Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

March 8, 2022

IN-PERSON - VIRTUAL OPTION AVAILABLE

Supervisors Present: Jim Hopkins, Tony Matzura, Jim Nilsen (virtual) and Bill Ryker.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment was given.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Ratify Appointment of Deputy Tax Collector, Resolution 2022-07 – Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Nilsen and unanimously carried, adopting Resolution 2022-07 Acknowledging the Appointment of Deputy Tax Collector Amie Benner.

RMS Environmental – Additional Work Approval – Motion by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Mr. Matzura and unanimously carried, authorizing RMS to complete additional work including the review of Val Britton's testimony and the Clean Air Council Report at a cost to exceed \$2,000.

Motion by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Matzura and unanimously carried, amending the agenda.

Motion by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Mr. Matzura and unanimously carried, adding the Acceptance of Resignation of Kathryn Corona to the agenda.

Acceptance of Resignation of Kathryn Corona - Motion by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Matzura and unanimously carried, accepting the resignation of Permit Coordinator / Administrative Assistant Kathryn Corona, effective April 8, 2022.

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. Peter Jones continued his testimony and was subject to cross examination by Joseph LaFlamme, Esq. The Clean Air Council then called Amy Parrish as its next witness. Ms. Parrish was qualified as an expert in the areas of geology, hydrogeology and hydrogeologic modeling. She provided testimony concerning her review of Val Britton's report and findings. Ms. Parrish testified that Mr. Britton's report was not reliable due to a number of factors, including, but not limited to how his model was constructed, sensitivity of the parameters, use of a flawed boundary parameter and the lack of field data. Ms. Parrish concluded that wells located in the vicinity of the proposed quarries are at risk of impact once operations commence. She also testified that hydrogeologic features such as wetlands could be affected due to drawdown projected for the zone of influence. Ms. Parrish also provided opinions concerning how Mr. Britton's modeling could be improved.

The Board of Supervisors announced that the next conditional use hearing would be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. The hearing was adjourned at approximately 9:58 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given.

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OTHER BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Hopkins stated that the BCATO Annual Conference was held virtually on February 26, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Matzura, seconded by Mr. Ryker and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason A. Wager **Township Manager**