

## Black Creek Township Auditor Reorganization Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

6:00 PM

### Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call:** Bruno, Davis, Tombasco, Present.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items only:** Supervisor Cheesman made a comment on agenda item #1. Supervisor Cheesman pointed out that he has a Class A CDL and that he and Supervisor Yacowatz are both able to operate all equipment in the township, minus the commercial license. He also brought up the incoming snow storm this weekend and that from speaking with Mr. Mario Decosmo that Mr. Decosmo was unaware of a contract with the township. He stated that the previous administration did not see it through. Auditor Tombasco replied stating that it was voted on. Supervisor Cheesman, then replied, the at the time Supervisor, Donna Lupcho did not follow up with any formal contract and Mr. Decosmo has made other arrangements elsewhere. Supervisor Cheesman requested to be paid equal to our current road crew member John Ross to drive a Class A dump truck with a plow and spreader. Auditor Bruno requested to see Supervisor Cheesman's CDL Class A license. Supervisor Cheesman pointed out the fleet of trucks with plows on them here at the township and followed up by pointing out costs associated with calling in a contractor for plow services. Supervisor Cheesman stated that his and Supervisor Yacowatz's services are available to plow to cut costs. Supervisor Cheesman also made it known that if it's something we are unable to do, he understands since we are a small township. However, he believes we would save money by doing so. Auditor Bruno followed up with a question and pointed out that the previous administration never got paid for any work done with the township. Also, there was a resolution voted on in minutes from January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 stating that elected supervisors will not be able to punch the clock. Auditor Bruno followed up by stating that this resolution was put in place due to previous Supervisors taking pay for not working. Auditor Bruno continued to read back the minutes from the meeting held on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, clearly stating the part that Saura commented about stating "that our roads are total disrepair and we cannot afford the position of a working Supervisor, and that a motion was made by Supervisor Rohrbach that none of any future elected Supervisors will take a paid position with the township. Seconded by Davis and Adams wasn't there." Auditor Bruno informed Supervisors Yacowatz and Cheesman that they will need to hold a special meeting before the impending snow storm. However, they will not have time to do so. Auditor Davis mentioned the resolution on the books written by Tony McDonald stating that "Elected officials will not be able to punch the clock and become an employee of the Township." Supervisor Cheesman replied by saying that it's legal with PSATS by position. The Auditors informed

Supervisor Cheesman that it's not that they don't want him to work, they don't want to see him violate a resolution. Auditor Davis informed the Supervisors that a resolution resembles that of an Executive order that the President would make and stated that Supervisors in the past have not worked on the road crew since Rickie Whitebread and that it was all office work where they collected road master pay to sit in the office with three full time people at the time in the office; a secretary and 2 Supervisors. Then stated that it was ended then. Auditor Davis reiterated that the purpose of that resolution was to stop Supervisors from punching the clock. Supervisor Cheesman made it clear that he's prepared to serve the township, however, he does not want to do professional driver duties without pay. The Auditors informed the Supervisors to check with Jenn to get background checks on their licenses before driving the trucks. Auditor Davis also pointed out about past Supervisors collecting Secretary/Treasurer pay and Road Master pay at the same time and then after being audited, it was stopped. It was then discussed about possibly calling back old employees to help plow and ideas were tossed around about working together for the betterment of the township and to get plowing done.

#### **Election of Officers:**

##### **1. Chairman**

A motion, made by Rick Davis, seconded by Cathrine Tombasco, to appoint, Steve Bruno, as Black Creek Township Auditor Chairman.

All in favor.

##### **2. Vice-Chairman**

A motion, made by, Steve Bruno, seconded by, Cathrine Tombasco, to appoint, Rick Davis, as Black Creek Township Auditor Vice-Chairman.

All in favor.

##### **3. Secretary**

A motion, made by, Steve Bruno, seconded by, Rick Davis, to appoint, Cathrine Tombasco, as Black Creek Township Auditor Secretary.

All in favor.

**New Business:**

- 1. Supervisor pay for working as Roadmaster shall remain at \$ 18.25 per hour. For the first 40 hours. All hours submitted must be supported by work log and time card.**

*A motion*, made by, Steve Bruno, seconded by, Rick Davis, to table supervisor roadmaster pay remaining at \$18.25 per hour.

All in favor.

- 2. Supervisors will receive time and half base pay for all hours over 40 hours per week.**

*A motion*, made by, Steve Bruno, seconded by, Cathrine Tombasco, to approve supervisors receiving time and half base pay for hours over 40 hours per week.

All in favor.

- 3. New Supervisors are eligible for pension at a contribution rate of 5%.**

*A motion*, made by, Steve Bruno, seconded by, Cathrine Tombasco, to approve new supervisors becoming eligible for pension at a contribution rate of 5%.

All in favor.

- 4. Sick and vacation pay may not be accumulated from year to year. The holiday and vacation schedule is attached. Supervisors forcibly removed from office shall forfeit any and all accrued vacation and holiday pay.**

*A motion*, made by, Steve Bruno, seconded by, Cathrine Tombasco, to approve sick and vacation pay being accumulated from year to year.

All in favor.

- 5. Mileage reimbursement will be at the IRS rate for 2024, 67 cents per mile driven for business use.**

*A motion*, made by, Steve Bruno, seconded by, Cathrine Tombasco, to approve mileage reimbursement at the IRS 2024 rate.

All in favor.

- 6. Supervisors are eligible for inclusion in township group life, health, hospitalization and accident insurance. Whether or not they are also employed as hourly rate employees. Supervisors' contribution to all above listed plans shall be equal to the current hourly of salaried employee contribution rate.**

*A motion*, made by, Steve Bruno, seconded by, Rick Davis, to approve supervisor inclusion in township group life, health, hospitalization, and accident insurance.

All in favor.

**Adjournment:** *A motion* by: Cathrine Tombasco, seconded by Rick Davis, to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. All in favor.