



WARRINGTON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 16, 2014

ATTENDANCE

Gerald B. Anderson, Chairperson; John R. Paul, Vice Chairperson; Marianne Achenbach, Secretary/Treasurer; Shirley A. Yannich, Member. Staff present was Timothy J. Tieperman, Township Manager; William H.R. Casey, Esq., Township Solicitor, Thomas A. Gockowski, Township Engineer, Barry Lubert, Chief Financial Officer and Barbara Livrone, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager.

MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Anderson opened the meeting and asked for a moment of silence, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION PRESENTATION – PET’S E XPRESS CAR WASH

Mr. Anderson formally recognized Pete’s Car Wash, an Oak (aka Gold) sponsor for Warrington Community Day held on September 27, 2014. Company representative Jeff Altringer was unable to attend the meeting but a plaque was presented and distributed to him at a later time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT:

Mr. Anderson announced there was a brief pre-meeting executive session to discuss personnel issues.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST:

1. December 9, 2014 – December 16, 2014: \$ 415,253.83

Mrs. Achenbach motioned, seconded by Mr. Paul, to approve the bill list from December 9, 2014 through December 16, 2014 totaling \$ 415,253.83. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2. November 11, 2014

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to approve the November 11, 2014 Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

MINUTES FOR POSTING:

3. December 9, 2014

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to approve the posting of the December 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT (*The Board will hear from any interested resident or taxpayer who would like to comment on an item not on this evening’s agenda. Respondents are asked to keep their comments to 3 minutes.*)

There was no public comment.

OLD BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS):

4. Consider adoption of Resolution approving the 2015 Final Budget, as required under article 23 (Taxation and Finance), Section 3202 (Annual Budget) of the Second Class Township Code.

Mr. Anderson stated the Board tabled adoption of the 2015 final budget pending resolution of some minor budget issues.

Mr. Tieperman affirmed that that Staff received no public inquiries regarding the 2015 Preliminary Budget, which had been available for public inspection beyond the required 20 day minimum. Mr. Luber reviewed also the updated 2015 All Funds Summary, showing a proposed \$35,096,731 operating and spending plan.

Mr. Luber explained the only difference between the preliminary and final were some line item changes to the Water/Sewer budget, namely an additional \$100,000 appropriation for added NWWA charges due to the temporary shutdown of some wells; and a \$485,000 appropriation for water system improvements.

There being no further comments, Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to approve the adoption of Resolution 2014-R-54 approving a final 2015 budget in the amount of \$35,096,731 and a 2015 tax levy of 12.84 mills. By roll call vote, the budget passed unanimously 4-0, Supervisor Hallowell being absent.

Mr. Anderson noted that the 2015 tax rate will remain unchanged and thanked both the Board and Staff for helping keep the Township's finances in check.

5. Consider adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 15 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic), Section 402 by changing parking limits on Kelly Road.

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 15 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic), Section 402 by changing parking limits on Kelly Road. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS):

6. Consider Bid Award for Residential Solid Waste Collection, Recycling & Disposal in the Willow Knoll Development and at various Township Facilities.

Mr. Anderson explained that the entire bidder for the Willow Knoll Trash bid had some discrepancies between both their paper and electronic bids. There, recommended that all the bids be rejected and rebid. Therefore, Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to reject all bids for the Residential Solid Waste Collection, Recycling & Disposal in the Willow Knoll Development and at various Township Facilities. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

7. Consider approval of \$11,534.00 credit change order for Penn Valley Pump Water Extension and Sewer Service.

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to approve the \$11,534 credit change order for Penn Valley Pump Water Extension and Sewer Service Project. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

8. Consider approval of \$1,914.68 credit change order for the Reconstruction of Palomino Park Tennis Courts.

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to approve the \$1,914.68 credit change order for the Reconstruction of Palomino Park Tennis Courts. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

9. MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Tieperman noted that all Board Members should have a copy of his 2015 Goals, which will serve as the basis of next year's Staff performance evaluations. Mr. Anderson stated he would hold a January workshop to discuss both the Manager's and Board's goals for next year.

10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Mr. Anderson distributed a draft copy of the January 5, 2015 Reorganization Agenda and asked all members to review it and get back to him with any proposed changes before it is posted. He noted also that the next Planning Department meeting is scheduled for January 6 and that the first regular BOS meeting in 2015 will be January 13.

11. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

a. Report on PA Act 80

Mr. Casey asked for the Board's authorization to advertise an Ordinance repealing all relevant sections of the Township's Code that regulates firearms. He explained that PA Act 80 preempts all local gun laws and these sections need to be repealed to avoid any potential lawsuit such as the one currently filed against Doylestown Borough. Mr. Anderson noted that the Bucks County Commissioners repealed its ordinances 6 months ago. Mr. Casey noted that the Commonwealth still has enforceable laws that govern firearms in the parks

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to authorize the legal advertisement of Ordinance amending the Township's Code of Ordinances to comply with Pennsylvania Act 80. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

12. ESCROW AND MAINTENANCE BOND RELEASES:

a. Meridian Escrow Release #5: \$66,169.59

Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to approve the Meridian Escrow Release #5 in the amount of \$66,169.59. The motion passed unanimously 3-0-1 with Mrs. Yannich abstaining since she is a Meridian resident.

b. Warrington Meadows Escrow Release #4: \$94,249.60

Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to approve the Warrington Meadows Escrow Release #4 in the amount of \$94,249.60. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

c. Valley Gate Escrow Release #13: \$968,088.94

Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to approve the Valley Gate Escrow Release #13 in the amount of \$968,088.94. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

13. EXTENSION REQUESTS: None

14. DEDICATION REQUESTS: None

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

Mr. Anderson asked Mr. Tieperman to have Staff inspect the mud accumulation at Valley Gate. He noticed a lot at the site when he drove by the property recently.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mrs. Achenbach, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Timothy J. Tieperman, Township Manager