

Organizational Meeting
January 10, 2019

The Organizational Meeting of the Oceana County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Rebecca J. Griffin, Oceana County Clerk, on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Roll was called with the following members present: Ms. Meyette, Mr. Walker, Mr. Powers, Mr. Gustafson, Mr. Brown, Mr. Sebolt and Mr. Byl. Absent: None.

Clerk Griffin led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Ms. Griffin noted that, according to the statute, the election of the Chairperson of the County Board is the only time Commissioners are allowed to vote a secret ballot; however, in order to do so, a motion must be passed prior to the vote.

Clerk Griffin asked if there was any discussion or if anyone wished to make such a motion.

All members choose **not** to vote by secret ballot; thus, Ms. Griffin asked for nominations for County Board Chairperson.

Mr. Byl nominated Mr. Denny Powers as Chairperson of the County Board. Ms. Griffin asked for any further nominations.

There being none, it was moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Sebolt to close the nominations and direct the County Clerk to cast a unanimous vote for Mr. Powers as Chairperson of the County Board of Commissioners. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Ms. Griffin turned the 2019 Organizational meeting over to Chairperson Powers.

Chairperson Powers thanked the Board members for the opportunity to serve as Chairperson of the Board.

Chairperson Powers requested nominations for Board Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Sebolt nominated Mr. Robert Walker for Vice-Chairperson of the Board.

Chairperson Powers asked for any further nominations. There being none, it was moved by Mr. Sebolt and seconded by Mr. Gustafson to close the nominations and direct the County Clerk to cast a unanimous vote for Mr. Walker as Vice-Chairperson of the County Board. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Chairperson Powers presented the Board of Commissioners' Rules of Procedure for review. *(He pointed out Section 23 of the Rules of Procedure which notes the role of the County Commissioners and encouraged all members to be sure and read that).* Once adopted, the rules will be placed on file in the County Clerk's Office and the Administrator's office and posted in the Board Conference Room.

Mr. Sobie noted two minor changes to the Rules of Procedures from the previous version. The first is the County Board meeting schedule. Meetings are usually held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month; however, the first meeting in April of 2019 will be held on **Tuesday, April 9** to comply with the State Tax Commission's 2019 Property Tax, Collections and Equalization Calendar. The second minor change is that each committee will be considered as a "Committee of the Whole". There will still be a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson, but all County Board members will be part of the committee. This will allow, when needed, for a few board members to meet without violating the Open Meetings Act.

There being no comments or changes, it was moved by Mr. Sebolt and seconded by Mr. Byl to adopt the Oceana County Board of Commissioners' Rules of Procedure as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Chairperson Powers reminded all Board members that when they attend meetings such as a township, village, city board meeting, they are there representing themselves, unless there is something that the County Board acted on that is being discussed.

Chairperson Powers designated the following Committees and assigned a Chairperson to each of them respectively as follows:

Finance and Equalization Committee

- Chairperson – Larry Byl
- Vice Chairperson – Dean Gustafson
- Members – All Other Members of the Board of Commissioners

Personnel and Licensing and Inspection Services Committee

- Chairperson – Dean Gustafson
- Vice Chairperson – Robert Walker
- Members – All Other Members of the Board of Commissioners

Planning and Environmental Services Committee

- Chairperson – Martha Meyette
- Vice Chairperson – James Brown
- Members – All Other Members of the Board of Commissioners

Health and Human Services and Parks and Recreation Committee

- Chairperson – Andrew Sebolt
- Vice Chairperson – Larry Byl
- Members – All Other Members of the Board of Commissioners

Buildings, Grounds and Insurance Committee

- Chairperson – James Brown
- Vice Chairperson – Martha Meyette
- Members – All Other Members of the Board of Commissioners

Law and Safety Committee

- Chairperson – Robert Walker
- Vice Chairperson – Andrew Sebolt
- Members – All Other Members of the Board of Commissioners

The 2019 Meeting Structure and Schedule for the Oceana County Board of Commissioners was adopted at the December 20, 2018 Board meeting.

Chairperson Powers recommended the following appointments:

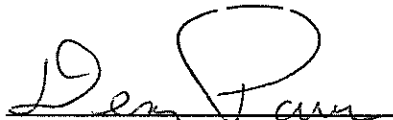
- Chairperson Powers appointed Commissioner Sebolt to the Oceana County Parks and Recreation Commission for one-year effective January 1, 2019.

- Chairperson Powers appointed Commissioner Meyette and himself to the **District Health Department #10 Board** and appointed Commissioner Gustafson as an Alternate to the **District Health Department #10 Board of Health** for one-year effective January 1, 2019.
- Chairperson Powers appointed himself as the Board of Commissioners' liaison to the Oceana County **Department of Health and Human Services Board** for one-year effective January 1, 2019.
- Chairperson Powers appointed Commissioner Sebolt as the Board of Commissioners' liaison to the Oceana County **Board of Road Commissioners** for one-year effective January 1, 2019.
- Chairperson Powers appointed Commissioner Sebolt as the Board of Commissioners' liaison to the Oceana County **Department of Veterans' Affairs** for one-year effective January 1, 2019.
- For all **Lake Improvement Boards**, Chairperson Powers appointed the commission member representing the commission district in which the lake is located for one-year effective January 1, 2019.

Chairperson Powers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the Organizational Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.


 Rebecca J. Griffin, County Clerk

1-24-19
 Date


 Mr. Powers, Chairperson

