

Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

October 26, 2021

IN-PERSON MEETING - VIRTUAL OPTION AVAILABLE

Supervisors Present: Jim Nilsen, Tony Matzura, Raymond Kade, Jim Hopkins and Bill Ryker.

Also present: Jason Wager (Township Manager), Colleen Pursell (Secretary / Treasurer), Mike McDonald (Police Chief), Rich Pursell (Roadmaster), Scott MacNair, Esq. (Township Solicitor) and Tim Fulmer (Township Engineer).

Mr. Nilsen called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

An executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss police collective bargaining.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Kade, seconded by Mr. Hopkins and unanimously carried approving the September 14, 2021 minutes.

Motion by Mr. Kade, seconded by Mr. Hopkins and unanimously carried approving the September 28, 2021 minutes.

Bills

(September 25, 2021 – October 20, 2021)

General Fund	\$118,425.18	Open Space Fund	\$0
Capital Reserve Fund	\$52,057.00	Liquid Fuels Fund	\$49,803.56
Escrows	\$10,078.22	Street Light Fund	\$514.01

Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried approving payment of bills from September 25, 2021 – October 20, 2021.

Reports

Road Department – The Board reviewed the Road Department report as presented.

Road hours September 21, 2021 – October 19, 2021

Road Maintenance	316 hours	Equipment Maintenance	35 hours
Building Maintenance	14 hours	Sign Maintenance	2 hours
Roadside Mowing	76 hours	Park Maintenance	16 hours
Admin	41 hours	Winter Maintenance	165 hours

Police Department – Chief McDonald advised the Board that during the month of September there were 229 calls of service. Pennsylvania State Police covered 67 of these calls. At the Board’s request, Chief McDonald established a list of roadways within the Township that may be appropriate to have restricted vehicle lengths posted due to the curvature of the roadway or other dangerous components. The list included: Banko Lane, Blue Church Road, Bodder Road, Buckwampum Road, Cherry Road, Chestnut Road, Clay Avenue, County Line Road, Deer Trail Road, Drifting Drive, Ebert Road, Flint Hill Road, Funks Mill Road, Grouse Lane, Gruversville Road, Haults Bridge Road (upper/lower), Highpoint Road, Hunter Road, Kunsman

Road, Maple Road, Parkland Road, Passer Road, Pleasant View Road, Quarry Road, Rocky Valley Road, Sideline Road, Tumblebrook Road and Winding Road. It should be noted some of these roadways are shared with other municipalities. Additionally, some roads in the Township were not included since they already have restricted vehicle lengths. The Board requested that Mr. Wager and Chief McDonald follow up with the Township Engineer for additional evaluation.

Treasurer – The Board reviewed the treasurer’s report and financials as presented.

Fund Balances as of September 30, 2021

General Fund	\$1,546,746	Liquid Fuels	\$342,375
Open Space	\$1,024,781	Street Light	\$4,522
Escrow	\$556,739	Special Fees	\$391
Capital Reserve	\$262,261	Sewer Maint Escrow	\$85,525
COVID Relief	\$263,400		

Manager/Zoning – Mr. Wager stated that from 09/23/2021 – 10/21/2021, there were 63 total permits (28 OLDS septic pumpings and 6 U&O inspections). The Historic Commission and Mr. Wager completed an inspection at 1746 Route 309, at the approval of the homeowner. On 10/12/2021 the Township had a meeting with Systems Net to discuss Vita/Cyber Security. On 10/18/2021 Mr. Wager and Ms. Corona attended a Zoning Hearing Board for an applicant seeking non-conforming use for a diesel repair business in the Agriculture District. Additionally, admin participated in PEMA’s Applicant’s Briefing for Tropical Storm Ida which is a prerequisite for our Public Assistance Application.

Mr. Wager advised that the Township has received a quote from JF Landscaping, Inc. for repairs needed on Haptops Bridge Road and requested the Board add this item to the agenda. Motion by Mr. Kade, seconded by Mr. Ryker and unanimously carried the Board approved adding the JF Landscaping Inc. quote to the agenda. Mr. Fulmer provided the Board with an overview of the scope of work to be completed on Haptops Bridge Road including repairs to the bridge due to Tropical Storm Ida.

Motion by Mr. Kade, seconded by Mr. Ryker and unanimously carried the Board approved the JF Landscaping, Inc. quote in the amount of \$8,840, with the total cost not to exceed \$10,000, should additional material or labor be needed.

Solicitor’s Report – Mr. MacNair provided an update on the Collective Bargaining Agreement. A neutral arbitrator has been selected and his first available date for arbitration is May 2, 2022. He also gave a brief update on the Ryan Scheetz Land Development. Additionally, Mr. Wager advised that the Forestry Zoning Ordinance Amendment will be placed on the November agenda.

The Board requested Mr. Fulmer address the Township’s input on the traffic at the Route 309 and Springfield Street intersection for sight distance and radii. It was noted that this would need to be addressed by PennDOT. The information collected will be forwarded to Mr. MacNair to present to the Board at the Quarry Hearing.

Engineer Report – The Board reviewed the Township Engineer report as posted. Mr. Fulmer provided the Board with an update on the drainage /storm related problems incurred from Tropical Storm Ida. At this time, the biggest projects are on Bridge Street and Pleasant View. A site visit was conducted at both locations to address long term mitigation. Additionally, the Board advised Mr. Fulmer of water concerns in the lower level of the municipal complex.

Mr. Fulmer gave an overview on Springfield Township's participation in the Bucks County Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Each municipality was required to establish and submit a project to complete, within the next five years, as part of the process. Peppermint Road was added into the plan since it was already on the Township's list for mitigation.

ABC's Reports / Updates

EAC – Report as posted. Mr. Wager advised that the E-Waste Collection Event was successful. They received \$1,047 in donations. The EAC directed us to make a \$150 donation to the Springtown Volunteer Fire Company - Fire Police for their assistance at the event.

Park & Land Preservation Board – Frank Hollenbach advised that Kevin Boyd met with the Eagle Scout (Nicholas Gawronski) and determined the best location for the pavilion at Peppermint Park. The Park and Land Preservation Board have been working with the Appalachian Mountain Club and secured a \$1,000.00 donation for the replacement of the dinosaur sign on the rail trail.

Public Comment

None

Business

Authorization to Sell 2001 Ford F350, Spreader and Plow on Muncibid – Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried approving the sale of the 2001 Ford F350 pick-up truck with plow and spreader via Muncibid at a minimum bid price of \$1,000.00.

Authorization to Sell Snow Plow on Muncibid – Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried approving the sale of the 11' snow plow via Muncibid at the minimum bid price of \$100.00.

Approval of Conveyor Purchase (Insurance Claim) – Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried approving the purchase of two (2) new conveyors that will be reimbursed through insurance claims, less the \$2,000.00 deductible, and further authorize the Township Manager to sign all associated documents.

Acceptance of Police Donation – Motion by Mr. Kade, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, which carried 4-0, with Mr. Ryker abstaining due to his association with Silver Creek, the Board acknowledges a donation to the police department from Gasket Goons, PA totaling \$1,000.00.

America 250PA Resolution 2021-10 – Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried adopting Resolution 2021-10- Supporting the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America 250PA).

Tropical Depression Ida: Agent Designation for Disaster Relief Resolution 2021-11 – Motion by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Mr. Matzura and unanimously carried adopting Resolution 2021-11- Authorizing Jason Wager, Township Manager to execute all required forms and documents for Public Assistance related to Tropical Depression Ida.

Adopting the 2021 Bucks County Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution 2021-12 – Motion by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Mr. Hopkins and unanimously carried adopting Resolution 2021-12- Adopting the 2021 Bucks County Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

Accepting/Rejecting Comprehensive Plan Bids – Mr. Hopkins advised the Township has received seven (7) bids for the update to the Comprehensive Plan as per the RFP posted on Pennbid. Bids were received from the following firms – Simone Collins, HRG, Bergmann, Michael Baker, Sarcinello, Hawk Valley and POLITY. Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried accepting the Comprehensive Plan bids which were received through Pennbid and to begin the process of establishing a Comprehensive Plan Committee to review the submissions for consideration.

2022 Budget Discussion – Mr. Wager advised that the Board held a budget work session, as advertised, on October 19, 2021. The main items discussed were Use of ARPA Funds, Capital Replacement Plan, Pension Funding, Emergency Services, Rate of Inflation and Cost of Maintaining Road Infrastructure. The Board will be holding their next budget work session on November 16, 2021 at 4pm to fine tune and wrap up the budget.

Public Comment

None

Correspondence

The Board received the PSATS Boot Camp Brochure.

Supervisor Comments

Mr. Nilsen advised that the Board received the 100 Year PSATS Commemorative Book.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kade, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen M. Pursell
Secretary / Treasurer