

Township of Marple  
Board of Commissioners

**MINUTES**

Reorganization – January 5, 2026, 6:30 pm -  
Work Session & Regular Meeting immediately following

- ◆ Commissioner Rufo called the Reorganization Meeting to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, January 5, 2026, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- ◆ **Present @ Roll Call**

Commissioners: – Joseph Rufo (1<sup>st</sup> ward) - Robert Knapp (2<sup>nd</sup> ward) - Robert Fortebuono (3<sup>rd</sup> ward) - John Lucas (4<sup>th</sup> ward) - George Downs (5<sup>th</sup> ward) - Michael Molinaro (6<sup>th</sup> Ward) and Michael May (7<sup>th</sup> ward)

Absent/Excused:

Staff: Lawrence Gentile, Township Manager - Sharon Angelaccio, Township Secretary – Adam Matlawski, Township Solicitor – Joseph Celia, Assistant Manager/Code Director – Bridget Gillen, Township Engineer- Brandon Graeff, Chief of Police and Bill Creighton, Public Works Director.

- ◆ **1. Call to Order**

- Executive Session held prior to the meeting to discuss Personnel, Real Estate and Litigation

- ◆ **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

- ◆ **Oath of Office– Newly Elected Officials by the Honorable John P. Capuzzi, Sr., (Retired) Judge - Court of Common Pleas**

- Robert Knapp - 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Commissioner
- John J. Lucas – 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner
- Michael Molinaro - 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner
- John P. Capuzzi, Jr. – Treasurer
- Kathleen M. Yanoshak – Controller – will be sworn in at a later date

- ◆ **3. Nomination – Temporary Reorganization meeting Chairperson** – On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp nominating Commissioner Michael Molinaro as the Temporary Reorganization Meeting Chairperson, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)

- ◆ **4. Nomination – President, Board of Commissioners** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp nominating Commissioner Joseph Rufo President of the Board of Commissioners for the year 2026. (7-0)

- ◆ **5. Nomination – Vice President, Board of Commissioners** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp nominating Commissioner Robert Fortebuono Vice President of the Board of Commissioners for the year 2026. (7-0)

- ◆ **6. Reappointment – Township Manager** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Lawrence Gentile Township Manager for the year 2026. (7-0)

- 7. Reappointment – Assistant Township Manager** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Joseph Celia Assistant Township Manager for the year 2026, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)
- 8. Reappointment – Township Secretary** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Sharon Angelaccio Township Secretary for the year 2026, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)
- 9. Reappointment – Township Solicitor** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Adam Matlawski of McNichol, Bryne & Matlawski, PC as Township Solicitor for the year 2026, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)
- 10. Reappointment – Township Engineer** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Joseph Mastronardo, P.E. of Pennoni Associates as Township Engineer for the year 2026, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)
- 11. Reappointment – Township Treasurer** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Therese Staquet as Tax Treasurer for the year 2026, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)
- 12. Reappointment – Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Matthew Bilker as Solicitor to the Zoning Hearing Board for the year 2026, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)
- 13. Reappointment – Police Surgeon** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Dr. Michael Baio as Police Surgeon for the year 2026, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)
- 14. Reappointment – Fire Marshal** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint James Capuzzi as Fire Marshal for the year 2026, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)
- 15. Appointment – Assistance Fire Marshals (2)** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Brian Drager, Jr. and appoint Bill Maguire Assistant Fire Marshals for the year 2026, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)
- 16. Reappointment – Emergency Management Coordinator** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Thomas Murray as Emergency Management Coordinators for the year 2026, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)
- 17. Reappointment – Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators (3)** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Jan Ceton, Karen Standen and Armond Alessi as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators for the year 2026, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)

## **8. BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS**

- a. Zoning Hearing Board Alternate (1) Member** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to appoint Mike Noonan as an alternate member of the Zoning Hearing Board for a term of 3 years, term to expire 12/31/2028, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)

- b. Planning Commission (3) Members** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Dave Dezzi and Michael Gowdy and appoint Mark Thompson as members of the Planning Commission for a term of 4 years, term to expire 12/31/2029, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)
- c. Library Board (3) Members** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Richard Rohr as a member of the Library Board for a term of 3 years, term to expire 12/31/2028 and to appoint Tamara Kelly and Judy Bafdon as members to fill the unexpired term of Pat Larkin, Jr, and Marcy Abrams, term to expire 12/31/2027, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)
- d. Board of Health (1) Member** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Carolyn Baxter as a member of the Board of Health for a term of 5 years, term to expire 12/31/2030, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)
- e. Park and Recreation Board (5) Members** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Mark Guldin, Domenic Duranti, Paul Karalis, Patricia Schlater and Jim Dieterle as members to the Park & Recreation Board for a term of 2 years, term to expire 12/31/2027, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)
- f. Ethics Committee (2) Members** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Carmella Cichetti and Rachael Sittineri Larkin as members to the Ethics Committee for a term of 1 year, term to expire 12/31/2026, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)
- g. 1696 Massey House Corporation (1) Member** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Jamie Martin as a member of the 1696 Massey House Corporation for a term of 2 years, term to expire 12/31/2027, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)
- h. Historic Commission (3) Members** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Douglas Humes, Seth Pancoast, III and Paul Karalis as members to the Historic Commission for the term of 2 years, term to expire 12/31/2027, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)
- i. Ordinance Advisory Committee (2) Members** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Dave Dezzi and Patty Steger as members to the Ordinance Advisory Committee for a term of 2 years, term to expire 12/31/2027, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)
- j. Leisure Services Commission (1) Member** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Michael Molinaro as a member to the to the Leisure Services Commission for a term of 3 years, term to expire 12/31/2028, the vote being unanimous with Commissioner Molinaro abstaining.
- k. Pension Advisory Committee (5) Members** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Tim Smith and Matt Blumberg and appoint Michael Kitabjian and Karen Standen as members to the Pension Advisory Committee for a term of 2 years, term to expire 12/31/2027, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)

- i. Police Pension Trustee (1) Member** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Pat Sexton as a Police Pension Trustee member for a term of 2 years, term to expire 12/31/2027, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)
- m. Non-Uniformed Trustee (1) Member** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Joe Romano as a Non-Uniformed Pension Trustee member for a term of 2 years, term to expire 12/31/2027, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)
- n. Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals (1) Solicitor** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Matt Bilker as the Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals Solicitor for a term of 1 year, term to expire 12/31/2026, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)
- o. Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals (4) Members** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Rick Haid, Michael Gowdy and Joe Massick and appoint Gerald Antonelli as members to the Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals for a term of 3 years, term to expire 12/31/2028, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)
- p. Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals (2) Alternate Members** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Tom Raffery and Nancy Ricca as Alternate members to the Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals for a term of 1 year, term to expire 12/31/2026, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)
- q. Vacancy Committee (1) Member** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Bill Harvey as a member of the Vacancy Committee for a term of 1 year, term to expire 12/31/2026, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)
- r. Marple Tree Advisory Commission (2) Members - pass**
- s. Workplace Safety Committee (6) Members** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Jennifer Bentzley, Jason Latch, Michael Kitabjian, David Boardly and Karen Standen and to appoint Steve Allen as members of the Workplace Safety Committee for a term of 2 years, term to expire 12/31/2027, and further appoint Joseph Celia as a member to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Romano, term to expire 12/31/2026, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)
- t. Darby Cobbs Watershed Partnership & Crum Creek Watershed Partnership** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Christine Siano the Township Representative of the Darby Cobbs Watershed Partnership and Crum Creek Watershed Partnership for a term of 1 year, term to expire 12/31/2025, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)
- u. Radnor-Haverford-Marple Sewer Authority (1) Member** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas, and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Jim Pryor as a member to the Radnor-Haverford-Marple Sewer Authority for a term of 5 years, term to expire 12/31/2030, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)

- v. Central Delaware County Sewer Authority (1) Member** - On a motion by Commissioner Lucas and seconded by Commissioner Knapp to reappoint Dave Dezzi as a member of the Central Delaware County Sewer Authority for a term of 5 years, term to expire 12/31/2030, the vote being unanimous. (7-0)

## **19. COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

- Public Safety Committee / Knapp, Chair – Lucas & Fortebuono
- Personnel & Administration Committee / Rufo, Chair – May & Lucas
- Public Works Committee / May, Chair – Lucas & Knapp
- Finance & Budget Committee / Rufo, Chair – May & Knapp
- Bid Committee / Fortebuono, Chair – Downs & Molinaro
- Ethics Committee / Rufo, Chair – Molinaro & Fortebuono
- Planning & Development Committee – Lucas, Chair – May & Downs
- Non-Uniformed Negotiation Committee / Fortebuono, Chair – Molinaro & May
- Uniformed Negotiation Committee / Lucas, Chair – May & Fortebuono
- Paxon Committee / Fortebuono, Chair – Lucas & Knapp

## **20. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPRESENTATIVES**

- Board of Health – Rob Fortebuono
- Library Board – Michael May
- School Board – Mike Molinaro
- Environmental Advisory Board – Mike Molinaro
- Massey House Committee – John Lucas
- Historical Commission – Robert Knapp
- Park and Recreation Board – Rob Fortebuono
- Emergency Management – Rob Fortebuono
- Marple Tree Commission – George Downs
- Pension Advisory Committee and all Pension Services – George Downs
- Paxon Hollow Committee & Golf Tournament Committee – John Lucas
- First Class Township Representative – John Lucas
- Cable Communication Committee – Michael May
- Solicitor Liaison – Mike Molinaro

## **21. Public Forum**

- \* Olivia V – Library funding cuts. Bring back hoopla
- \* Melody - Concern with Library Funding cuts.

## **22. Other Business**

- Work Session and Regular Meeting immediately following this meeting.

**23. Adjourn** – With no further business for the Board, the Reorganization was adjourned at 6:55 pm and the Work Session began followed by the Regular Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sharon L. Angelaccio,*  
Township Secretary

Happy New Year!!