Maidencreek Township Special Board of Supervisors Meeting
June 27, 2022

Attending: David Franke, Heidi Fiedler, Joshua Meck, Nicole Manley of E. Kenneth Nyce, and Christina Hafer – Recording Secretary

Guests included: Donna Culp, Aaron Rogers, Eric Bauman, Mike Schuttler, Kris Schuttler, Hunter L. Ahrens, Heather Schoener, Keith Shuman, Paul Janssen, Christine Ahrens, and several township residents.

David Franke called the Monday, June 27, 2022, Maidencreek Township Special Meeting to order at 7:01 pm in the Maidencreek Township Building, 1 Quarry Road, Blandon.

David Franke welcomed everyone to the Special Meeting.

A motion was made by Joshua Meck to approve the agenda. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. All members voted "Aye". Motion passed.

Reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: No comments

David Franke announced an Executive Session held from 7:03 pm to 7:23 pm for provisions.

New Business

Discuss and Provide action to hire Christina Hafer as full-time Township Secretary
A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler. Joshua Meck seconded the motion.
All members voted "Aye".

Discussion and action on the provision in Employment Contract regarding management duties included in Township Manager's base salary
Christina Hafer will record the minutes for the Board of Supervisors Meeting, Planning Commission Meeting, and Park and Recreation Meeting. In an event that Ms. Hafer cannot be present for any of the meetings, Hunter Ahrens will take the minutes for meetings and will be paid the meeting minutes stipend adjusted by resolution. Mr. Ahrens agreed. Ms. Hafer is also in agreement. There is every intention by the Board of Supervisors to have Ms. Hafer, back up, for minutes so that Hunter Ahrens will be able to direct attention to the meetings. The board is currently looking for a backup for recording meeting minutes during periods of vacation or sick time. David Franke stated the Board is working on reformulating to build a strong operation.

Appointment of Township Manager
A motion was made by Joshua Meck to appoint Hunter L. Ahrens as Township Manager. Heidi seconded the motion. All members voted "Aye".

Heidi Fiedler commented that Hunter Ahrens interviewed very well, impressed with his honesty, hard work, and dedication to the job. She also stated that his references were very good too and they are very excited to bring Mr. Ahrens on board.

The Board of Supervisors welcomed Hunter L. Ahrens as Township Manager.

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Paul Janssen, Executive Director for the Center of Excellence at Albright College

David Franke stated that Paul Janssen had an integral part in the process to hire a Township Manager and asked Mr. Janssen to share his part in the hiring process.

Mr. Janssen has been in the position for 11 years and has 30 years of municipal management in Pennsylvania. He was contacted by the Board of Supervisors to hire a manager and provide the service for a process to match candidates with the township. This started with a meeting with the Board of Supervisors. The Board wanted a manager to manage the day-to-day operations of the township. He designed an advertisement based on the strengths of the candidates with questions needed for Maidencreek Township. After gathering the candidate's info and scoring them, the info went to the Board of Supervisors for their decision. "This is a recommendation; the Board is the final decision". Mr. Janssen also assisted in the interview process and background checks process. He stated Mr. Ahrens' background is solid.

Mr. Janssen has known Mr. Ahrens since he was a freshman in college.
Mr. Ahrens has a Bachelor's degree from Albright College and is enrolled in his Master's degree at Villanova University. Mr. Ahrens also worked as township secretary at Brecknock Township. He then went to Berks County to work in their purchasing department. Mr. Janssen stated it was a pleasure to serve the Board, the process has been unified all the way through.

The Board thanked Mr. Janssen for his part in the hiring process.

Mr. Ahrens thanked the board for his appointment and committed to being a public servant for Maidencreek Township. He gave his word to do his best.

Hunter L. Ahrens was sworn in as Township Manager by Nicole Manley, Public Notary.

Appointment of Township Secretary
A motion was made by Joshua Meck to hire Christina Hafer as full-time Township Secretary. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. All members voted "Aye". Motion passed.

David Franke noted the Road Crew is well-established with good employees.

David Franke thanked Eric Bauman for making the videos so that everyone can participate.

Joshua Meck noted that zoom will commence next meeting.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Joshua Meck to adjourn the June 27, 2022 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. All members voted "Aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

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Christina Hafer
Recording Secretary