

LUZERNE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

REORGANIZATION MEETING

JANUARY 15, 2013

PRESENT:

SALVATORE LICATA, CHAIRMAN
PAUL MAHER, VICE-CHAIRMAN
ROSEMARY LOMBARDO, SECRETARY
ANTHONY BALDO, TREASURER
DR SID HALSOR, ASST SECRETARY
DR VALERIE KEPNER, ASST TREASURER
ROBERT CHEPALONIS, MEMBER
PATRIC CONWAY, MEMBER
ATTORNEY SEAN ROBBINS, MEMBER
ATTORNEY JOSEPH BLAZOSEK, SOLICITOR

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

STANLEY STRELISH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
THERESA CHAPMAN, ADMIN ASST/GRANTS CO-ORDINATOR
RENEE CRAIG, HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR
FRED BROWN, MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR
LOU URITZ, PROCUREMENT MANAGER
THOMAS LANDON, FLEET MANAGER, SHARED RIDE DIVISION

OTHERS:

PAUL JASON, LCTA UNION REPRESENTATIVE
SUE HENRY, WILK RADIO
JULIE STEFANOWICZ, WYLN RADIO
GARY PERNA, WYLN RADIO
JOSEPH HOLDEN, WBRE TV
BILL WADDELL, WNEP TV
MICHAEL ERAT, WNEP TV

1. Pledge of Allegiance:

Present Chairman, Mr. Maher called the meeting to order and invited everyone present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call:

The following Board members were present for the meeting: Mr. Baldo, Mr. Chepalonis, Mr. Conway, Dr. Halsor, Dr. Kepner, Mr. Licata, Ms. Lombardo, Atty. Robbins and Mr. Maher.

3. Purpose of Meeting: Mr. Paul Maher, Chairman

Mr. Maher explained the purpose of the meeting was to elect officers for each of the positions on the Board for 2013 and to set a schedule for monthly meetings.

4. Explanation of Meetings and Offices: Attorney Joseph Blazosek

Attorney Blazosek stated the By-Laws of the Authority call for a meeting to be held annually to select officers for a one year term. Attorney Blazosek stated advertisements announcing the Reorganization meeting had been properly placed and that a quorum of Board members was present allowing the continuation of the meeting and the election of officers for 2013. Offices to be filled are those of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary.

5. Election of Officers: Attorney Joseph Blazosek

Attorney Blazosek then asked for a nomination for the office of Chairman. At this time, Mr. Chepalonis nominated Mr. Licata with a second nomination of Dr. Kepner being made by Mr. Conway. Attorney Blazosek asked Mr. Conway to delay his nomination until a second nomination was made for Mr. Licata. Mr. Baldo then seconded the nomination of Mr. Licata. At this time Attorney Blazosek requested Mr. Conway to proceed with his nomination. Mr. Conway then nominated Dr. Kepner as Chairman which was seconded by Dr. Halsor. Attorney Blazosek asked if there were any other nominations for the Chairman's position and with no others being made Attorney Blazosek closed nominations and asked for a roll call of the Board to present votes. At this time Dr. Halsor asked if it should be determined that both nominees are willing to serve which Attorney Blazosek then asked if anyone would want to withdraw their name from nomination. With no comment from either nominee a roll call was taken with votes for Mr. Licata being entered by Mr. Baldo, Mr. Chepalonis, Dr. Kepner, Mr. Licata, Ms. Lombardo, Mr. Maher and Atty. Robbins. Votes for Dr. Kepner were made by Mr. Conway and Dr. Halsor. With the majority of votes obtained, Mr. Licata was named Chairman.

Attorney Blazosek then opened the floor for nominations to the office of Vice-Chairman with Mr. Licata nominating Mr. Maher, seconded by Mr. Chepalonis. With no other nominations presented, Attorney Blazosek closed the nominating procedure indicating a motion was properly made electing Mr. Maher as Vice-Chairman. By unanimous vote of the Board, Mr. Maher was elected Vice-Chairman. Motion carried.

The next office Attorney Blazosek requested nominations for was that of Treasurer at which time Mr. Chepalonis nominated Mr. Baldo, seconded by Mr. Licata. With no other nominations, and by a unanimous vote of the Board, Attorney Blazosek announced Mr. Baldo would serve as Treasurer. Motion carried.

Next, nominations were requested for the office of Secretary with Mr. Licata nominating Ms. Lombardo seconded by Mr. Maher. Since there were no other nominations, Attorney Blazosek closed the nominations and through a unanimous vote of the Board stated that Ms. Lombardo would serve as Secretary for 2013. Motion carried.

The next office Attorney Blazosek requested nominations for was that of Assistant Treasurer. at this time, Mr. Chepalonis nominated Dr. Kepner seconded by Mr. Maher. Attorney Blazosek asked for other nominations and with no others being offered, closed the nominations. By unanimous vote, Dr. Kepner was elected Assistant Treasurer. Motion carried.

Attorney Blazosek then requested nominations for the office of Assistant Secretary. Mr. Licata nominated Dr. Halsor seconded by Mr. Maher. With no other nominations, Attorney Blazosek closed nominations and through a unanimous vote announced Dr. Halsor would serve as Assistant Secretary. Motion carried.

6. Introduction of New Officers: Attorney Joseph Blazosek

With all officers being elected Attorney Blazosek stated he had fulfilled his duties as temporary Chairman, turned the meeting over to Mr. Licata and also thanked Mr. Maher for his service as Chairman during 2012.

7. Comments: Chairman

Chairman Mr. Licata also thanked Mr. Maher for his leadership as Chairman leading the Authority during both good and difficult times and then acknowledged new Board members, Mr. Sid Halsor and Mr. Sean Robbins welcoming input from them as they serve on the Board. Chairman Licata also acknowledged former Board member Mrs. Riccetti for her service to the Authority over the past years.

8. Selection of Meetings: Mr. Licata, Chairman

Mr. Licata then addressed the need to establish the monthly Board meeting dates and times for 2013. Mr. Licata stated the meetings are normally held on the last Tuesday of the month with adjustments made to some months as needed, and proceeded to determine dates for each meeting. With the cooperation of the Board the following dates were selected: February 26th, March 26th, April 23rd, May 21st, June 25th, July 23rd, August 27th, September 24th, October 22nd, November 26th and December 17th. Mr. Licata noted the August and December meetings will be held only if needed at the time.

Chairman Mr. Licata then discussed Committee meetings, stating that due to the expansion of the Authority he recommended scheduling regular monthly meetings of the Personnel Committee. It was mentioned the Ridership Committee meets regularly on the 3rd Tuesday. Mr. Licata suggested holding the Personnel Committee on the Thursday prior to the Board meeting which met with approval from the Board and then suggested the meeting to be held at 5 P.M. so that Committee members could attend after work hours. Dr. Kepner stated a 5 P.M. meeting time would be difficult for her or anyone taking the bus home. It was then decided to hold committee meetings at 4 P.M. which met with agreement with the Board.

10. Adjournment:

With no other business to conduct, motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Chepalonis and seconded by Mr. Maher. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



By: Theresa Chapman, Secy to the Board

For: Rosemary Lombardo, Secy of the Board