

Minutes for the Smithfield Township Board of Auditors

**Annual Reorganizational Meeting**

January 4, 2023

**The Meeting was opened by Board Chairwoman Ms. Rose Davis at 5:16pm.**

**Next The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance, (Ms. Rose Davis, Melba Roberson and Audrey Bailey-Hocker) and On Zoom, Ron Karasek, Township solicitor.**

**The minutes for the special meeting held on November 3, 2022, were read and approved.**

**The reorganizational election for a temporary Chairperson was conducted and I, Audrey Bailey Hocker, nominated Ms. Rose Davis for the chairperson position; it was seconded by Ms. Davis.**

**Ms. Davis nominated me, Audrey Bailey-Hocker, for the position of Vice Chairperson. I seconded the nomination. We voted for our respective positions.**

**Having a quorum, the meeting proceeded to the next item on the agenda, which was Old Business, that dealt with the Lawsuit filed by the Smithfield township board of Supervisors against the Smithfield Board of Auditors, regarding salary increases.**

**Chairwoman, Rose Davis explained that her most recent understanding regarding this legal matter was that the lawyers for both the board of Supervisors and the lawyers for the board of Auditors, together with our input reached a settlement whereby the suit would not proceed to an actual court date. It seems that the settlement stipulation agreement, which should state that this case be settled, discontinued, or ended is still pending. Ms. Davis checked with Ron Karasek and he explained that it was filed, in the court, on December 20, 2022. He further explained that once the court filing was complete, he would file a Praecipe with the court requesting that the court discontinue the case.**

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I, **Audrey Bailey-Hocker**, posed the question as to why the Supervisors would not set the budget to cover the raises in salaries that the supervisors, themselves were requesting? In my opinion, the whole dispute would never have occurred.

In like manner, Chairwoman, **Rose Davis** stated that she wanted to add to the minutes the fact that this was the first time, in the six years, that she served, that not one of the three Township Supervisor were present. She further stated that perhaps if even one supervisor were present, my question could have been answered.

The next thing on the agenda was New Business; and the first item was to set supervisors rate of pay.

To begin with, Chairwoman **Davis** distributed a copy of the budget submitted by the Supervisors and a spread sheet along with copies of partially filled out time sheets.

**Ms. Davis** explained that she didn't think that the supervisors had approved budget; however yet, however she felt that they would do so

**The budget totaled \$58,500.00 for Township supervisor salaries.**

This amounts were apportioned in three ways, equally.

, the hourly rate of was \$25.32 for 770 hours of work.

**Robert Lovenheim, Brian Barret and Jacob Pride** received \$19,500.00, for annual pay.

( If divided quarterly, it would have been \$4,875.00 or \$1,625.00 monthly.)

**The milage rate of \$0.655 was set for that period of time.**

As there were no public comments , the meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

**These minutes are submitted by Ms. Audrey Bailey-Hocker**

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