

Donegal Township Board of Supervisors  
Special Meeting  
December 5, 2020  
5:00 P.M.

The special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Donegal Township was called to order by Chairman Richard Fidler at 5:06 p.m. The meeting was held as a virtual meeting utilizing a Zoom Video Conferencing Application with residents attending by computer, cell phone or landline, and in-person due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Board Members in attendance by Roll Call: Richard Fidler, Tammi Iams, Richard Martin, Kathleen Croft, Edward Shingle. Also in attendance: Lane Turturice—Solicitor, Judith Taylor—Secretary/Treasurer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited. Chairman Fidler announced the meeting was being recorded, and is also being recorded by the public.

Chairman Rick Fidler announced the Board of Supervisors held an executive session on December 4, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. to 2:46 p.m.

No written agenda was available for the special meeting. Chairman Fidler stated there were only three items of business to be discussed; adopting the proposed budget and advertise for public review, approve refund of police wages from Act 13 Fund to General Fund, re-authorizing Thomas Vreeland LLC to represent the Board of Auditors in two appeals.

Public Comment:

Eric Graham, 83 Highland Avenue, West Alexander, questioned if the Board would be refunding police wages for 2020 from Act 13 Fund, and if the current draft of the 2021 budget was in deficit.

Sherry Laird, 393 Delashawn Rd, commented that because the line item for Police Chief wages in the draft budget included possible retroactive wage payments, the amount of \$69,000 was misleading in that some residents considered that amount as his proposed salary, and that additional revenue was needed in the budget.

J. D. Martin, 15 Lake Road, West Alexander, questioned if the executive session was held in person. If so, why not hold the current meeting in public.

J. D. Martin, 15 Lake Road, West Alexander, questioned why the Buffalo Township fines were an issue. The secretary explained it was to determine if the proper amount of fines for police services performed in Buffalo Township were remitted to Donegal Township. The police chief and the secretary will review the matter further.

J. D. Martin, 15 Lake Road, West Alexander, questioned if the Donegal township police department will resume patrolling in Buffalo Township. Ms. Croft stated she felt it is mutually beneficial.

Kathleen Miller, 29 S Liberty St, West Alexander, commented that possibly a citizen committee could be formed to investigate issues of community concern.

The Board reviewed the 2021 draft budget with Vice Chairman Tammi Iams using a file sharing application to enable the zoom and in-person audience to view the changes made in real time. Ms. Croft made some corrections to the budget document and recommended increased estimated ending revenue balances that were incorporated into the draft budget.

**Motion** to sign an MOU to re-instate police services to Buffalo if they are still interested  
Motion by Kathleen Croft, Second by Edward Shingle  
Prior to the vote, a motion to table the motion was made as follows:

**Motion** to table the motion to sign a MOU to re-instate police services to Buffalo if they are still interested

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Fidler

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—no, Shingle—no. Motion carried.

**Motion** to stop paying for employee AFLAC insurance policies

Motion by Edward Shingle, Second by Kathleen Croft

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—no, Iams—no, Martin—no, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion failed.

**Motion** to have the Secretary/Treasurer contact all of the lenders to discuss re-financing the current debt in the Water & Sewer Fund

Motion by Kathleen Croft, Second by Tammi Iams

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion carried.

**Motion** to adopt the 2021 budget with changes made on December 5, 2020 and to advertise the 2021 proposed budget for public review

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Martin

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—no, Shingle—no. Motion carried.

**Motion** to advertise intent to have a CPA firm perform the 2021 Audit

Motion by Edward Shingle, Second by Kathleen Croft

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—no, Iams—no, Martin—no, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion failed.

**Motion** to approve Thomas Vreeland LLC to represent the Donegal Township Board of Auditors at a cost of \$125.00 per hour in the two appeals of the 2019 Audit and surcharges in the Commonwealth Court filed by Supervisors Kathleen Wright Croft and Edward Shingle, Jr


Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Martin

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—abstain, Shingle—abstain.  
Motion carried.

**Motion** to adjourn at 8:19 p.m.

Motion by Richard Martin, Second by Tammi Iams

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion carried.

  
Judith L. Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer