

**Tulpehocken Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting of February 3, 2025**

The Tulpehocken Township Board of Supervisors met on February 3, 2025, in the Township meeting room at 7:00 A.M. for an advertised Special Meeting. In attendance and voting were Supervisors: Chairman Gary Deck, Vice Chairman Lester Feick and Harold Zimmerman. Also present was Kathy Judy, Township Secretary / Treasurer.

There were no members of the audience present

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Deck called the meeting to order at 7:03 A.M.

The meeting continued with the pledge to the American Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

Personnel

- Reappoint Heather Wessner as Township Auditor for 2025. At the January, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting a motion was made to appoint Heather Wessner as Township Auditor for 2024; that motion was intended to be, and should have been stated as appointment for 2024 and 2025, the two-year term until the next election. To reaffirm the appointment of Heather Wessner and correct the motion to include 2025, *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to appoint Heather Wessner as Township Auditor for 2025, until the next election - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Approve transfer of funds to reimburse Liquid Fuels Account – The Board discussed the 2022 Liquid Fuel Audit and PennDOT’s June, 2024 determination that the Township should reimburse its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. An appeal was made and the matter is currently being reviewed. There is a possibility the determination could be reversed, in the meantime however, the Township must meet the standing directive before February 12th in order to receive the 2025 Liquid Fuels funding on March 1st. *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the transfer of \$121,795.84 from the General Fund, into the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed (2-0-1). Chairman Deck abstained, stating for the record he is abstaining as a precaution to avoid any potential appearance of conflict.* The Board went on to discuss the Audit, the May, 2022 bid opening meeting and the vote that is in question. Chairman Deck stated that he feels nothing unethical was done. Adding it was discussed openly at that meeting that he would normally abstain, he would have nothing to gain by voting and only because it was a two-person board at the time he made the decision to vote in order to make quorum and award the job to the low bidder. Supervisor Zimmerman, who was in attendance at the bid opening meeting as a member of the public, agreed that was discussed prior to the vote.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Judy, Secretary
Tulpehocken Township

Attachment: G. Deck – Abstention Memorandum