

MINUTES OF SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

May 3, 2016
7:00 PM

KENNETH E. KROBERGER, PRESIDENT
Finance/Personnel/Administration**1. CALL TO ORDER.**

The May 3, 2016, Special Public Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 PM by President of the Board, Kenneth E. Kroberger. The following individuals were in attendance.

Kenneth E. Kroberger	President
M. Clare Edelmayer	Vice President
James A. Santi	Commissioner
Thomas A. Duffy	Commissioner
Leonard T. Perrone	Township Manager
Michael J. Lapinski	Assistant Township Manager
David Brill	Finance Director
David W. Duffy	Police Chief
Richard Watt	Township Solicitor

2. THIS SPECIAL MEETING WAS ADVERTISED IN THE REPORTER ON SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2016, AND IS BEING CONVENED FOR THE PURPOSE REFLECTED IN THE LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT.

Mr. Kroberger stated that the Special Meeting was properly advertised in The Reporter on Saturday, April 30, 2016, and the purpose of the meeting is to have discussion and conversation and to fill the vacant seat of Mr. Ziemba which will expire on December 31, 2017.

3. MR. KROBERGER ASKS FOR NOMINATIONS TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

Mr. Kroberger asked for nominations to fill the vacancy on the Board of Commissioners, and he nominated Steven C. Sands for the position of Commissioner.

Mr. Kroberger read the following in support of his nomination:

"Steve Sands graduated Cum Laude from Duke University in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering and is a resident of Upper Gwynedd Township for the past 20 years.

After starting his career at Exxon Company in various construction engineering and marketing roles, Mr. Sands founded three privately owned companies in the field of waste treatment and recycling, and environmental consulting. In the mid 1990's, Mr. Sands merged his companies into a division of a public company known as Clean Earth, Inc.

In 2002, he and his partners took the division private and continued to grow the company by expansion and acquisition. Today, Clean Earth owns and operates 17 fixed-base recycling facilities in 10 states, employing over 400 full-time workers.

Mr. Sands is now in his 26th year of business and continues at Clean Earth as a shareholder and a member of its leadership team and in various operating roles including overseeing Clean Earth's Dredging Technologies division, a unit focused on the processing and beneficial re-use dredged materials from harbors and waterways for construction and reclamation projects. During his tenure, Clean Earth has built a reputation as the industry leader for the treatment and beneficial re-use of processed dredged materials, contaminated soils and other industrial wastes.

Mr. Sands has served the Township in the past as a Board Member of the Upper Gwynedd Towamencin Municipal Authority for 8 years, five of which he served as its Chairman,

Mr. Sands is an active member of the community, including several years as a girls soccer coach at the Montgomery United Soccer Club and serving actively on several committees at his daughters' elementary and high schools.

He and his wife, Margie, are Township residents and they have two teenage daughters, Charlotte and Colleen."

Mr. Kroberger stated that Mr. Sands has a wealth of experience in business and management and also a great understanding of environmental issues which will not only serve the Board but also the residents of the Township as the Township continues to work on improving the environment. He noted that he has known Mr. Sands for the eight years that he served on the Upper Gwynedd Towamencin Municipal Authority (UGTMA). He reported that during the five years that he was Chairman, he ran the Committee very well.

Mr. Santi noted that the process involved three Applicants. One he worked with in the Township previously. One was new to the Township and requested an interview, and Mr. Sands. He stated that he met Mr. Sands at a few social events over the last 10 years, but his background experience along with the years of service to the Township made him an excellent candidate.

Mr. Duffy stated that he had the pleasure of serving with Mr. Sands on the UGTMA Board and he handled himself extremely well through some very difficult and tenuous situations, and he was a great service to the Township.

Mrs. Edelmayer stated that she is very impressed with Mr. Sands. He is very knowledgeable. He has a great background, he has a lot to bring to the Township, and she highly recommends him for the Commissioners position.

Mr. Duffy seconded Mr. Kroberger's nomination of Mr. Sands.

Mr. Kroberger asked if there were any other nominations. There were none.

4. PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS (LIMIT OF FIVE MINUTES PER INDIVIDUAL).

Mr. Kroberger asked if anyone wanted to make any public comments.

Mr. Wilkinson questioned whether or not the Board would accept nominations from the floor. Mr. Kroberger stated that Mr. Wilkinson could suggest anyone's name that he would like. Mr. Wilkinson stated that he would like to put in two names: Elizabeth McNaney and Kathryn Carlson

Mr. Kroberger stated that only the Board can make nominations.

Mr. Kroberger asked if there were any other public comments. There were none.

5. MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS.

Mr. Kroberger asked if there were any other nominations. There were none.

Mr. Santi motioned to close the nominations. Seconded by Mrs. Edelmayer, the nominations were closed.

6. **MOTION TO FILL THE CURRENT VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. THIS APPOINTMENT WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2017.**

Mrs. Edelmayer motioned to appoint Steven C. Sands to the current vacancy on the Board of Commissioners to replace Mr. Ziemba. This appointment will expire on December 31, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Duffy, this appointment was approved.

By unanimous vote, the Board adopted a Resolution so appointing Mr. Sands.

7. **INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT JUSTICE ROBERT SOBECK TO PERFORM THE OATH OF OFFICE.**

District Justice Robert Sobeck administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Sands.

8. **MR. KROBERGER APPOINTS THE LIAISON ASSIGNMENT TO NEW BOARD MEMBER.**

Mr. Kroberger assigned Mr. Sands to be the liaison to the Police and Fire Departments.

THOMAS A. DUFFY

Wastewater Treatment

9. **MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION AND ADVERTISEMENT OF A DECLARATION OF TAKING RELATIVE TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1611 VALLEY FORGE ROAD, LANSDALE, RELATIVE TO THE TOWNSHIP'S WASTEWATER DIVERSION PROJECT.**

Mr. Duffy reported that the Township is in the middle of a large diversion project which will divert flow from the former Upper Gwynedd Towamencin Municipal Authority. He noted this is a long-range project. He reported that the Township has been negotiating with a resident to install a pump station on their property, and it looks like a decision has been made in this regard. He stated that documents need to be submitted to DEP and in order to keep the process moving the Township needs to authorize the preparation and advertising of a Declaration of Taking.

Mr. Duffy motioned to authorize the preparation and advertisement of a Declaration of Taking relative to property located at 1611 Valley Forge Road, Lansdale, relative to the Township's Wastewater Diversion Project. Seconded by Mrs. Edelmayer, this motion was approved. Mr. Sands abstained from voting on this item.

OTHER BUSINESS

10. **CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

There being no further business, upon motion by Mr. Santi, seconded by Mr. Duffy, the meeting was adjourned for Executive at 7:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leonard T. Perrone
Secretary

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