

Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

May 10, 2022

IN-PERSON - VIRTUAL OPTION AVAILABLE

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

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

Mr. Hopkins called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment was given.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Palisades High School STEM Club – The Palisades High School STEM Club was unable to attend the meeting to formally receive their Certificate of Appreciation Award in recognition of their participation in the Tree Planting Project at Peppermint Park on April 22, 2022.

Request for Fire Police – Haycock Township / Milford Township – Motion by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried authorizing the use of Springtown Fire Company Fire Police at the Independence Triathlon on May 15, the Steelman Triathlon on August 7, 2022 at Nockamixon State Park and at the Milford Township Volunteer Fire Company Annual Carnival scheduled for June 21, 2022 – June 25, 2022.

Donation Acceptance for Police – Motion by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried acknowledging the donation of \$1,500 from the Rosses to use as the police see fit.

Donation Acceptance for Poly Tanks – Motion by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried acknowledging the donation of a 300-gallon poly tank on a skid from Pete Jones and a 550-gallon poly tank from Jerry Fritz for on-site water at Peppermint Park.

PennDOT – Request for Hidden Driveway Sign – The consensus of the Board was to table the discussion.

Municipal Building – HVAC Improvements – The consensus of the Board was to have Joel Petty Architecture establish HVAC specifications and the scope for a HVAC RFP.

UBREMS Facility on Township Property – The consensus of the Board was to table the discussion.

Update / Authorization of Phone System – Motion by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Ryker and unanimously carried accepting the quote from Systems Net for the municipal building phone system which includes equipment, software and installation, with the product costs being waived provided the current Avaya system is provided to Systems Net prior to implementation and further authorize the Township Manager to sign all paperwork necessary to complete the project.

Venue for Conditional Use Hearing – The consensus of the Board was to move the Board of Supervisor Meetings / Conditional Use Hearings from the Springtown Volunteer Fire Company to the Municipal Building Meeting Room.

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 Clean Air Council called James A. Schmid as its next witness. Mr. Schmid provided testimony concerning his education, training and experience. He was qualified as an expert witness in the areas of ecology and geography. Mr. Schmid performed a site visit to the perimeter of the property in March of 2021 and gathered information and data. Mr. Schmid testified concerning general characteristics and properties associated with wetlands. He also testified concerning the geology of the property and surrounding area. Mr. Schmid explained how he identifies wetlands and testified concerning other environmental resources, including streams and forest areas. He provided his opinion concerning the impacts of the proposed quarry on the wetlands, streams, forest, endangered species and other natural resources. Ultimately, Mr. Schmid concluded that H&K Group's application is incomplete for failing to properly identify various environmental resources.

The Board of Supervisors announced that the next conditional use hearing would be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Building. The hearing was adjourned at approximately 10:40 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathryn Urbanowicz asked how much room is there for members of the public at the Township Building.

OTHER BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Matzura stated that Primary Election Day is coming up.

Mr. Nilsen advised that Trinity Lutheran Church will be the voting location for those residing in the western district.

Mr. Ryker stated that he encourages residents to subscribe to the monthly e-blast newsletter.

Mr. Hopkins stated that we will be holding focus group meetings for the Comprehensive Plan. The meeting dates can be found posted on the website and voting locations.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Nilsen seconded by Mr. Ryker and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason A. Wager
Township Manager