Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
Reorganization Meeting
January 3, 2022

Attending: Heidi Fiedler, David Franke, Joseph Farley, Diane Hollenbach

Guests: Eric Bauman, Anthony Spero, Marlene Biros, Summer Rose Biros, Kris Schittler, Mike Schittler, Linda Burkert, Josh Meck, Mark Deblasi, Donna Culp, Jim Cecchini, Heather Schoener, David Brown, Scott Eaken, Adam Wojcicki, Joseph Rudderow, Jamie Kilyk Mark Lacina, Thomas Borrelli, Sharon Novakovich, Dan Novakovich, Via Zoom – Scott Zimmerman, Carl Weston, Brad Congelio, Debbie Didyoung, Judy Halteman, Katelyn Gruber, Dan Brown

David Franke called the January 3, 2022 Reorganization Meeting to order at 7 p.m. at the Maidencreek Township Municipal Building.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to appoint Diane Hollenbach as Chairperson Pro Tem and Recording Secretary Pro Tem for the purpose of electing officers for the Township of Maidencreek in 2022. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

Diane Hollenbach determined all board members were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON POSITIONS FOR 2022

A motion was made by Joseph Farley to appoint Heidi Fiedler as Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors for 2022. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. David Franke made a motion to appoint David Franke as Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors for 2022. Mr. Franke's motion died for a lack of a second. The vote was called on the motion appointing Heidi Fiedler as Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors for 2022. Heidi Fiedler and Joseph Farley voted, "Aye." David Franke abstained. Motion carried.

Diane Hollenbach turned the meeting over to Heidi Fiedler.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to appoint Joseph Farley as the Vice Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors for 2022. David Franke made a motion to appoint David Franke as Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors for 2022. Mr. Franke's motion died for a lack of a second. Joseph Farley seconded Heidi Fiedler's motion. The vote was called on the motion appointing Joseph Farley as Vice Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors for 2022. Heidi Fiedler and Joseph Farley voted, "Aye." David Franke abstained. Motion carried.

POSITIONS FILLED BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A motion was made by David Franke to appoint Heidi Fiedler as Agricultural Security Area Representative for 2022. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

Mr. Farley submitted a letter requesting a part time position of Roadmaster, one or two days a week.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to appoint Joseph Farley as part time Roadmaster beginning March 1st. David Franke asked if Mr. Farley was aware that it was not a paid position at least it wasn't when Mr. Franke held the position. Heidi Fiedler stated that was not an accurate statement, and the Board of Auditors would decide the rate of pay. Mr. Farley stated he was seeking the position to be paid. David Franke was not willing to make the position of Roadmaster a paid position and the motion died for a lack of a second. The position was not filled for 2022.

A motion was made by David Franke appointing David Franke as police commissioner to Northern Berks Regional Police Department. The motion died for a lack of a second.

A motion was made by Joseph Farley appointing Heidi Fiedler as police commissioner to Northern Berks Regional Police Department. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Comments from the floor:

Scott Eaken of Berk Road, Shoemakersville stated that in light of what all three municipalities went through recently in regards to the police department and the turn around that occurred when David Franke was on the Commission. Scott Eaken would like to see things continue as they are.

Jamie Kilyk of Troxel Road, Shoemakersville asked Heidi Fiedler not to take the position. Heidi Fiedler stated there were a lot of complaints against the former police chief. One that resulted in an internal affairs investigation she called for into his on duty conduct that was horrendous, unprofessional and intolerable that resulted in a number of findings of misconduct. Also, a member of the Commission did not step down as agreed. Brian Horner was the problem in the department and any number of officers can tell you that. Heidi Fiedler stated that she was proud to serve on the Commission again because she represents the people in this township.

Eric Bauman of Wales Way, Blandon asked Joseph Farley that he claims to be a supporter of the police and asked if he had spoken to any of the police officers. Mr. Farley stated that he had spoken to the police often. Mr. Bauman called for a vote of the public for David Franke to remain Commissioner.

Donna Culp of historical Blandon stated that David Franke gave valuable service in maintaining the police department and she does not want to see a repeat of 2020.

David Reichlein a retired sergeant of Northern Berks Regional Police stated that he was a plank holder in the department and that Heidi Fiedler saved the men almost singlehandedly from Brian Horner. He thanked Mr. Franke for the job he did. David Reichlein stated that he did not think we will have the same issues with the new chief.

Unidentified resident stated that the situation should not be the same with a new chief in place and he was surprised at what was being discussed in the open meeting.

Marlene Biros of Ponderosa Drive, Blandon stated that she honestly believes that David Franke knows a lot more about policing.

Joseph Farley stated that he supports the police 110% as a community no matter what

and we can't cave in to the antics of the left, Black Lives Matter and Antifa. The new chief is going to be a great chief. The police deserve good salaries and the right equipment. Hearing no further comments, Heidi Fiedler and Joseph Farley voted, "Aye." David Franke voted, "Nay." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to appoint Joseph Farley as Northern Berks Regional Police Commissioner Alternate. Joseph Farley seconded the motion. Comments from the floor:

Donna Franke had major concerns as a tax payer about the two to one vote and asked if board members were having discussions before the meeting. She questioned if Supervisor Fiedler and Supervisor Farley had walked in the police officers' shoes and put their lives on the line. Heidi Fiedler stated that a three-member board will have two to one votes. Supervisor Fiedler stated that she served two years on the Commission and supported our officers, and she treats people honestly and fairly.

David Reichlein stated that he did not like seeing Leesport and Ontelaunee run the show at the Police Commission. Heidi Fiedler sat there for two years not being able to get things done fighting the corruption and cancer in the department.

Jamie Kilyck stated that she can see the same thing happening right here that happened with the two to one votes with Ontelaunee and Leesport. She asked why Diane Hollenbach couldn't be appointed because she did a great job. Heidi Fiedler stated that it is the Board's practice the last twenty years to appoint a supervisor. If a supervisor is not able to serve then the Board puts the manager on the Commission. Unanimous votes do not always happen but this is how government operates.

Joseph Rudderow stated that when he took office in 2008 that he was very interested in being appointed Police Commissioner but the Board put him at Roadmaster his first year. He was disappointed at the time when he did not get the position but in hindsight there is lots to learn and maybe it was for the best. There is wisdom in letting a new supervisor get some experience before taking on such a big task. The police are the biggest line item in the budget.

David Franke thanked everyone for attending and appreciated the support for the police. He spent forty years as a police officer and twenty-three of those as chief. He did not serve on the Commission while he was an active police officer. He understands law enforcement from all sides. He asked the Board to reconsider the appointments to Police Commission. Ontelaunee's representative was asked to step down and he didn't. She is committed to working with the current representatives. She stated she had been very professional and is committed to the officers and the chief who is a very good chief. During Chief Horner's tenure there were over twenty grievances and two civil rights law suits, and the waste of taxpayers' money for the legal expenses. Certain members of the audience supported Brian Horner then disavowed him when he was terminated.

David Reichlein stated that Brian Horner was the problem and not Heidi. She is the reason he is gone.

Jamie Kilyk stated that there was a lot of conflict at the Commission meetings and the public asked Heidi to step down. Ms. Kilyk was not in agreement with the appointments

and did not want neither Fiedler nor Farley to represent the Township on the Commission.

Hearing no further comments on the motion, Heidi Fiedler and Joseph Farley voted, "Aye." David Franke voted, "Nay." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Joseph Farley to appoint Heidi Fiedler as PSATS Convention Voting Delegate. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and David Franke motioned to nominate Diane Hollenbach. Procedure for nominations and motions was discussed. The vote was taken on Heidi Fiedler being the PSATS delegate, Heidi Fiedler and Joseph Farley voted, "Aye." David Franke voted, "Nay." Motion carried.

The supervisor's request for health insurance coverage through the Township health care provider was withdrawn.

A motion was made by Joseph Farley to reopen the Maidencreek Township 2022 Budget to amend expenditures for public works salary, fringe benefits and capital expenditures. David Franke asked what capital expenditures. Heidi Fiedler stated to review the capital expenditures. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, Heidi Fiedler and Joseph Farley voted, "Aye." David Franke voted, "Nay." Motion carried.

SET MONTHLY MEETING DATES AND APPROVE THE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

A motion was made by David Franke to set the monthly meeting as the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Maidencreek Township Municipal Building and approve the Holiday Schedule. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

DESIGNATE PUBLICATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICES

A motion was made by David Franke to designate the Reading Eagle as the publication for the advertisement of legal notices. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 1-2022

A motion was made by David Franke to appoint Diane Hollenbach as Township Manager and sets compensation. There was no second for that motion. Heidi Fiedler stated that she could not support a motion for a Township manager that worked to undermine the Board and there is evidence she paid herself thousands of dollars in bonuses. David Franke stated that they were approved. Heidi Fiedler stated that when she called for investigation, Mr. Franke opposed it. David Franke stated he did oppose it because the Board approved the bonuses. Heidi Fiedler stated there is no evidence of that. Joe Rudderow was asked if he was on the Board. He was sure he was but he was unsure of what was going on and shocked that the township manager was not reappointed. Heidi Fiedler stated that there is an outside investigation going on and she can not support someone who would steal money from the taxpayers.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to adopt Resolution 1-2022 appointing Katelyn Gruber as acting manager of the township. David Franke stated his support of Diane Hollenbach for manager and questioned who is doing the investigation. Heidi Fiedler stated there were no meeting minutes, employment contract, or resolution to authorize

bonuses. David Franke again stated that he and Claude had approved the Christmas bonus. Joseph Farley stated that if there is an investigation going on and there is evidence out there, he doesn't think anybody wants to see our tax money stolen.

Dan Novakovich of Golden Drive, Blandon asked who was paying for the investigation. Heidi Fiedler stated the taxpayers were not paying for it and would not comment on the investigation. Mr. Novakovich asked if the investigators were authorized to go through the township documents. Heidi Fiedler stated she had not hired anybody.

Scott Eaken stated that the only thing that seems to be in question is a holiday bonus and Diane has not failed to perform her job in any other way, why not reappoint her as manager and if the investigation proves otherwise, you can fire her. Heidi Fiedler stated that there was more than enough to take this action.

Dave Brown stated that Diane Hollenbach has been the best manager the township had and we need to keep her. As Mr. Eaken said if there is something nefarious proven, it can be addressed when the investigation is complete. You are innocent until proven guilty. Joseph Farley stated Dave knows him and he's a good guy, a nice guy, a patriot and he's not trying to hurt Diane. Mr. Farley stated he felt we should suspend this vote until the Board sees the evidence. Heidi Fiedler stated that we need an acting manager and wanted to move forward with adopting her resolution. David Franke asked about his motion and Heidi Fiedler stated it died for a lack of a second.

Joseph Farley made a motion to suspend any motion or judgement on whether Diane should stay or not until we come up with the facts.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to adopt Resolution 1-2022 appointing Katelyn Gruber as acting manager of the township. Heidi Fiedler asked for a second to her motion. Heidi Fiedler called a recess for five minutes. Heidi Fiedler called for an executive session around 8 p.m. and told David Franke if he wants to participate, he can.

Executive session ended at 8:09 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to adopt Resolution 1-2022 appointing Katelyn Gruber as acting manager of the township. Joseph Farley seconded the motion. Public comment on the motion:

Dan Novakovich suggested waiting for the investigation to be completed or the Board would have a wrongful discharge lawsuit. Heidi Fiedler stated that section 209 of the Township Code allows the Board of Supervisors to appoint a Township Manager and remove them for cause or no cause. So, the Board has the ability to appoint whom they want and remove whom they want for cause or no cause.

Donna Culp wanted to know if there was a way to put five supervisors on the Board. Heidi Fiedler stated there was a procedure and someone would get back to her on it.

Jamie Kilyk asked Joseph Farley to rescind his second to the motion.

Mike Schittler asked how would you expect her to want to come back. If these allegations aren't true then who will be stuck with the legal bills when she is brought back. Heidi Fielder stated that section 209 of the Township Code allows the Board of Supervisors to appoint a Township Manager and remove them for cause or no cause and you can't sue over the issues.

Jamie Kilyk stated that you are stating that there is cause but you have yet to say who is handling that investigation. Heidi Fiedler stated documentation was provided to the Board last year and David Franke and another Board member decided to do nothing

about it. When proof was asked, she cannot provide written proof that the bonuses were authorized.

Eric Bauman asked if Mr. Farley was aware that he could be personally sued as a Township Supervisor for decisions and comments he makes. Mr. Farley asked if that was a threat.

Anthony Spero, Longleaf Drive, Blandon asked if Katelyn accepted the position. Did you call her and she accepted? Heidi Fiedler stated that she has indicated that she will accept.

Joseph Rudderow offered the perspective that any expenditures the Township makes are approved by the budget, the treasurer's report and the bills that are paid. The Board of Supervisors signs the checks. There is an audit done every year. It does not exclude something happening but there are many eyes looking at the township finances.

Heidi Fiedler called for the vote. Heidi Fiedler and Joseph Farley voted, "Aye." David Franke voted, "Nay." Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2-2022

A motion was made by Joseph Farley to approve Resolution 2-2022 to appoint Orlando Law Offices as the Solicitor to serve the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, and Park and Recreation Board and also sets an hourly rate at $195 an hour. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion.

Public comment on the motion:
Jamie Kilyk thought that in previous meetings that the solicitor has fallen asleep in our meetings. Heidi Fiedler stated that is correct and she shared those concerns, and we are going to ask advertisement for Township solicitor. Heidi Fiedler says we will follow procedure by soliciting for proposal, having interviews and selecting a solicitor.

Hearing no further questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 3-2022

A motion was made by David Franke to adopt Resolution 3-2022 appointing Systems Design Engineering, Inc as Township Engineering Consultant to serve the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and Park and Recreation and setting the hourly rate for each service. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 4-2022

A motion was made by David Franke to adopt Resolution 4-2022 appointing Scot McCaffery of Systems Design Engineering, Inc as Township Sewage Enforcement Officer and setting the hourly rate for those services. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 5-2022

A motion was made by David Franke to adopt Resolution 5-2022 appointing Great Valley Consultants as Zoning Officer, Building Code Official and Code Enforcement Officer. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE APPEALS BOARD

A motion was made by David Franke authorizing Maidencreek Township to

participate in the Berks Countywide UCC Appeals Board. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

APPOINT PERSONNEL AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 6-2022 FOR RATES OF PAY FOR EMPLOYEES

A motion was made by Joseph Farley to adopt Resolution 6-2022 establishing Personnel Positions and Rates of Pay for 2022. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

Heidi Fiedler made a motion to post the position of Public Works Director in the Department of Public Works. Joseph Farley seconded the motion. Discussion on the motion: David Franke asked if this was a union position. Keith Shuman stated it was taken out of the contract in 2015. Dan Novakovich asked what the position will do. Heidi Fiedler answered there is a job description and the position would be in charge of maintaining the roads. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to appoint Katelyn Gruber as acting Secretary/Treasurer. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, Heidi Fiedler and Joseph Farley voted, "Aye." David Franke voted, "Nay." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Joseph Farley to appoint Debbie Didyoung as Part Time Assistant Secretary. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to appoint Katelyn Gruber as Board of Supervisors Recording Secretary. Joseph Farley seconded the motion. David Brown stated that Katelyn Gruber has a young family and has enough on her plate. She can't be at every meeting, every night. Heidi Fiedler stated that the Board is going to advertise other positions. Hearing no further questions on the motion, Heidi Fiedler and Joseph Farley voted, "Aye." David Franke voted, "Nay." Motion carried.

A motion was made by David Franke to appoint Katelyn Gruber as Park & Recreation Recording Secretary. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by David Franke to appoint Katelyn Gruber as Planning Commission Recording Secretary. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by David Franke to appoint Chris Kline as Emergency Management Coordinator – FEMA. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

David Franke declined the position of Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator – FEMA. The position will remain vacant. Mike Schittler asked what happens if Chris Kline isn't available. David Franke stated that the Emergency Management Plan must be updated this year. The matter will be taken up at the January

13th meeting.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to appoint Katelyn Gruber as Open Records Officer. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, Heidi Fiedler and Joseph Farley voted, "Aye." David Franke voted, "Nay." Motion carried.

Alternate Open Records Officer was left vacant.

A motion was made by David Franke to appoint Katelyn Gruber as Recycling Coordinator. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Joseph Farley to appoint Colleen Donohue as School Crossing Guard. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Joseph Farley to appoint Mark Seidt as Alternate School Crossing Guard. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by David Franke to appoint Beverly Guistwite as Cleaning Person. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by David Franke to appoint Keith Shuman as Public Works Foreman. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by David Franke to appoint Greg Wolfe, Andrew Letsche and Brian Wise as Heavy Equipment Operator. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Joseph Farley to appoint Tyler Nolt as Light Equipment Operator. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to advertise the position of Receptionist/Clerk/Typist in the Reading Eagle. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, Heidi Fiedler and Joseph Farley voted, "Aye." David Franke voted, "Nay." Motion carried.

A motion was made by David Franke to appoint David Brown, Tim Machemer, Tim Mills, Patrick Donovan and Brent Onimus as Seasonal Snow Plow Operators. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted,

"Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by David Franke to appoint Keith Shuman, Brian Wise and Greg Wolfe to the Personnel/Safety Committee. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

APPOINT TAX COLLECTION POSITIONS

A motion was made by David Franke to appoint Tammy Gilfert as Real Estate and Amusement Tax Collector. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by David Franke to appoint Pat Lupia as Real Estate Deputy Tax Collector. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by David Franke to appoint the County of Berks/Tax Claim Bureau as the Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to appoint Katelyn Gruber as the Township Representative to issue Amusement Permits. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, Heidi Fiedler and Joseph Farley voted, "Aye." David Franke voted, "Nay." Motion carried.

APPOINT PERSONNEL TO BOARD POSITIONS

A motion was made by David Franke to appoint Jack May to the Maidencreek Township Authority Board with a term expiring on 12/31/26. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Joseph Farley to appoint Matt Davenport to the Maidencreek Township Planning Commission with a term expiring on 12/31/25. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by David Franke to appoint Anthony Spero to the Maidencreek Township Park and Recreation Board with a term expiring on 12/31/26. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Joseph Farley to adopt Resolution 7-2022 appointing I. Richard Wick to the Zoning Hearing Board. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by David Franke to set the rate of the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor Kozloff Stoudt at $180/hr. for a shareholder, $160/hr. for associates and $115/hr.

for paralegal. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to appoint Vicki Solberg as Vacancy Board Chair with a term ending 12/31/2022. The motion died for a lack of a second.

A motion was made by Joseph Farley to appoint David Brown as the Vacancy Board Chairman term ending 12/31/2022. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by David Franke to adopt Resolution 8-2022 to appoint the Joint Planning Commission with a term expiring 12/31/2022. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

CAPITAL AUTHORIZATIONS, RESOLUTION

A motion was made by David Franke to designate the Tompkins/VIST Bank, Fleetwood Bank, First Priority Bank, Truist Bank and PLIGIT as depository for all Township funds and Tompkins/VIST Bank for the collected tax funds of the Maidencreek Township Tax Collector. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

David Brown asked about the previous motion on the Joint Planning Commission and cautioned the Board that a one-year term would not be long enough to review the Joint Comprehensive Plan. It could take as much as three years.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to authorize any Supervisor to spend $2500.00 for emergency situations and the Manager to spend $1,000 a week for daily operational needs during 2022. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, Heidi Fiedler and Joseph Farley voted, "Aye." David Franke voted, "Nay." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Joseph Farley to authorize the Township Manager to purchase Security Bonds for 2022 for the Secretary/Treasurer in the amount of $800,000.00 and Real Estate Tax Collector in the amount of $500,000.00. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by David Franke to adopt Resolution 9-2022 authorizing the Board to appoint an independent auditor, Herbein and Company to audit the financial records of 2021. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried. Donna Culp asked if that was the meeting that would be happening tomorrow evening. It was not.

A motion was made by David Franke to set the mileage rate at the IRS approved rate of .585 per mile. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 10-2022

A motion was made by Joseph Farley to adopt Resolution 10-2022 designating Northern Berks Emergency Medical Service to provide emergency medical service and transport service to Maidencreek Township. David Franke seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 11-2022

A motion was made by David Franke to adopt Resolution 11-2022 designating the Blandon Fire Company to provide fire protection and emergency medical assistance to Maidencreek Township. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

APPOINT FIRE POLICE PERSONNEL

A motion was made by David Franke to appoint personnel to the following positions: Captain-Floyd Richards, Lieutenant- James Schoellkopf Jr. Officers - Daniel Miller, Sr., Hunter Richard Paris. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to issue a Request for Proposals for Township Solicitor, Zoning Officer, Building Code Official and Code Enforcement Officer. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, Heidi Fiedler and Joseph Farley voted, "Aye." David Franke voted, "Nay." Motion carried. Mike Schittler asked if these positions were in the budget. The Board stated that they are.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to advertise the position of Receptionist/Clerk/Typist in the Reading Eagle. Joseph Farley seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, Heidi Fiedler and Joseph Farley voted, "Aye." David Franke voted, "Nay." Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Victor Snyder of West Wesner Road asked the Board of Supervisors to investigate an Authority employee regarding who pays his salary when working for the Township and his care and use of the Township equipment.

RESIGNATION OF SUPERVISOR FRANKE

David Franke stated that he would like to make a motion to advertise for a new supervisor as he would be resigning immediately. Mr. Franke stated he is concerned about where the Township is going in the future. He apologized to the people of Maidencreek Township and stated he had enjoyed serving in his previous term. Heidi Fiedler stated that she appreciated his service and experience Mr. Franke brought to the position and Northern Berks Regional Police. Scott Eaken asked David Franke to reconsider. Supervisor Fiedler stated that we all believe we have acted in the highest interest of our township and our

residents and clearly don't always agree and sometimes she too had been the lone vote.

David Brown discussed with the Board how the vacancy board chair would be activated in this situation. Heidi Fiedler stated that the Supervisors have thirty days to make an appointment and if they do not act within thirty days, then the vacancy board will be activated. Joseph Farley asked Dave Brown wanted to be Supervisor. Dave Brown stated that Josh Meck should take the Supervisor position since he ran and lost by such a small margin.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Joseph Farley to adjourn the January 3, 2022 Reorganization meeting. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Diane Hollenbach, Manager/Secretary/Treasurer