

§ 2-8 Legislative power.

All legislative power of the Township shall be exercised by the Township Committee pursuant to law.

§ 2-9 Organization; election of Mayor.

The Township Committee shall organize annually on the first day of January, or during the first seven days of January, at which time it will elect from among its members a Chairman who shall be known as "Mayor" and a Vice Chairman who, in the absence or disability of the Chairman, shall have the powers and duties of the Chairman and shall be known as the "Acting Mayor." The Mayor shall preside at meetings of the Township Committee and perform such other duties as the Township Committee may prescribe. In the absence of the Mayor or Acting Mayor, the Committee shall elect a temporary presiding officer.

§ 2-10 Powers of Mayor.

The Mayor shall have the power to make proclamations concerning holidays and events of interest to the Township. He may from time to time appoint citizens' committees to inquire into matters that are of interest to the Township, and he shall have such other appointive powers as are conferred upon him by law. He shall have and exercise the ceremonial power of the Township and he shall exercise every other power usually exercised by Township Mayors and conferred upon him by law.

§ 2-11 Township Committee meetings.

- A. Regular meetings. The Township Committee shall meet annually on the first day of January or during the first seven days of January in any year, and such other meetings or adjourned meetings at such time and place as it may direct by resolution. All regular meetings shall be held within the Township.
- B. Special meetings. A special meeting may be called at any time upon request of a majority of the members of the Township Committee. The request for a special meeting shall specify the purpose of the meeting, and no business shall be transacted at any special meeting other than that specified. The call for a special meeting shall be filed with the Clerk and served upon each Committee member, as hereinafter provided, at least 24 hours prior to the time for which the meeting is called. The Police Department shall cooperate with the Clerk in effectuating service of notices. Upon waiver of notice by all members of the Township Committee, a special meeting may be held without prior notice notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection.

§ 2-12 Open public meetings; rules of procedure.

All regular and special meetings of the Township Committee shall be open to the public. The rules of procedure to be followed for the conduct of business of the Committee shall be provided by resolution. Where not otherwise provided, Roberts Rules of Order, revised, shall govern, and the Township Attorney shall be parliamentary ex officio.^[1]

[1] *Editor's Note: Original Sec. 2-4.6, Township Committee Conferences, which immediately followed this section, was deleted 12-27-2005 by Ord. No. O-05-48.*

§ 2-13 Quorum.

A majority of the whole number of members of the Township Committee shall constitute a quorum, and no ordinance shall be adopted by the Township Committee without the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of the Committee. If a quorum is not present one hour after the appointed time for any meeting, those members present may declare the meeting adjourned.

§ 2-14 Voting; ordinances.

The vote upon every resolution or ordinance shall be taken by roll call and the yeas and nays shall be entered in the minutes. All ordinances shall be introduced, considered, published, reconsidered and enacted in the manner provided by general law.

§ 2-15 Consent agenda.

- A. Items of business, excluding ordinances and as otherwise provided by law, which the Township Committee, at a pre-meeting conference or workshop, has determined to be routine and which do not require discussion shall be included under a single section of the agenda known as the "consent agenda." Such items may be adopted or approved, as the case may be, upon motion and approval thereof by vote of a simple majority of the Township Committee.

- B.** The "consent agenda" section of the meeting agenda shall be preceded by an explanatory note substantially set forth as follows:

"All matters listed under item "Consent Agenda" are considered routine by the Township Committee and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired of any item, that item will be considered separately."