



**Tuesday, January 3, 2023**  
**Lower Saucon Township Council Reorganization Agenda**

**6:30 PM**  
**Lower Saucon Township**  
**Reorganization Meeting**

**1. OPENING**

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- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Announcement of Executive Session (if applicable)
- E. Public Comment Procedure

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - RESIDENTS/TAXPAYERS ONLY - 3-MINUTE TIME LIMIT**

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**3. INITIAL REORGANIZATION**

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- A. Election of Council President (Yearly)
- B. Election of Council Vice President
- C. Designation of Council Meeting Time, Place & Date for 2023
- D. Resolution #01-2023: Depository of Funds (Yearly)
- E. Resolution #02-2023: Secondary Signatures for Disbursements (Yearly)
- F. Authorize Attendance of Annual PSATS Conference and Voting Delegate

**4. APPOINTMENTS BY COUNCIL**

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- A. Township Secretary (Yearly) – Resolution #03-2023
- B. Township Planning/Zoning Administrator (Yearly) – Resolution #04-2023
- C. Right-To-Know Officer - Resolution #05-2023
- D. Township Solicitors
- E. Township Engineer (Yearly): Resolution #11-2023
- F. Sewage Enforcement Officers (Yearly): Resolution #12-2023
- G. Township Landfill Consultants (Yearly): Resolution #13-2023
- H. Township EAC/Open Space Consultant (Yearly): Resolution #14-2023
- I. Township Auditor (Yearly): Resolution #15-2023
- J. Township Actuary (Yearly): Resolution #16-2023
- K. COUNCIL LIAISONS (YEARLY)

**5. REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS AND FEE SCHEDULES**

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- A. Resolution #17-2023 Manager's Salary
- B. Resolution #18-2023 Chief of Police Salary
- C. Resolution #19-2023 Director of Finance/Assistant Manager Salary
- D. Resolution #20-2023 Director of Public Works' Salary

- E. Resolution #21-2023 Zoning Officer's Salary
- F. Resolution #22-2023 Administrative Assistant's Salary
- G. Resolution #23-2023 Administrative Assistant's Salary
- H. Resolution #24-2023 Non-Uniformed Employee Pay Scale
- I. Resolution #25-2023 Township Police Officers Pay Scale
- J. Resolution #26-2023 Non-Uniform Employee Pension Fund Contributions
- K. Resolution #27-2023 Uniformed Employee Pension Fund Contributions
- L. Resolution #28-2023 Township Fees
- M. Resolution #29-2023 On-lot Sewage Permit Application Fee
- N. Resolution #30-2023 - Township Tax Administrator (Yearly)
- O. Resolution #31-2023 Agenda Policy and Code of Conduct Policy

**6. MANAGER'S APPOINTMENTS WITH COUNCIL CONSENT**

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- A. Appointments to Various Boards/Council/Committees

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT - NON-AGENDA ITEMS - RESIDENTS/TAXPAYERS ONLY - 3-MINUTE TIME LIMIT**

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**8. ADJOURNMENT**

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- A. Move to Adjourn

**I. OPENING**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Jason Banonis called to order the January 3, 2023 Reorganization and General Business meeting at 6:31 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Present: Jason Banonis, President; Sandra Yerger, Vice President (speaker phone), Priscilla deLeon, Mark Inglis and Thomas Carocci (speaker phone), Council Members.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**D. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)**

Mr. Banonis said Council did not meet in Executive Session this evening.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURE**

Mr. Banonis said we have the Public Comment period which is a 3-minute public comment for residents and taxpayers only for agenda items only.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT – TOWNSHIP RESIDENT ONLY – 3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- Laura Ray wanted to talk about Resolution #10-2023 for Special Projects, Labor Solicitor Fee Schedule. This resolution is totally unacceptable as it is. It certainly is not a normal fee schedule. The current resolution states “any special projects and/or assignments will be assigned by the Township Manager in consultation with Township Solicitor on an as-needed basis”. In the past, it would say “any special projects and/or assignments will be assigned on an as-needed basis with the prior consent of Council”. This new resolution is basically giving permission to spend unspecified, unlimited amounts on special work or projects that will be going on without going before Council for review or approval. Absolutely no transparency and it seems to open the door for more Sunshine Law violations. The resolution further states “be it further resolved that any and all actions of Eckert Seamans & Mellott LLC taken in 2022”, which is last year, “with regard to library services in LST and all other associated issues are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved by the Council of LST”. This gives a retroactive approval for spending funds in 2022 that were not properly authorized or approved. This looks like misuse of taxpayer money. This approves unlimited, unchecked spending on a continuous, frivolous litigation and this would continue what we had in 2022 where there was practically no information provided as more and more was spent for Council’s personal vendetta against the library and all things that are Hellertown related. There’s a generic motion to approve expenses in 2022 for the whole year. It started in January and you basically wrote off of that all year long. This is an outrageous abuse of your power and misuse of taxpayer money.
- Diane Hollowell said she has two master’s degrees, and unfortunately, they are not in Finance. She’s not good with numbers but can you please explain to her why we need a Resolution #10? Why do we need a Special Project Solicitor for \$290/hour? We are already paying Mr. Treadwell \$220/hour. She can only assume Mr. Treadwell is not experienced in Special Projects. She has never spoken to a board that doesn’t even acknowledge her, so she thinks she got her three minutes. Mr. Banonis said he thinks he recognizes her. Ms. deLeon said the resolution they passed she voted no to and said there’s no questions, just comments. Ms. Hollowell said that \$290 is spending her tax dollars to deal with library services to LST and correct her if she’s wrong, she doesn’t want to put any bad numbers out there, but is it true Council has already approved a little over \$63,000.00 in legal fees to deal with the mess you created with the HAL. It doesn’t include the \$50,000.00 to Southern Lehigh. She is just curious if any of you on the board have a degree in Finance as it seems to her, we are spending more to leave a library than to actually having one to serve the community. Unbelievable. Mr. Carocci said he has a degree in Finance and Economics.

**III. INITIAL REORGANIZATION**

**A. ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT (YEARLY)**

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Carocci moved to nominate Jason Banonis as President.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Inglis

**ROLL CALL:** 4-1 (Ms. deLeon – No)

**B. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL (YEARLY)**

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved to nominate Mark Inglis as Vice President.

**SECOND BY:** Mrs. Yerger

**ROLL CALL:** 4-1 (Ms. deLeon – No)

**C. DESIGNATION OF COUNCIL MEETING TIME, PLACE & DATE FOR 2023**

Mr. Banonis said the monthly meetings are scheduled for Wednesdays per the attached schedule at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved to approve the proposed 2023 meeting schedule.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Inglis

**ROLL CALL:** 5-0

**D. RESOLUTION #01-2023: DEPOSITORY OF FUNDS (ANNUALLY)**

Mr. Banonis said the staff recommends continuing with PLGIT, Fulton Financial Advisors, Truist, Embassy Bank, and Great Eastern Management.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved for approval of Fulton Financial Advisors, PLGIT, Truist, Embassy Bank and Great Eastern Management as depositories of Township funds.

Ms. deLeon said are these the same that we used last year? Mrs. Gorman said Great Eastern is new. They will be bringing information to Council on them at the next meeting. Ms. deLeon said we are approving them ahead of time. Mr. Hudson said he's worked with them in the past. They are an investment company that we can use for the Open Space Fund. Ms. deLeon said aren't you putting the cart before the horse? Mr. Hudson said we can invest with them and we can make changes in the future of how we invest. If not, we can invest the way it is. Ms. deLeon said is there a detailed agenda coming up then for that information? Mrs. Gorman said we will have more information at the next meeting before making investments.

**SECOND BY:** Ms. deLeon

**ROLL CALL:** 5-0

**E. RESOLUTION #02-2023: SECONDARY SIGNATURES FOR DISBURSEMENTS (YEARLY)**

Mr. Banonis said Council should appoint two (2) members of Council for secondary signatures for disbursements. The Council President and Vice President serve as signatories for the year. Council should also name an alternate.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved for approval of Resolution #02-2023 secondary signatures for disbursements (yearly) naming Lou Mahlman, Township Controller and Mark Hudson, Township Manager as the primary signatures and he will nominate himself as President of Council to be the secondary individual asked to sign and in the absence of the President, another available Council person shall be Mark Inglis as Vice President of Township Council and Tom Carocci is also authorized to sign and satisfy the requirement of two authorized signatures as a Council member.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Inglis

**ROLL CALL:** 4-1 (Ms. deLeon – No)

**F. AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE OF ANNUAL PSATS CONFERENCE AND VOTING DELEGATE**

Mr. Banonis said Council should authorize the voting delegate and attendees for the 2023 PSATS Annual Conference to be held April 23 – 26, 2023.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved to authorize Tom Carocci to be the voting delegate for the 2023 PSATS conference.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Inglis

**ROLL CALL:** 5-0

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved to approve the attendance of Tom Carocci, Priscilla deLeon and Jason Banonis at the PSATS conference to be held April 23 – 26, 2023.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Inglis

**ROLL CALL:** 5-0

**IV. APPOINTMENTS BY COUNCIL**

**A. TOWNSHIP SECRETARY (YEARLY) – RESOLUTION #03-2023**

Mr. Banonis said Resolution #03-2023 has been prepared appointing the Township Manager as Township Secretary.

- B. TOWNSHIP PLANNING/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR (YEARLY) – RESOLUTION #04-2023**  
Mr. Banonis said Resolution #04-2023 has been prepared appointing the Township Manager as Planning/Zoning Administrator.
- C. RIGHT-TO-KNOW OFFICER – RESOLUTION #05-2023**  
Mr. Banonis said this resolution designates the Township Manager as Right-to-Know Officer and the Director of Finance/Assistant Manager as the Assistant Right-to-Know Officer.
- D. TOWNSHIP SOLICITORS**
- 1. GENERAL/CIVIL (YEARLY): RESOLUTION #06-2023**  
Mr. Banonis said Resolution #06-2023 has been prepared appointing B. Lincoln Treadwell, Esq. as the Township’s General/Civil Solicitor at the hourly rate of \$220.00.
  - 2. PLANNING COMMISSION (YEARLY) – RESOLUTION #07-2023**  
Mr. Banonis said Resolution #07-2023 has been prepared appointing B. Lincoln Treadwell, Esq.
  - 3. ZONING HEARING BOARD (YEARLY) – RESOLUTION #08-2023**  
Mr. Banonis said Resolution #08-2023 has been prepared appointing George Heitzman, Esq. as the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor at the hourly rate of \$200.00.
  - 4. TOWNSHIP EAC/OPEN SPACE SOLICITOR (YEARLY) – RESOLUTION #09-2023**  
Mr. Banonis said Resolution #09-2023 has been prepared appointing Terry Clemons, Esq. as the Solicitor to the EAC (as needed) at the hourly rate of \$175.00.
  - 5. TOWNSHIP LABOR SOLICITOR – SPECIAL PROJECTS ATTORNEY FEE SCHEDULE**  
Mr. Banonis said Resolution #10-2023 has been prepared appointing Michael McAuliffe Miller, Esq. as the Township Labor Solicitor/Special Projects at the hourly rate of \$290.00.
- E. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER (YEARLY): RESOLUTION #11-2023**  
Mr. Banonis said Resolution #11-2023 has been prepared appointing Hanover Engineering as the Township Engineer, per their 2023 fee schedule.
- F. SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (YEARLY): RESOLUTION #12-2023**  
Mr. Banonis said Hanover Engineering requests the following individuals be appointed as the 2023 SEO’s: Scott Brown, Jacob Schray, Robert Grim and Christopher Taylor. The Sewage Enforcement Officer rate for 2023 is \$83.50 per hour.
- G. TOWNSHIP LANDFILL CONSULTANTS (YEARLY): RESOLUTION #13-2023**  
Mr. Banonis said Resolution #13-2023 has been prepared appointing Rich Sichler from Neversink Environmental, Inc., at the hourly rate of \$95.00 as Township Landfill Consultant (as needed); and Scott Brown from Hanover Engineering Inc. as the Host Municipal Inspector with Jake Schray as alternate at the hourly rate of \$104.00.
- H. TOWNSHIP EAC/OPEN SPACE CONSULTANT (YEARLY): RESOLUTION #14-2023**  
Mr. Banonis said Resolution #14-2023 has been prepared appointing Matt Babbitt as the Open Space Consultant to the EAC (as needed) at the hourly rate of \$85.00 as per the schedule from Heritage Conservancy.
- I. TOWNSHIP AUDITOR (YEARLY): RESOLUTION #15-2023**  
Mr. Banonis said Council received an engagement letter for the 2022 audit to be conducted by Hutchinson, Gillahan & Freeh. The staff recommends continuing the service of Hutchinson, Gillahan & Freeh per their October 3, 2022 letter. The base rate for the 2022 audit will not exceed \$16,900.00. Additional services will be payable at the hourly rate of \$175.00.
- J. TOWNSHIP ACTUARY (YEARLY): RESOLUTION #16-2023**  
Mr. Banonis said the staff recommends continuing the services of Municipal Finance Partners (Chuck Friedlander) per their rate schedule.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved for approval of Resolutions #03-2023, #04-2023, #05-2023, #06-2023, #07-2023, #08-2023, #09-2023, #10-2023, #11-2023, #12-2023, #13-2023, #14-2023, #15-2023, and #16-2023.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Inglis  
Ms. deLeon said she objects to any resolution that only says, “as needed” and the words “without Council consent” missing. That has always been in past resolutions, maybe she missed it last year but she thought the staff would continue adding that language but apparently, they took it out.

- At the 2020 Reorg. meeting, January 6, 2020, Resolution #10-2020 for Township Labor Solicitor fee schedule for 2020 appointing Mike Miller, Esq., not his firm, just him, “any special projects and/or assignments will be assigned on an as-needed basis with prior consent of Council at the rate of \$285/hour. The above fee schedule is hereby established for the year on an as-needed basis for 2020 retroactive to 01-01-2020”.
- Next year 2021, Reorg. meeting January 4, 2021, Resolution #11-2021, again the Township Labor Solicitor fee schedule for 2021 appointing Mike Miller, Esq., only his name, not the firm, “any special projects and/or assignments will be assigned on an as-needed basis with prior consent of Council at the rate of \$290.00. The above fee schedule (nobody ever shows us the before and current so we only get what’s presented) is hereby established for the year on an as-needed basis for 2021 retroactive to 01-01-2021”.
- The following year 2022, Reorg. meeting, January 3, 2022, Resolution #10-2022, again the Township Labor Solicitor fee schedule for 2022, appointing Mike Miller, Esq. only his name and not the whole firm, “any special projects in or assignments will be decided on an as-needed basis”. She didn’t catch it last year and she apologizes but missing is with “prior consent of Council”. Who took that out? Where is the motion to remove that? Mark, she’d like him to look into that and see what happened to that as Council doesn’t just put something in here and then have it removed by staff or by you. You have to come back to Council. She’d like that looked into and his rate was \$290.00. “The above fees schedule is hereby established for the year on an as-needed basis for 2023 retroactive to 01-02-22”.
- This year, the 2023 Reorg. meeting, January 3, 2023, Resolution #10-2023, now the item says special projects/labor solicitor fee schedule for 2023. At one of the last meetings, she asked Linc, who is unfortunately not here tonight, who authorized this firm to do library work. Linc told her it was approved by resolution at the 2022 Reorg. meeting and that was not true as she looked it up and she just told you it was not in there. The firm was not approved to do any work for 2022. She looked it up and again “with prior consent of Council” is missing. There was a reason prior Council’s had that in place for fiscal responsibility and checks and balances on day-to-day operations. Tonight’s resolution “appointing Mike Miller, Esq. and the Eckert Seamans firm and any special projects and/or assignments will be assigned by the Township Manager and consultant with the Township Solicitor on an as-needed basis”. What happened to Council? What happened to us? Aren’t you supposed to be answering to us? At the rate of \$290.00/hour and it’s retroactive to 01-01-2023. She thinks they kept the best for last so she was right, only Mike Miller was appointed, not his whole firm. The resolution goes on to say that “any and all actions of Eckert Seamans sharing”, whatever their names are, “taken in 2022, with regard to library services in LST and any and all associated issues are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved by LST”. This is despicable. She can’t believe...Mr. Carocci said are we ready to vote? Ms. deLeon said excuse me. She’s not finished with her report. She’s very disappointed and the audacity of those being paid with taxpayer dollars and then slide them in hoping no one will notice, but she noticed. What else have you done and gotten away with? What did you do? What didn’t we find out about? That raises a big question in her mind. If you don’t like past Council directives, great, then revote on them. You have no respect for past Council motions. It’s not a free-for-all for the appointed officials. In her opinion, you violated fiscal and ethical responsibilities and boundaries by giving authority away to the Solicitor and Township Manager to approve the spending of taxpayer dollars and not Council. Everything needs Council approval. The rewording of this Resolution #10-2023 and the removal of “prior consent of Council” in 10-2022 is unprecedented in her time on Council. She doesn’t recall this directive ever given this duty to someone not elected. She would like to make a motion. Mr. Banonis said there’s already a motion and a second so you can’t make a motion until it’s voted upon. Ms. deLeon said you’re correct.

Mr. Banonis said he’d just direct back to the January 19, 2022 Council meeting minutes which clearly explained the authority and authorization that was granted by this Council.

**ROLL CALL:** 4-1 (Ms. deLeon – No)

**L. COUNCIL LIAISONS (YEARLY):**

<b>Board</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Liaison</b>
Parks & Recreation	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	6:30 pm	Mark Inglis
Saucon Valley Conservancy	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	7:00 pm	Sandra Yerger
Lower Saucon Authority	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	6:30 pm	Tom Carocci
Landfill Committee	Quarterly	1:00 pm 6:00 pm	Jason Banonis
Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	7:00 pm	Sandra Yerger
Environmental Advisory Council	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	6:30 pm	Sandra Yerger
Pension Advisory Committee	Quarterly	11:00 am	Jason Banonis
Fire Services	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	6:30 pm	Tom Carocci
Hellertown-LS Chamber	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	6:00 pm	Priscilla deLeon
Saucon Rail Trail Oversight Commission	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	6:00 pm	Mark Inglis

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved for approval of the Council Liaisons for 2023, as stated above.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Inglis

**ROLL CALL:** 5-0

**V. REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS AND FEE SCHEDULES**

**A. RESOLUTION #17-2023 – 2023 MANAGER’S SALARY**

Mr. Banonis said Resolution #17-2023 sets the Manager’s salary at \$131,840.00.

**B. RESOLUTION #18-2023 – CHIEF OF POLICE SALARY**

Mr. Banonis said Resolution #18-2023 sets the Chief of Police salary at \$110,210.00.

**C. RESOLUTION #19-2023 – DIRECTION OF FINANCE/ASSISTANT MANAGER SALARY**

Mr. Banonis said Resolution #19-2023 sets the Director of Finance/Assistant Manager salary at \$85,462.19.

**D. RESOLUTION #20-2023 – DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS’ SALARY**

Mr. Banonis said Resolution #20-2023 sets the Director of Public Work’s salary at \$87,823.98.

**E. RESOLUTION #21-2023 – ZONING OFFICER SALARY**

Mr. Banonis said Resolution #21-2023 sets the Zoning Officer’s salary at \$76,543.89.

**F. RESOLUTION #22-2023 – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SALARY**

Mr. Banonis said Resolution #22-2023 sets the Administrative Assistant’s salary at \$50,892.30.

**G. RESOLUTION #23-2023 – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SALARY**

Mr. Banonis said Resolution #23-2023 sets the Administrative Assistant’s salary at \$49,440.00.

**H. RESOLUTION #24-2023 – NON-UNIFORMED EMPLOYEE PAY SCALE**

Mr. Banonis said Resolution #24-2023 adopts the pay scale for Non-Uniformed employees per their current union contract.

**I. RESOLUTION #25-2023 – TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICERS PAY SCALE**

Mr. Banonis said this resolution adopts the pay scale for the Township Police Officers.

**J. RESOLUTION #26-2023 – NON-UNIFORM EMPLOYEE PENSION FUND CONTRIBUTION**

Mr. Banonis said this resolution adopts the employee contributions to the Non-Uniform Employee Pension Fund for 2023.

**K. RESOLUTION #27-2023 – UNIFORMED EMPLOYEE PENSION FUND CONTRIBUTION**

Mr. Banonis said this resolution adopts the Police Officers contributions to the Uniformed Employee Pension Fund for 2023.

**L. RESOLUTION #28-2023 – TOWNSHIP FEES**

Mr. Banonis said this resolution sets the various Township fees.

**M. RESOLUTION #29-2023 – ON-LOT SEWAGE PERMIT APPLICATION FEE**

Mr. Banonis said this resolution establishes a permit application fee schedule for on-lot sewage systems.

**N. RESOLUTION #30-2023 - TOWNSHIP TAX ADMINISTRATOR (YEARLY): RESOLUTION #30-2023**

Mr. Banonis said this resolution appoints Keystone Collections as the Township Tax Administrator/Deputy Tax Collector for the year 2023.

**O. RESOLUTION #31-2023 – 2023 AGENDA POLICY AND CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY**

Mr. Banonis said Resolution #31-2023 sets the 2023 agenda policy and code of conduct policy in which residents and taxpayers shall announce their name prior to addressing Township Council..

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved for approval of Resolutions #17-2023, #18-2023, #19-2023, #20-2023, #21-2023, #22-2023, #23-2023, #24-2023, #25-2023, #26-2023, #27-2023, #28-2023, #29-2023, #30-2023, and #31-2023.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Inglis

**ROLL CALL:** 4-1 (Ms. deLeon – No)

**VI. MANAGER’S APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS/COUNCIL/COMMITTEES WITH COUNCIL CONSENT**

- **ZONING HEARING BOARD** – Gregory Carolan
- **PLANNING COMMISSION** – One opening (2023 – 2026), the Manager is suggesting Jeffrey Schmell.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL** – Cindy Oatis & one opening; he’s suggesting Thomas Carocci; Associate Members; Jennifer Helton, Glenn Kaye, Kaitlyn O’Connor Sommer, Nicholas Lynn.
- **FIRE MARSHAL** – Bill Csaszar
- **TOWNSHIP HISTORIAN** - Sandra Yerger
- **TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMITTEE** - Jodi Hijazi, Allison Millevoi, Karen Samuels
- **LANDFILL COMMITTEE** - Haz Hijazi & Zachary Mikuta
- **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD** – Barrett Geyer as a new member; and we would re-appoint Niloofer Aflatooni, Thomas Butera, Keith Meier, Bill Ross, David Spirk, Frank Thompson
- **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR** - Bryan Evans
- **LOWER SAUCON AUTHORITY** – One opening for a five-year term and that would be Chirag Thakkar.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved for approval of the Township Manager’s appointments to the various boards, Councils and Committees, as stated.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Inglis

**ROLL CALL:** 4-1 (Ms. deLeon – No)

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS – RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS ONLY – THREE MINUTE TIME LIMIT**

- Frank Palumbo, 2566 Kings Mill Road said he’s not going to use his whole three minutes as he doesn’t have very much to say but what he does have to say is very important. He’s very disgusted with this Council. The way it’s been run since the three stooges have been elected here and the way they have been running this Township up against Hellertown Borough. The other thing is he can’t believe you all had the gall to vote to rezone the tracts so that the dump can expand. There were over 150 people here all opposing it. He doesn’t know how many spoke, including himself, that all oppose it and yet the three stooges all voted in favor of the dump. He calls you the three stooges because that’s what he feels you are. You’re just a bunch of puppets and you can smirk all you want. Remember we voted your asses in there and we are going to vote your asses out. If you think garbage is good, just wait until this turns into a superfund site and this Township is going to be liable for years to come because the next step the dump will do is turn it over to the Township of Lower Saucon and Lower Saucon will welcome it and take that land over and then it will become our liability. You guys think garbage is good? He really wants to ask that question and he knows you guys won’t answer him, but for the life of him he has no idea what the hell you guys were thinking of expanding this dump. He wishes he was home when you came up his driveway, when you were out canvassing to get votes. He wasn’t home, but you guys couldn’t even talk to his wife because. She started calling out some of the things the Republicans, which you guys are, and what you guys stood for, and it’s just another example here of the authoritarian dictator type of mentality you guys all have. This Township does not want the dump. When are you guys going to get it through you head? Explain to him why the dump is good? He knows you won’t answer him right here, but he is more welcome to have his door open for any one of you that want to come and



explain how this dump is good for us? We don't need the money. So how is LST going to benefit by this? He'll tell you who benefits - the dump. Have a great freaking year.

- Jackie Palumbo, 2566 Kings Mill Road said that's her husband, she's very proud of him. She knows she only has a little bit of time and you can see these guys aren't listening to her, so she's not even going to bother. You can listen though, it's okay. If she gets a job and gets hired, she does the job she is hired to do. If she doesn't do the job, she gets fired – easy, right. She found out you just can't fire these guys. They get to sit out their term and do this crap as long as they can until we vote them out. What she's going to do is talk to some of the people in charge of State government to see if we can do something to get people out before their term ends when they do crap like this because she thought this was a democracy. She came here the last time because she wanted to know if her neighbors actually wanted this dump and if they wanted this dump, then she would have said okay and would have started looking to move and leave her place. There were over 150 people here and every single one of them, every single one, said they don't want the dump except you guys, not you Priscilla and then the guy from the dump got to talk and he could talk and everything. You were listening to him. Now you are listening, just a little bit. She wants to see how we can get them out of here if they don't hold up their side of the bargain. We gave them our vote. That is our trust. Trust means something to her. You are going to find out. When she bought her house 17 years ago, they bought the lot and, in the process, they found out that there was a dump over there. The guy who was selling/building their house was David Spirk. They asked him and he assured them that the dump was going away and he knew Council and everything was going to be fine. Well to her dismay she comes here, because if her community wants it, it's a democracy, and that would be okay because that's what you want. She wouldn't know why but she would allow you to have it. She would try to change your mind though. Then she finds out Dave Spirk actually sent a letter saying how he thought it was a good idea to expand it and that is just a conflict of interest for her. She doesn't know about you people, but if someone tells her and gave them their word, she thinks that word should count for something. That's a half of million dollars. She doesn't know about you guys, but that's the biggest investment in her dam life and this guy just wanted to make the sale. She never thought she'd have an opportunity to come out here and do this because he thought she wouldn't get up because she would be embarrassed. She should have known better. Well, we don't always know better at the time when we make decisions, but we can always change our minds. That's what she's about. These guys are hiding in plain sight. You know what, so is she. You'll find out what that means in time. Thank you very much and for paying attention.
- David Boulin said he doesn't want to be this contentious. He wanted to congratulate the Council on things like this wonderful agenda that he can actually read back here and that he can hear you people and yes, he would say to Mark, "Mark maybe you can find a way to turn up the knob a little bit better" as he noticed a lot of people like to sit in the back of the room. Mr. Hudson said at the last Council meeting, the Council approved a new audio system for the room. Mr. Boulin said okay, so those are positive things he really likes to hear. He sees there's a division here, but he's not going to sit here and spend two more minutes berating things that are political and it's clearly political. So that's number one. Amongst many things that he wishes he had a little more time in his day to list all the positive things he sees that have happened in this Township and he wants everybody to keep that in mind. He's not on a political bench, Republican, Democrat, yadda yadda, yadda. What he will ask is he hears a lot of statements like "I read it", "I know it", "I was told it, as gospel truth", and what he'd ask each of the Council members to say is not what their opinion is about, what they thought they heard or said, but to actually reference it and say and he did hear one that it is an article such and such on this given date. Otherwise, it goes in this ear and out the other as just a rough opinion. It's very simple. He thanks you all for being here. He knows it's not trivial. He thanks especially the staff who are great.
- Laura Ray wants to talk about the library. So many people have so many questions regarding library services. The generic statement that was posted in response seemed rude, arrogant, and in no way helpful to people. Just as the blurb in the newsletter, it provides no information where people can actually buy a library membership. The Township should have researched this and been able to provide a list and cost, not make everybody individually call around and try to figure it out themselves. The statement that was posted seems to post blame on OCL for your actions. Why do we continue to waste money on legal action to fight being removed from the home service area when we have all seen, in writing, the request by our Solicitor to have LST removed at the end of 2022? That's in writing from our Solicitor. You got what you asked for and now stubbornly refuse to make anything right or fix the problem you

caused. You accept no responsibility for your actions and you place the blame elsewhere, that's your motto. Your statement in that response said LST will not sacrifice the long-term financial autonomy of the Township nor cave into unilateral financial demands in order to achieve a short-term solution. That's a big, bloated garbage. There was never no potential impact to the Township's long-term financial autonomy. What a grandiose meaningless statement that is. Haven't you unilateral financial demands, really? Each and every bill that comes into the Township is a unilateral financial demand. Do you fight each of the entities sending these bills when the cost increases? No, of course you don't, that's normal. We have now wasted at least ten times more money on making this problem worse than the incremental amount that was requested over a year ago so continuing to throw good money after bad is not sensible nor fiscally responsible way to continue. She is going to comment on an agenda item since they didn't have the information. Mr. Banonis said excuse me...Ms. Ray said she's really upset about the EAC appointment because Kaitlyn O'Sommer, we didn't have this information before. Kaitlyn was due to take the voting position on the EAC and we discussed that...Mr. Banonis said Ma'am, he's going to ask you to stand down as you are here for non-agenda items. You had the opportunity to speak. Ms. Ray said she didn't have that information before, so how can she speak to it. Mr. Banonis said he'll allow you to continue. Ms. Ray said she just did. She said Kaitlyn O'Sommer had...Mr. Banonis said Ma'am, he'll allow her to continue on non-agenda items. If you want to talk about non-agenda items, he'll give her another 20 seconds. Ms. Ray said that's a non-agenda item because it was not on her agenda that we were appointing Tom Carocci to move him into the voting position. EAC has always organized our own board ourselves, always. We voted to move Kaitlyn up to that position at our last meeting. Mr. Banonis said your time is up, he said he gave her more time to talk about non-agenda items and you chose not to.

Ms. deLeon said we aren't finished, what about reports. Mr. Banonis said they are not on this agenda. Ms. deLeon said you aren't following the agenda that you approved.

## VIII. ADJOURN REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Banonis moved for adjournment. The time was 7:17 p.m.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Carocci

Ms. deLeon said hold on, point of order. Mr. Banonis said there's no point of order. You are interrupting a motion that's been made. It's not on the agenda to have Council reports, look at the agenda. You have it. Ms. deLeon said she's talking about the resolution that was passed that outlined what our agenda was supposed to have. Mr. Banonis said you are out of order. Ms. deLeon said democracy in action. Mr. Banonis said literacy in action. Ms. deLeon said literacy.

**ROLL CALL:** 4-1 (Ms. deLeon – No)

Submitted by:

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Jason Banonis  
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