

Walker Township Board of Supervisors

Minutes of January 2, 2024

Re-organization Meeting

The Walker Township Board of Supervisors held its yearly reorganization meeting Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at the Walker Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by acting chairman Kirk States at 6:00 p.m. Pledge of allegiance led by Rodney Johns

Present: Present were Joseph Harford; Matt Johnson, James Morris, Kirk States, and Julie E. Johns.

Guests Present:

Belinda Morris, Rodney Johns, Donald, Kimberly, and Roy Spickler, Melanie & Travis Norris, Rex Watson, Sue Himes, Mike Lang, and Ryan Fisher

Election of Officers:

Kirk entertained nominations for Chairman. *Matt Johnson made a motion to nominate Joseph Harford for Chairman, Joseph Harford seconded the motion. James Morris made a motion to nominate Matt Johnson as chairman, the motion died for lack of second. A roll call vote was called for Joseph Harford to fill the Chairman position with Matt and Joseph casting yes votes, and James casting a no vote. The motion carried, and Joseph took over the meeting.*

Joseph entertained nominations for the Vice-Chairman’s position. *Joseph Harford made a motion to nominate Matt Johnson for Vice-Chairman, James Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Public Comment on agenda items:

Changes to the agenda: None

REORGANIZATION:

Appointments:

Chairman	Joseph Harford
Vice Chairman	Matt Johnson
Secretary	Julie E. Johns
Open Records Officer	Julie E. Johns
Treasurer	Julie E. Johns
Road Master	Kirk F. States
Zoning Enforcement Officer	OPEN
Emergency Mgt. Coordinator	Bill Leidy
Solicitor	Larry Lashinsky
Engineer	Andrew Glitzer - GHD
Vacancy Board	Robert Hess
SEO Services	Jamie Catanese, primary, and Edward Schwartz, alternate
Bank – General Funds	Community State Bank
State Account	Community State Bank
Fire Tax Acct	Kish Bank
Treasurers Bond	Recommended not to exceed \$650,000 – auditors to set

Rates/Fees/Wages

Township Building Rent	\$25 / day
Building Permits 0 – 499 sq ft	\$35.00
500 – 999 sq ft.	\$75.00
Additional 1000 sq ft.	\$25.00 / 1000 sq. ft.
Pavilion Rental	\$55 / day

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Tax Collector Certification	\$10 (up to 5 pages), \$25 (more than 5)
Real Estate tax	2.5 mil fire tax and 3.5 mil debt service tax
Per Capita Tax	\$5.00
Wage Tax	½%
Real Estate Transfer Tax	½%
Street Light Tax	.30 / foot frontage
Local Services Tax	\$52.00
Minor Subdivision Fee	\$100.00
Major Subdivision Fee (Preliminary Plan Submission)	\$200.00 plus \$1.00 per lot with a minimum of \$25.00
Major Subdivision Fee (Final Plan Submission)	\$200.00 plus \$1.00 per lot with a minimum of \$25.00
Land Development Fee – Residential:	
5 dwellings or less	\$ 75.00
6 or more dwellings	\$125.00
Commercial:	
One acre or less	\$200.00
More than one acre	\$500.00
Zoning Hearing Fee	\$500.00 or actual cost if above

Wages:

Kirk States	\$23.52/ hr.
Julie E. Johns	\$20.71 / hr.
William Leidy	\$22.95 / hr.
Jairus Sheffield	\$19.51 / hr.
Garth Wilson	\$19.51 / hr.
Mileage	\$.67 / mile

**Supervisors Meeting Night
 WTMA meeting night**

Third Tuesday of month at 6:00 p.m.
 Third Monday of month at 7:00 p.m.

COG representative:

Joseph Harford

WTMA Appointments:

Sandy Kleckner	5 years
Doug Glazier	4 years
Dale Myers	3 years
Scott Burnett	2 years
Jesse Leonard	1 year
Ray Ghaner, Solicitor	

WTPC Appointments:

Julie Johns	5 years
Mike Long	4 years
Paul Beck	3 years
R. Scott Merrell	2 years
Sandy Kleckner	1 year

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Walker Township Zoning Hearing Board:

Dorea Cunningham	5 years
F. Brock Smyers	4 years
Warren Peters	3 years
Gary Garner	2 years
Chris Linn	1 year
Richard Wilson, Solicitor	

Walker Township Park & Rec. members:

Doug & Deb Glazier, Chris & Beth Linn, Brock Smyers and Warren Peters

Walker Township TCC Delegates:

Primary	Julie Johns
Alternate	open

Paid Holiday Schedule:

New Year's Day	Monday, January 1, 2024
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27, 2024
Independence Day	Thursday, July 4, 2024
Labor Day	Monday, September 2, 2024
Veteran's Day	Monday, November 11, 2024
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 28, 2024
Christmas Day	Wednesday, December 25, 2024
New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1, 2025

After saying that he saw Julie's name in several positions within the Township, and stating that he thought that the Supervisors should not be relying so heavily on one person – what would happen if that person was unable to do the work, *James Morris made a motion that they immediately advertise for someone to fill the Township Secretary position. The motion died for lack of second.*

James discussed the possibility of a Supervisor being placed on all the Boards so that they would know what was happening at those meetings. When looking at the Board appointments, James Morris said that the Planning Commission and the Park & Rec Committee do not know what their duties are, and need to have more clear rules as to what they are to be doing, and he thought that they should abolish both boards until the Supervisors could set proper rules and regulations through ordinances that would give them clear guidelines as to what they could and should be doing. Once the Supervisors have the opportunity to set up those parameters via ordinance, then they could reseat the Boards. Until that time, they could rely on the County Planning Commission for anything that might come up. *James made a motion to abolish the Planning Commission until proper rules and guidelines could be put in place. The motion died for lack of second.*

The second motion from James was to abolish the Park & Recreation Committee until they could set proper rules and regulations governing that committee. It also died for lack of a second.

A motion was made to accept the amended reorganization report as is listed above. (Johnson/Harford, no public comment, Matt & Joseph voted yes, and James voted no, motion carried)

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 010224-1, naming the SEO, Alternate, and setting fees for the SEO. (Johnson/Morris, motion carried unanimously)

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Treasurers Report:

The treasurer's report for checks and payments issued from the meeting date on the 19th of Dec. until the end of the month were reviewed. *A motion was made to approve the payments by Matt Johnson. Seconded by Joe Harford. Matt & Joe voted yes, Jim voted no, motion carried.*

The Board asked Julie to table the assessment office information request until the regular meeting in January.

Guests: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Personnel:

The Board discussed interviews with two candidates for the laborer's position and indicated that they were going to recommend making a job offer to Devin Harkleroad. This will be deferred to the Authority for them to set rate and make the offer.

Public Comment, Non-Agenda:

Mike Lang brought up hiring a new secretary again. He wanted to support Jim's request to hire another secretary so that the Township would not be unprepared if something would happen to Julie. Other members of the audience also agreed that it would be a good idea to have someone else in the office.

Miscellaneous: None

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM. *(Johnson/Harford, no further public comment, motion carried)*

Respectfully submitted,

Julie E Johns,
Secretary/Treasurer