

**LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
RE-ORGANIZATIONAL AND BUSINESS MEETING**

Minutes of the Annual Reorganization Meeting held January 5, 2026

The annual reorganization meeting of the Lower Paxton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Pro Tem Kevin S. Hall, Esq. on the above date at the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The supervisors present were Pamela Thompson, Robin Lindsey, Catherine Scheib, Dr. Charles E. Stuart, and John O. Campbell. Also in attendance were Michael Gossert, Township Manager, and Honorable Judge Joseph Lindsey, Honorable Judge Royce Morris, Honorable Judge Courtney Powell

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ceremonial Administration of the Oath of Office to Newly Elected Supervisors

Honorable Judge Joseph Lindsey, Honorable Judge Royce Morris, Honorable Judge Courtney Powell and Tika Ram Dhungana, Notary Public Administered the Oath/Affirmation to the Newly Elected Supervisors.

Presentation of a Plaque and Resolution in Recognition of Service to a Retired Employee

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors Ms. Thompson presented a Plaque recognizing James Wetzel for his dedication and service to Lower Paxton Township.

Reorganization Agenda

Election of the Chair of the Board

Kevin Hall, Chairman Pro Tem, opened nominations for the Chair of the Board of Supervisors position. Ms. Scheib nominated Pamela Thompson for position of Chair.

Mr. Campbell seconded the nomination. Pro Tem Hall closed the nominations. Pro Tem Hall called for a voice vote, and the vote was unanimous.

Election of the Vice Chairman of the Board

Mr. Thompson opened the nominations for Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors. Dr. Stuart motioned to nominate John O. Campbell as Vice Chair of the Board. Ms. Scheib seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and the vote was unanimous.

Election of the Secretary of the Board

Ms. Thompson opened the nominations for the Secretary of the Board of Supervisors position. Ms. Scheib motioned to elect Robin Lindsey as Secretary. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and the vote was unanimous.

Election of the Treasurer of the Board

Ms. Thompson opened the nominations for the Treasurer of the Board of Supervisors. treasurer position. Mr. Campbell motioned to elect Catherine Scheib as Treasurer. Mrs. Lindsey seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and the vote was unanimous.

Election of the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Ms. Thompson opened the nominations for Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of the Board of Supervisors. Mrs. Lindsey motioned to elect Dr. Charles E. Stuart as Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of the Board. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and the vote was unanimous.

Action to Adopt Robert's Rules of Order

Mrs. Lindse motioned to Adopt Robert's Rules of Order. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote and the vote was unanimous.

Appointment of the Vacancy Board Chair

Ms. Scheib motioned to appoint Jay Purdy as the vacancy board chair. Mrs. Lindsey seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and the vote was unanimous.

Appointment of the Township Manager

Mr. Campbell motioned to appoint Michael Gossert as Township Manager. Mrs. Lindsey seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and the vote was unanimous.

Appointment of the Township Solicitor

Mrs. Lindsey motioned to appoint Tucker Arnesberg Attorneys as the Township's Solicitor. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and the vote was unanimous.

Appointment of the Township Engineer

Mrs. Lindsey motioned to appoint the Office of Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. as the Township Engineer. Ms. Scheib seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and the vote was unanimous.

Appointment of a Representative and Alternate to the Capital Region Council of Governments

Mr. Campbell motioned to appoint Catherine Scheib as the Alternate to the Capital Region Council of Governments. Dr. Stuart seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and the vote was unanimous.

Ms. Scheib motioned to appoint Robin Lindsey as the Alternate Representative of the Capital Region Council of Governments. Dr. Stuart seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and the vote was unanimous.

Amend the Agenda to Add Appointment of a Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegate to the PSATS State Convention

Appointment of a Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegate to the PSATS State Convention

Ms. Thompson motioned to appoint Robin Lindsey as the Voting Delegate to the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS). Mr. Judd seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

Mr. Judd motioned to appoint Pamela Thompson as the Alternate Voting Delegate as the Alternate Voting Delegate to PSATS. Mr. McCormack seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

Appointment of a Representative and Alternate to the Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee

Mr. Navarro motioned to appoint Sam Miller as the Representative to the Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee. Mr. Judd seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

Mr. Navarro motioned to appoint Chris Judd as the Alternate to the Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee. Mr. McCormack seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

Appointments to Various Township Boards, Commissions, and Committees Arts Council (1-Year Term, 7 Members)

Mr. Navarro motioned to reappoint the following individuals to the Arts Council to complete a one-year term: Stanley Smith, Teresa Gonzalez, Jennifer Regina, and Shelley Echevarria. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Ms. Thompson announced that the Arts Council has three vacancies and encouraged the community members present at the meeting to apply.

Audit Committee (1-Year Term, 3 Members)

Mr. Judd motioned to appoint Allen J. McCormack, Sam Miller, and himself to the Audit Committee to complete a one-year term. Mr. McCormack seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Community Engagement Committee (1-Year Term, 7 Members)

Ms. Thompson motioned to reappoint Denise Hussar, James Seidler, Stanley Smith, Robert Macintyre, William Minsker, and Tim Murphy to the Community Engagement Committee to complete a one-year term. Mr. Judd seconded the motion.

Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Greenway Committee (1-Year Term, 7 Members)

Mr. Navarro motioned to reappoint James Seidler, Jennifer Schultz, Michael Emmanuel, Rachelle Losiewicz, William Miller, and Larry Wasser to complete a one-year term. Mr. McCormack seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Historical Commission (1-Year Term, 9 Members)

Mr. Judd motioned to reappoint Denise Deimler, David Doyle, Donald Goss, Kristy Kessler, William Minsker, Jay Purdy, Robert Thomas, Pamela Velencia, and Sarah Greene. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Lower Paxton Township Authority Board (Staggered Terms, 7 Members)

Mr. McCormack motioned to reappoint Robin Lindsey to the Lower Paxton Township Authority Board to complete a 4-year term. Mr. Navarro seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Parks & Recreation Board Bylaws Amendment (*9 Members to 7 Members)

Ms. Thompson motioned to change the number of members on the Parks & Recreation Board from 9 to 7 members. Mr. Judd seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Parks & Recreation Board (5 Year Term, 9 Members)

Mr. Judd motioned to reappoint Stanley Smith to the Parks & Recreation Board to complete a 5-year term. Mr. Navarro seconded the motion.

Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Pension Committee

Mr. McCormack motioned to appoint Bradley Gotshall, Sam Miller, and Jada Dunlap to the Pension Committee. Mr. Navarro seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Planning Commission (4-Year Term, 7 Members, 1 Alternate)

Mr. McCormack motioned to reappoint Everette Hamilton and Sandra Bloom to complete a 4-year term. Mr. Judd seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Public Safety Committee (1-Year Term, 11 Members)

Ms. Thompson motioned to appoint the Colonial Park Fire Company Chief, Linglestown Fire Company Chief, Paxtonia Fire Company Chief, Emergency Operations Director, Fire Marshall, Colonial Park Fire Company President, Linglestown Fire Company President,

Paxtonia Fire Company President, Public Safety Director, a representative of South-Central Emergency Management Services, and Deputy Chief for the Bureau of Fire to the Public Safety Committee. Mr. Navarro seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Shade Tree Commission (5-Year Term, 5 Members)

Ms. Thompson announced that the Shade Tree Commission has two vacancies and encouraged the community members present at the meeting to apply.

Zoning Hearing Board (5-Year Term, 5 Members)

Mr. Judd motioned to reappoint Gregory Sirb to the Zoning Hearing Board to complete a 5-year term. Mr. Navarro seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Establishment of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Bonds

Mr. Judd motioned to establish the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer Bonds for \$1,000,000.00. Mr. McCormack seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Designation of Township Depository

Mr. Navarro motioned to designate M&T Bank as the Township's Depository. Mr. McCormack seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Establishment of the Board of Supervisors Meeting Schedule

Mr. Judd motioned to establish the Board of Supervisors' meeting schedule for 2024, the first three Tuesdays of each month, except for election days and holidays. Mr. McCormack seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Public Comment

Erica Baylor, 1134 Hedgerow Lane, commented about the closure of Koons Pool. Ms.

Baylor's written statement is attached to the minutes.

Serena Merlo, 6531 Red Top Rd., read a letter written by Melissa Roslevge, President of the Piranhas swim team. Ms. Roslevge's written statement is attached to the minutes.

Mr. McCormack wanted to know if Ms. Baylor and Ms. Merlo asked the Supervisors for something. Ms. Baylor explained that they received communication from the Koons Pool executive board of directors indicating that the Township decided to close Koons Pool. When different people reached out to the Koons pool board asking if they could take a seat, they were told the board no longer existed.

Ms. Baylor said they want to know how to keep it going. Ms. Thompson deferred the question to Mr. Gotshall.

Mr. Gotshall explained that the pool has shown some concern regarding its financial capacity since the early 1990s, related to its physical degradation. Last year, representatives of Koons Pool came to the Township, as they have for the past few years, indicating that they are having financial difficulties related to a high water bill from an unidentified water breach somewhere in the facility. At that time, they came to the staff, indicating they wanted to permanently close the pool. He implored them to hold off on closing the pool permanently and let the Township work with the pool board to work through the issue, identify recommendations, and put together a plan to get the pool back on track and make it the continued success it once was. During the meeting, he got the pool board to close the pool for one year while the Township staff worked with the pool board to identify that plan and work through, hopefully, that long.

term reopening plan. The Township does not own the pool; it just owns the land and leases it for operation. The Township was in no way part of the decision to close the pool; in fact, the Township was the entity that got the pool board to decide on the permanent closure.

Mr. McCormack asked Mr. Gotshall what it would cost. Mr. Judd interjected by stating that it's a 30-year issue, and there's a lot of information and they will bring him up to speed on the issue, and ensure that the staff talk to the pool board as well.

Ms. Thompson asked Ms. Baylor if she intended to leave the letter for the Supervisors. Ms. Baylor agreed to leave the letter and asked the Supervisors if it was the pool board's decision and not the Township's decision and if there would be a problem if a new board took over. Mr. Gotshall asked Ms. Baylor if she had identified herself as a pool board member.

Ms. Baylor indicated that she is a member of the pool board. Mr. Gotshall suggested that Ms. Baylor leave her contact information so he can contact her. He noted that the pool board has had very active and dedicated individuals who have served the pool for many years. In its founding, the pool board has had people mortgaging their homes to build the pool, which the Township appreciates. Now, the pool board finds itself in a deep hole financially. It's struggling to find an answer, which may be his interpretation. Still, they may be tired of that fight and some of the comments made regarding them wanting to close it and walk away from it, disbanding the board or whatever. Still, he is happy to hear that Ms. Baylor is an engagement member who may be interested in discussing it with the Township. He will be reaching out to set up a meeting with her and any other engaged members.

Ms. Baylor noted that the other board members are older and that their energy and stamina for these things are not what they once were; the passion is there, but not the stamina. Upon reviewing the financial records, the pool is less than \$4,000 behind, and last year, the pool

didn't have a fireworks party, and that's \$6,000 in revenue alone. The pool board is looking at the potential repairs as a huge cost, but they don't know what that cost is right now. If the pool is operational, and they have people who want to operate it, it's a \$4,000 conversation. It's an easy conversation and fix. The Kiwanis Club and church organizations have reached out to them, offering help, and with all that interest and the little bit that is needed, something can be done.

Mr. Navarro pointed out that the Koons pool board has come to the Board of Supervisors every year since he's been on the Board, asking for grant money, and the Supervisors have always agreed and pushed for it through Dauphin County; therefore, the Board does support the organization.

Ms. Thompson added that the Township has donated some In-kind services to Koons Pool; the current and past boards have supported the pool for a long time.

Chairman and Board Members' Comments

Ms. Thompson welcomed Mr. McCormack to the Board of Supervisors and Mr. Pramik to the Authority Board.

Ms. Thompson introduced Mackenzie Cover, a Central Dauphin High School senior who applied for the Pennsylvania Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) Scholarship. One of the requirements for the scholarship is to attend a board meeting.

Ms. Thompson announced that the supervisors met in the executive session before the board meeting, but Mr. McCormack was not present. The supervisors will meet again afterward. She also thanked the Public Works Department for coming out and salting the roads at night and plowing the roads today.

McCormack thanked the Board members and community for the opportunity to serve on the Board of Supervisors. While he may need some time to get up to speed, he promised to give his best effort to keep the Township the great community he has lived in for 30 years.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Judd motioned to approve the minutes of the budget workshop and business meetings held on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, Budget Workshop and Business meetings. Mr. Navarro seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Manager's Report

There was none.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

Mid-Atlantic Automotive Recovery Service, LLC, Salvage License Renewal

Mr. Navarro motioned to approve the renewal of Mid-Atlantic Automotive Recovery Services, LLC, Salvage License. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Action to Adopt Resolution 2025-01; Authorizing the Disposition of Specific Records (Finance, Police, and Community Development)

Mr. Judd motioned to adopt Resolution 2025-01, authorizing the Disposition of Specific Records (Finance, Police, and Community Development. Mr. McCormack seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Subdivision and Land Development

Improvement Guarantees

Ms. Thompson motioned to approve the Improvement Guarantees for Nissley Run

Development -extension; 1532 Crums Mill Road-extension, Amber Fields Phases 7A, 7B, 8A, 8B & 8C-release. Mr. Navarro seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Payment of Bills – Lower Paxton Township & Lower Paxton Township Authority

Ms. Thompson motioned to approve the payment of bills for Lower Paxton Township and Lower Paxton Township Authority. Mr. McCormack seconded the motion. Ms. Thompson called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Announcements

Ms. Thompson announced that the Supervisors met before the meeting in Executive Session, and the next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Mr. Judd motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McCormack seconded the motion, and Mr. Henry adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by,

Shellie Smith
Recording Secretary

Secretary