the will of Council regarding the PSATS Convention. It was moved by Mr. Whiteside, second by Mr. Nesbitt to appoint Mr. Whiteside as voting delegate and Mr. McCouch as alternate delegate to the PSATS Convention. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for 2012. President McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning the Council meeting schedule. It was moved by Mr. Whiteside, second by Mr. Nesbitt to adopt the schedule for Council meetings for the year 2012 as per the attached list. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

President McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning Board Appointments. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, second by Ms. Tustin to appoint the following:

Vacancy Board	Chris Spinieo	1-year term
Zoning Hearing Board	Gail Sullivan	3 year term
Planning Commission	Eric Frary	4-year term
	Eric Coombs	4-year term
Water & Sewer Authority	Donald Cohen	5-year term
Park & Recreation Board	Mary Dare	5-year term
Police Pension Board	Anthony Trotter	4-year term
Industrial & Commercial Development Authority	Thomas Johnson	5-year term
Environmental Advisory Board	Robert Koroncai	5-year term
	Ken DiGioacchino	5-year term
Library Board of Directors	Michael Colucci	3-year term
HLRA	Curtis Griffin	5-year term
	Mark Theurer	5-year term

All in favor, motion passed unanimously. Mr. Whiteside abstained as he is a member of the HLRA Board being reappointed.

Mr. Walker reviewed the proposal of Bee, Bergvall & Company. President McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning the appointment of auditors for the 2011 financial records. It was moved by Mr. Whiteside, second by Mr. Santacroce to appoint Bee and Bergvall the Township auditors for the 2011 financial records in accordance with their proposal dated October 26, 2011. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker reviewed for Council the Bond for Tax Collector. President McCouch asked for the will of Council regarding the amount of Performance & Fidelity Bond for the Tax Collector for the Township. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, second by Mr. Whiteside to establish \$722,000 as the amount of the Tax Collectors Bond for Richard Sabol in his capacity as the Tax Collector. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

President McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning a Resolution appointing various institutions as depositories of the Township accounts and also authorizing various institutions as depositories for investment purposes. It was moved by Mr. Santacroce, second by Mr. Whiteside to adopt the resolution as proposed appointing the various institutions as depositories for the township accounts and investment opportunities.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. McCouch - Aye	Mr. Nesbitt - Aye	Mr. Santacroce - Aye
Ms. Tustin - Aye	Mr. Whiteside - Aye	

Motion passed unanimously.

President McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning recycling data collection and reporting. It was moved by Mr. Whiteside, second by Mr. Nesbitt to enter into the proposed agreement authorizing Hough Associates to collect 2011 recycling data and prepare the 904 grant application. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

President McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning the township's fee schedule. It was moved by Mr. Santacroce, second by Ms. Tustin to adopt the resolution as proposed amending the township's fee schedule.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. McCouch - Aye

Mr. Nesbitt - Aye

Mr. Santacroce - Aye

Ms. Tustin - Aye

Mr. Whiteside - Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

President McCouch announced that the signatures for Township accounts are as follows: All accounts, other than Payroll Accounts require the signatures of two of the following: Manager or Director of Finance, and the President or Treasurer of Council. Payroll checks only require the Manager's or Director of Finance signatures.

Mr. Walker explained that Gov. Corbett signed Act 84 of 2011 into which increases bid-limits for all local governments to reduce costs. He stated that the bid limit increases from \$10,000 to \$18,500 and quote limit from \$4,000 to \$10,000. The last increase was 14 years ago. He further explained that we would need to amend our Home Rule Charter which can only be done through a voter referendum Mr. Nesbitt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to introduce an Ordinance amending the Home Rule Charter for competitive bidding and to hereby authorize advertisement of the same. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nesbitt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Whiteside, to adopt the Resolution as proposed affixing Monday, January 23, 2012 @ 7:00 P.M. as the time and place for a public hearing amending the Horsham Township Home Rule Charter for competitive bidding requirements.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. McCouch-Aye

Mr. Nesbitt - Aye

Mr. Santacroce: Aye

Ms. Tustin - Aye

Mr. Whiteside: Aye

Motion passed unanimously

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m. at which time Council entered into Executive Session to discuss matter of Real Estate.

William T. Walker