

**Board of Supervisors**

**MINUTES**

**September 12, 2023**

**BOS WORK SESSION: IN-PERSON & CONDITIONAL USE**

**Supervisors Present:** Anthony Matzura, Pete Kade, Jim Nilsen, James Hopkins, Bill Ryker.

**Also present:** Scott MacNair, Esq. (Township Solicitor), Lisa Gerhart (Secretary) and Rich Pursell (Township Manager/Public Works Director).

Mr. Matzura, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Matzura announced an executive session was held before the meeting to discuss personnel/ litigation issues and that they will continue to meet after the meeting in executive session.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Allen Miller, 2315 Township Road, stated he is against the cell phone tower and the proposed location on Township property.

Mr. Ed Giera, 2332 Kunsman Road, questioned the lease the Township signed regarding the proposed cell tower.

Ms. Lorna Yearwood, Woodbyne Road, stated she is disappointed that BOS ended Zoom meetings. Mr. Kade advised Zoom is costly and the cost/benefit did not make sense for 1-2 people per Zoom meeting.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Authorization of Knights of Columbus Jack-O-Lantern 5k & 10k** – Motion made by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Kade and anonymously approved authorizing the use of the Springfield Township Upper Bucks Rail Trail section for the 5k & 10k Jack-O-Lantern run sponsored by the Knights of Columbus-Quakertown scheduled for September 30, 2023, from 6:30am to 11:00am.

**Hiring of new Public Works Equipment Operator / Laborer / Driver** - Interviews have been completed for the Public Works Equipment Operator / Laborer / Driver Position. An offer was made to PJ Mulhall. Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Matzura and unanimously approve the job offer to Mr. PJ Mulhall as the Public Works Equipment Operator / Laborer / Driver at the hourly rate of \$23.50/hour with a start date of September 18, 2023.

**Acceptance of 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO)** - This is a yearly requirement and needs to be authorized/accepted by the Board at a public meeting by September 30th. Manager Pursell will sign as the Pension Administrator. Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Ryker, and unanimously approved to accept the 2024 MMO's as presented by the Township Manager and authorize the Manager as Pension Administrator to sign the MMO's for the Police Pension Plan (\$141,846) and Non-Uniform Pension(\$62,865) Plan.

**Resolution 2023-15 Municipal Assistance Program** – Resident, Mr. Dave Long, Drifting Drive, has approached Manager Pursell about a grant application for the Comprehensive plan. Motion made by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Nilsen and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 2023-15, authorizing an application to the Municipal Assistance Program for a possible grant on the Comprehensive Plan, and furthermore authorizing the Township Manager to sign all paperwork necessary to complete the agreement.

**Conditional Use Hearing – 3100 School Road (Haycock Ministries) -**

Solicitor Scott MacNair, Esq., commenced the conditional use hearing regarding Haycock Ministries located at 3100 School Road. The hearing was held in person at the Springtown Fire Company for which there was a court reporter present to transcribe the hearing. The hearing was initially scheduled to be held at the Township building, but based on the anticipated turnout, the venue was changed to the Springtown Fire Company. The Township website was posted with the change of venue and the Township building was also posted with the change of venue. The Board of Supervisors first addressed requests for party status. The Applicant then presented its first witness, David Stiansen, the Executive Director of Haycock Camping Ministries. Mr. Stiansen was subject to cross examination following his direct testimony.

The Board of Supervisors announced the next conditional use hearing would be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the same location – Springtown Fire Company. The hearing was adjourned at approximately 10:05 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was given.

**OTHER BOARD COMMENTS**

There were no board member comments given.

**ADJOURNMENT**

An executive session will be held after the public meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Ryker, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Gerhart  
Secretary