

Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

October 8, 2024

IN-PERSON MEETING

BOS WORK SESSION

Supervisors Present: Bill Ryker, Pete Kade, Jim Hopkins, Dave Long and Lorna Yearwood.

Also present: Rich Pursell (Township Manager/Public Works Director) & Scott MacNair Esq. (Township Solicitor).

Mr. Ryker called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Ryker advised there will be an executive session held after the meeting to discuss personnel and litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Jeff & Amy Koch, 3756 Lehnberg Road, wanted to speak on the driveway litigation matter happening on Lehnberg Road. Chair Ryker advised it is pending litigation the Board is aware of and not sure we can discuss it at this time. Mr. Koch asked if he could ask a few questions. He questioned the state of the pending zoning application. Solicitor MacNair stated the permit reviewed by engineer and being reviewed by the zoning officer. The engineer is requesting more information. Solicitor MacNair stated the Township is doing what they can to facilitate a decision in the civil case, including correspondence to the judge. Solicitor MacNair stated ideally the parties need to work on a settlement agreement.

BUSINESS ITEMS

BOS/PLPB Joint Meeting Discussion – Mr. Frank Hollenbach, Chair of PLPB, was present. Discussion about on-going projects PLPB has been working on and things that have recently been completed. Resolution 2018-4 (about memorial benches) was on a previous agenda in 2018 but never passed or mentioned in the minutes. PLPB will review the updated resolution to bring back to the BOS at a future date. Manager Pursell stated there is an item on the agenda for later this evening regarding the purchase of brush hog mower. Manager Pursell advised the Township is allowed to use 25% of net income from open space fund towards park maintenance such as mowing and equipment. That is in the budget for this year (2024) as a line item therefore that is where the brush hog money will be coming from. Manager Pursell advised the Board discussed that the breakdown of Road Crew hours for park maintenance will no longer be needed. It was also decided to provide PLPB with the finances quarterly instead of monthly.

Donation Acceptance for Police - We are in receipt of a \$1,000.00 donation from Gasket Goons for the police department. The Chief purchased additional cones for the Police Department with this donation. Ms. Yearwood questioned if the donation goes towards overtime for the police to be at the event the response was no. Motion by Mr. Ryker seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously approved to acknowledge the donation of \$1,000.00 from Gasket Goons.

Authorization to Advertise 2025 Budget - An updated, balanced budget was sent out to Board of Supervisors. Motion made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously approved to advertise the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget as presented.

Resolution 2024-18 Statewide Local Share Account Grant - Motion made by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kade, unanimously approved to adopt **Resolution 2024-18**, for the Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant moving forward with \$141,301.14 for new police vehicles.

Resolution 2024-19 Resolution for Plan Revision for New Land Development – Renda - Resolution needs to be adopted enabling the sewage facilities planning module to be submitted to PADEP for review. Motion

by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Ryker, and unanimously approved to adopt **Resolution #2024-19** for plan revision for new land development, which enables the sewage facilities planning module to be submitted to PADEP.

Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance 2024-208 Imposition of Attorney Fees - Consideration of the adoption of Ordinance 2024-208 – Authorizing the imposition of Attorney’s Fees in connection with the collection of delinquent municipal claims and accounts. Solicitor MacNair stated this deals with tax liens, municipal liens or claims. Attorney fee of \$250 to cover preparation of claims and entire fee schedule as costs of claims increases and amount of work regarding the claim increases. This public notice was advertised October 1st, 2024 in the Intelligencer. Now is the time to allow for public comment regarding Ordinance 208. Seeing none, Solicitor MacNair passed it to the Board of Supervisors for a vote. Motion made by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kade, and unanimously approved to adopt **Ordinance 2024-208** Authorizing the imposition of Attorney’s Fees in connection with the collection of delinquent municipal claims and accounts.

Purchase of Bush Hog Mower – Manager Pursell advised this was referenced earlier. There are two quotes for a mower capable of mowing the open space at Peppermint Park. The main difference between the two quotes is the cutting width. One is a 15’ cutting width and the other is a 20” cutting width. As a reminder this will be paid for out of the open space account under park maintenance and these bids are through co-stars. Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kade, unanimously approved to authorize the purchase of a 15-foot bush hog through Ag-Industrial Inc, at the co-stars’ price of \$26,459.10.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Schadt, Pleasant Hollow Road, asked for a copy of the entertainment venue ordinance. The solicitor said there is no ordinance draft as it is just a conceptual draft. Mr. Schadt was urged to come to the public meeting discussed next on 10/22/24 when the board will discuss further.

Mr. Frank Hollenbach, Rocky Valley Road, thanked the Public Works Department for assisting in making the parking lot at Passer Community Center larger.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Jim Hopkins stated there is a BCATO meeting tomorrow at County Emergency Services that he will be attending.

Mr. Pete Kade stated the Springtown Water Authority will spruce up the fire hydrants. They will be power washed and painted. Springtown Water Authority also wants to paint the pump station located in the parking lot at Springtown Fire Company as well as give public water access should there be an emergency or disaster. Next Springtown Water Authority meeting is November 18, 2024.

Ms. Lorna Yearwood stated the Thriving Earth Exchange grant is progressing and they will meet again on Thursday. Ms. Yearwood stated she was going to try to arrange a meeting with a previous supervisor from West Rockhill Township regarding installation of solar panels at the Township building. Emergency management training through PSATS is coming up and she was trying to get Mr. McGuire, EMC, engaged in the training.

Mr. Bill Ryker reminded everyone October 12th is EAC E-waste recycling event.

Mr. Dave Long stated he was working with Ms. Gerhart on the proposed property maintenance code. It will be on an agenda for a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Kade, seconded Mr. Hopkins, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Gerhart
Secretary

