

Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

August 10, 2021

IN-PERSON - VIRTUAL OPTION AVAILABLE

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

Also present: Scott MacNair, Esq. (Township Solicitor) and Jason Wager (Township Manager).

Mr. Nilsen called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

An executive session was held after the previous meeting on July 27, 2021 to discuss police collective bargaining.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

No public comment was given.

Business

Fire Police Appointment – David Wolfinger was sworn in as Fire Police with the Springtown Volunteer Fire Company.

Authorization of Escrow Release #1 (Traditions of America) – Motion by Mr. Kade, seconded by Mr. Ryker and unanimously carried, the Board authorizes the reduction in the bond issued by Arch Insurance Company (known as Escrow Release # 1) in the amount of \$482,238.22 for the Traditions of America – Locust Valley Subdivision. This is for improvements completed which has been verified by Wynn Associates per a memo dated August 6, 2021 and further authorize the Township Manager to sign the reduction letter.

PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Police Study – Mr. Wager presented the Board with the DCED Police Study Peer-To-Peer Technical Assistance Articles of Agreement. The agreement was reviewed by Mr. MacNair who stated that DCED shall have full control over the preparation of, amendment of, final production of, and release of such document.

Motion by Mr. Kade, seconded by Mr. Nilsen and unanimously carried, the Board authorizes the Township Manager to execute the DCED Peer-To-Peer Technical Assistance Articles of Agreement.

FY2022 Budget Requests

Springtown Volunteer Fire Company – Jay Fuggiti, Treasurer, gave the Board an overview of their budget, personnel and 2020/2021 highlights. The fire company currently has 43 active members and 26 available firefighters. The 2022 budget request was submitted for review.

Upper Bucks Regional EMS – Chief Ryan Pankoe, Executive Director, gave the Board an overview of their incident types, personnel and budget. The 2022 budget request was submitted for review.

Conditional Use Hearing

Solicitor, Scott MacNair, Esq., commenced the continued conditional use hearing. The hearing was held in person at the Springtown Fire Hall and made available via Zoom, telephone call and radio broadcast. The continued hearing commenced with the Applicant calling Mark Roth of McMahan Transportation Engineers & Planners. He was qualified as an expert witness in the area of traffic engineering. He provided testimony concerning his Transportation Impact Study for the Proposed Center Valley Materials Quarry (Exhibit A-3). The data relied upon for the proposed use is based on data from H&K Group's quarry in Hilltown Township. He concluded that the quarry use will have no significant impact on the traffic at Springfield Street and

Route 309. Mr. Roth explained that growth rates are accounted for in the traffic impact study. In addition, he investigated other traffic levels on Springfield Street and accounted for the truck terminal parking use and bus depot uses that exist in proximity to the site. Mr. Roth advised that PennDOT's level of service (LOS) would not be significantly impacted by the proposed quarry operation. He employed the use of a computer software program known as SYNCHRO to evaluate the various factors involved to assess the impacts on traffic. With respect to the morning and afternoon peak hour, the level of service for Springfield Street will remain at a LOS C or improve from a LOS D to a LOS C. The improvement is the result of traffic signal optimization.

The Board of Supervisors announced that the next conditional use hearing would be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Public Comment

Pete Jones, 1876 Salem Road, commented that there were some sound issues during the meeting and the video picture was out of focus.

Supervisor Comments

No supervisor comment was given.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Matzura and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason A. Wager
Township Manager