

Allamuchy Township
Special Municipal Services District Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2024 - 5:00 PM

Commissioner in Attendance: Gary Sarno – Chairman
Ed Fabula
Salvatore Maggio

Legal Counsel in Attendance: Richard H. Beilin
Treasurer in Attendance: James Kozimor

1) Call to order with Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 P.M by Chairman Sarno. Attendance by roll call.

2) Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Sarno asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Fabula seconded by Commissioner Maggio, made a motion to approve the October 25, 2023 meeting minutes. Roll Call vote: Ayes – Commissioner Maggio, Fabula and Sarno.

3) New Business

a) Election of Chairman –

Commissioner Sarno called for a nomination for Chairman. Commissioner Maggio, seconded by Commissioner Fabula, made a motion to nominate Commissioner Sarno as Chair. Approved via roll call vote: Ayes – Commissioner Maggio and Fabula; Abstention – Commissioner Sarno.

b) Appointment of Secretary -

Commissioner Sarno called for a nomination for Secretary. Commissioner Maggio, seconded by Commissioner Sarno, made a motion to nominate Julia Curtis as Secretary, noting the Recording Secretary's Appointment is \$150/meeting. Approved via roll call vote: Ayes – Commissioner Fabula, Maggio, and Sarno.

c) Appointment of Treasurer –

Commissioner Sarno called for a nomination for Treasurer. Commissioner Maggio, seconded by Commissioner Sarno, made a motion to nominate James Kozimor as Treasurer, noting the Treasurer's Appointment is \$6,000/year. Approved via roll call vote: Ayes – Commissioner Fabula, Maggio, and Sarno.

d) Appointment of Legal Counsel –

Commissioner Sarno called for a nomination for Legal Counsel. Commissioner Sarno, seconded by Commissioner Maggio made a motion to nominate Wacks DeBona Beilin & Weber as legal counsel. Approved via roll call vote: Ayes – Commissioner Maggio, Fabula, and Sarno.

e) Appointment of Auditor -

Commissioner Sarno called for a nomination for Auditor. Commissioner Maggio, seconded by Commissioner Sarno, made a motion to nominate Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo & Cuva (FWCC) as the Auditor. Approved via roll call vote: Ayes – Commissioner Fabula, Maggio, and Sarno.

4) Public Discussion -

Commissioner Sarno opened the public discussion.

Robin Gilfillan, 4 Ruffed Grouse, inquired about how the commissioners and professionals were selected and how residents could run to be on the committee. Mr. Kozimor explained that Legal Counsel has been the same since the inception of SMSD. Commissioner Sarno commented that neither the commissioners nor professionals run for the committee. However, if someone wished to be considered, they would send a letter to the SMSD committee in November/December for consideration. It was further explained that the committee is comprised of two representatives selected by the Panther Valley Board for an alternating two-year term, in addition to one Allamuchy Town Council member appointed annually. All members are approved by the Town Council during their annual reorganization meeting. Attorney Beilin confirmed that all these details could be found in the SMSD ordinance.

Mr. Begley, General Manager of Panther Valley, in conjunction with the committee, discussed setting a date for their next SMSD meeting, at which time the committee would review the 2024 SMSD budget. After discussion, it was determined that Mr. Begley would submit the 2024 budget to the Committee in compliance with the ordinance dates, and the committee would be meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 5:00 pm.

With no further comments, Commissioner Sarno closed the public discussion.

5) Adjournment

Commissioner Fabula, seconded by Commissioner Maggio, motioned to adjourn. All in favor: Ayes - Commissioner Sarno, Fabula and Maggio. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Submitted by

Julia Curtis, Recording Security

Gary Sarno, Chairman

Attachments as part of this meeting are:

- October 25, 2023 meeting minutes