



# PARADISE TOWNSHIP

## MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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### PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ORGANIZATION MEETING – JANUARY 4, 2021

The annual organization meeting of the Paradise Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 5:01 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2021 by Konrath.

#### Officials Present:

Reda Briglia  
Peter Gonze  
Gary Konrath  
John C. Prevoznik  
Charles Unangst

Tina Transue

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### Public Comment Statement

Konrath read the public comment statement *"Ladies and gentlemen, before the Board of Supervisors votes on any matter, the Board will allow for public comment on that particular item. If you wish to be heard at that time, please raise your hand, and you will be recognized. A public comment period will be held at the end of the regular agenda for any other business."*

Konrath stated that the meeting is being recorded for the limited purpose of preparing the official minutes.

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Konrath, Konrath was elected Temporary Chairman.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Konrath opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia, Konrath was elected Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Briglia seconded by Konrath, Gonze was elected Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

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Upon a motion by Briglia, seconded by Gonze, Tina Transue was appointed Township Secretary.  
**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Briglia, seconded by Gonze, Ingrid DeWitt was appointed Assistant Township Secretary.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Briglia, seconded by Gonze, Tina Transue was appointed Township Treasurer.  
**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Briglia, seconded by Gonze, Ingrid DeWitt was appointed Assistant Township Treasurer.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Briglia, seconded by Gonze, it was approved to renew the Treasurer's Bond and the Assistant Treasurer's Bond each at \$4,000,000.00

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Briglia, seconded by Gonze, the Treasurer and/or Assistant Treasurer are authorized to pay the payroll, payroll taxes, and invoices that become due (such as insurances, utilities, reimbursements, or any invoices with a discount) with said expenses to be confirmed at the subsequent regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Briglia, seconded by Konrath, Michael Mader was appointed Roadmaster.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Konrath, Sewage Enforcement Officers certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection employed by Hanover Engineering, were appointed Township Sewage Enforcement Officer as per Hanover Engineering's fee schedule as submitted (See Exhibit 1).

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia, SFM Consulting was reappointed Township Zoning Officer as per contract on file with the Township.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia, Building Inspection Underwriters, Inc. was reappointed as the Building Code Official per Building Inspection Underwriters, Inc. fee schedule as submitted (See Exhibit 2).

**Motion carried 3-0.**

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Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia, Attorney Prevoznik was reappointed as Township Solicitor at the rate of \$190.00 and paralegal at \$90.00 an hour.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia; Cramer, Swetz, & McManus, P.C., with Attorney Timothy McManus as the primary attorney, was reappointed Township Planning Commission Solicitor at the rate of \$190.00 an hour.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia; Flamm Walton, P.C., with Attorney Thomas Heimbach as the primary attorney, was reappointed special counsel for personnel matters at the rate of \$260.00 an hour.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Konrath; Durney, Worthington & Madden, LLC with Attorney Hillary A. Madden, Esquire as the primary attorney, was reappointed special counsel for zoning officer matters at the rate of \$175.00 an hour, paralegal at \$50.00 an hour.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia, Hanover Engineering with Charles Unangst as the main contact, was reappointed as Township Engineer at their current fee schedule as submitted (See Exhibit 3).

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia, Linder Engineering was reappointed as Alternate Township Engineer at their current fee schedule as submitted. (See Exhibit 4)

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia, Riley and Associates was appointed as the Township's accounting firm and QuickBooks specialist at their current fee schedule as submitted (See Exhibit 5).

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia, Carl Hogan, BBD, LLC was appointed to complete the 2020 Municipal Annual Audit and Financial Report (DCED-CLGS-30).

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia, Shawn Garber was reappointed to the Vacancy Board.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia, Cynthia Cook was reappointed as Paradise Townships' representative to the Board of the Barrett Paradise Friendly Library for 2021.

**Motion carried 3-0.**



Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia, Konrath was reappointed as Paradise Townships' representative to the Board of the Barrett Paradise Friendly Library for 2021.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Konrath, Ian Robertson was reappointed to the Zoning Hearing Board a 3-year term.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia, the Board accepted the resignation of Robert MacDonald from the Zoning Hearing Board, as of 12/31/2020.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia, Chris Merli was appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board for the balance of Robert MacDonald's term.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia, David Brown was reappointed to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia, Robert Romagnolo was appointed to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia, Robert MacDonald was appointed to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia, Edith Stevens was reappointed to the Environmental Advisory Council for a 3-year term.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia, Laura Van Gilder was reappointed to the Environmental Advisory Council for a 3-year term.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Konrath, Konrath was reappointed as Chair of the Environmental Advisory Council for 2021.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia, Gary Konrath was reappointed to the Paradise Township Park and Recreation Committee for a 5-year term.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

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Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia, Domenick DiPaolo and Donna Alker were reappointed to the Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia, Tina Transue was appointed as the representative to the Monroe County Tax Collection Committee (Act 32) for 2021.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia, Michael Mader was reappointed as the alternate representative to the Monroe County Tax Collection Committee (Act 32) for 2021.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Konrath, seconded by Briglia, Gonze was reappointed to the Pocono Mountain Regional Emergency Medical Services for a 1-year term.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Konrath, Reda Briglia was reappointed to the Pocono Area Recreation Commission for a 3-year term.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Briglia, seconded by Konrath, Gonze was reappointed to the Paradise Price Preserve Committee for 1-year.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia, Shawn Garber was reappointed to the Paradise Price Preserve Committee for 1-year.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia, Logan Evans, was appointed as the designee for fireworks display inspector.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Briglia, seconded by Gonze, PLGIT, NBT, ESSA, and PNC were named as depositories for Township funds.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Briglia, seconded by Gonze, the Supervisors' Work Sessions and Regular Meetings were scheduled for 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. respectively for the first and third Monday of each month with the following changes; February 15 (President's Day) meeting was rescheduled to February 17, July 5 (July 4<sup>th</sup>) meeting was rescheduled to July 7, and the September 6 (Labor Day) meeting was rescheduled to September 8. The meeting schedule is to be advertised in the Pocono Record.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

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Upon a motion by Briglia, seconded by Gonze, Gonze was designated as the representative to the Pocono Mountain Volunteer Fire Company for 2021.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Briglia, seconded by Gonze, the Pocono Mountain Volunteer Fire Company contract for 2021 was preapproved not to exceed \$40,000.00.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Briglia, seconded by Gonze, the pro-rated amount for the Pocono Mountain Volunteer Fire Company's workers compensation was approved to be reimbursed to Mt. Pocono Borough.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Briglia, seconded by Konrath, Michael Mader was reappointed as representative for the Pocono Mountains Council of Governments for 2021.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Briglia, seconded by Gonze, Chad Nauman was appointed as alternate representative for the Pocono Mountains Council of Governments for 2021.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Briglia, seconded by Gonze, Tina Transue and Kevin Transue was approved to attend the PSATS Convention as delegates with Tina Transue as the voting member.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Briglia, seconded by Gonze, Tina Transue was reappointed as the Official Contact Person of the Township for the PSATS CDL Drug and Alcohol Random Testing Program.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Briglia, seconded by Gonze, the Board approved Resolution 01-2021, Right to Know Fee Schedule.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Briglia, seconded by Gonze, non-unionized employees will receive paid holidays as per the union contract.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Upon a motion by Briglia, seconded by Gonze, it was approved to set the mileage rate at the IRS rate at the time of travel.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

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Upon a motion by Gonze, seconded by Briglia, the Organization Meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Transue  
Secretary