

Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

December 13, 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 Rich Pursell (Township Manager).

Mr. Hopkins called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Hopkins announced there was an executive session held before the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no comment on non-agenda items.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Township Administrative Update – Mr. Hopkins, Chair, gave an update on the personnel changes that have happened at the Township including the new manager, Mr. Rich Pursell. Chair update available on Township website.

BCATO Annual Conference – The 2023 BCATO Annual Conference will take place on Saturday, February 25, 2023. It was discussed whether any of the Board of Supervisors will attend.

Employment Agreement – Mr. Pursell would like to continue his part time employment with Bridgeton Township as Roadmaster in conjunction with his role here. Motion by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Mr. Nilsen and unanimously carried by the board allowing Mr. Pursell to continue his employment with Bridgeton Township.

Resolution 2022-22 Designation of Agent (FEMA) – Motion made by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Kade, and unanimously carried by the board adopting **Resolution 2022-22** appointing Manager/Public Works Director Richard Pursell as the Designation of Agent for FEMA.

MOU for Finance and Budgeting Consulting – Motion made by Mr. Kade, Seconded by Mr. Ryker, unanimously carrying the memorandum of understanding with Jason Wager as the Finance and Budgeting Consultant, and further authorize the Boards Chair and Township Manager to sign all associated paperwork. This agreement would expire when the Township deems the consulting is no longer needed.

Setting Township Meeting Dates and Times for 2023 – Township Reorganization meeting is January 3, 2023 at 7 p.m. The ABC's schedule and BOS meeting schedule will be advertised in the local newspaper and as always posted on the Township website.

Barry Isett Professional Service Agreement – Motion made by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Kade, and unanimously carried authorizing the execution of the Professional Service Agreement between Barry Isett and Associates and Springfield Township per the letter dated November 30, 2022 and further authorize the Township Manager to sign all associated documents. This agreement will allow Barry Isett and Associates to help as needed with Zoning and Code Enforcement Services in Springfield Township in addition to the services they are already providing.

Bucks County Co-Responder Program – Motion made by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Mr. Nilsen and unanimously carried to authorize the Springfield Township Police Department to join the Bucks County Co-Responder Program for the two-year trial period and authorize the Board Chair to sign all associated documents.

CONDITIONAL USE HEARING

Solicitor, Scott MacNair, Esq., commenced the continued conditional use hearing. The hearing was held in person at the Springfield Township Building and made available via Zoom. The Supervisors continued with questions of Matthew Mercuri concerning his review of Val Britton's hydrogeology report and related issues. Following Matthew Mercuri's testimony, William Oetinger, Esq., the Township's special counsel, called Timothy Fulmer, Springfield Township's Engineer as his next witness. Mr. Fulmer provided testimony concerning the Route 309 and Springfield Street intersection. Specifically, Mr. Fulmer was qualified as an expert in the area of civil engineering and advised that he reviewed road width issues and the horizontal alignment of the intersection. He then evaluated turning movements and specifically whether vehicles turning onto northbound Route 309 from Springfield Street could negotiate the turn without having to cross into the northbound left lane of travel. He formed the opinion that larger vehicles could not appropriately negotiate the turn. He provided testimony concerning proposed improvements to the intersection, including moving the guardrail and increasing the road width. He also advised that prohibiting a right turn on red from Springfield Street onto northbound Route 309 would make the intersection safer. Joseph LaFlamme, Esq. presented rebuttal evidence. Mr. LaFlamme first called Timothy Woodrow as his first witness. Mr. Woodrow was qualified as an expert in the areas of civil engineering, hydraulics, floodplain identification and analysis and hydrology. He testified concerning his floodplain identification study and noted two areas of waters not marked on the FEMA maps. He supplied the opinion that the 100 year floodplain will have no impact on the proposed use of the property. He did acknowledge that discharge of water by the quarry operation onto the surface could affect floodplain impacts.

The Board of Supervisors announced that the next conditional use hearing would be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. The hearing was adjourned at approximately 10:20 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment given.

OTHER BOARD COMMENTS

There was none given.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Kade, seconded by Mr. Nilsen, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Gerhart
Secretary