



WARRINGTON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES FOR MARCH 10, 2015

ATTENDANCE

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Anderson opened the meeting and asked for a moment of silence, followed by a pledge to the flag.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION PRESENTATION – BUCKS COUNTY VETS

Mr. Paul presented a plaque to Mr. Russell Diamond of Bucks County Vets for its sponsorship of Warrington Day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

Mr. Anderson announced there was a short pre-meeting executive session pertaining to personnel issues.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST:

1. February 24, 2015 – March 10, 2015: \$ 778,718.05

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mrs. Yannich, to approve the bill list from February 24, 2015 through March 10, 2015 totaling \$ 778,718.05. By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2. February 10, 2015

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mrs. Yannich, to approve the February 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes. The motion passed 3-0-1, Mr. Anderson abstaining since he was not at the meeting.

MINUTES FOR POSTING:

3. February 24, 2015

Mr. Anderson motioned, seconded by Mr. Paul, to approve the posting of the February 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously 3-0-1, Mr. Hollowell abstaining since he was not at the meeting.

SPECIAL VIDEO PRESENTATION

Mr. Anderson presented a brief video from the Bucks County District Attorney's Office on the problems with heroin addiction in the County. He asked the Township Manager to place the video on Warrington's social media sites and cable channel.

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.)*

Mr. Ted Cicci (407 Prescott Court) said the Phillips Avenue street lights have been out now for six (6) weeks and asked for a status report.

Mr. Charles Rueger (1279 School Lane) expressed concerns over the current state of the Malcolm's property and the future plans for the Bristol/611 Loop Road and its impact on Park Road and his neighborhood. Mr. Anderson assured Mr. Rueger that he will be notified when the Loop Road Project (aka Highgrove Manor) is on a future agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

OLD BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS):

4. Consider approval of the Police Pension Plan Investment Policy.

Mr. Anderson explained that for an item that was tabled from a prior meeting, it must be voted on to continue discussion and action. He recommended that the Board take no action on agenda items 4 and 5 until the next meeting when Mrs. Achenbach, Supervisor liaison to the Pension Board, will be present. There being no discussion, the Board unanimously consented to not to vote on the Police Plan Investment Policy this evening.

5. Consider approval of the Non-Uniform Pension Plan Investment Policy.

See #4 above. There being no discussion, the Board unanimously consented not to vote on the Non-Uniform Pension Plan Investment Policy this evening.

6. Consider approval of the Warrington Avenue Construction and Escrow Agreement.

Mr. Anderson stated that the Board received a late communication from Prime Builders, requesting that the Warrington Avenue Construction and Escrow Agreement be removed from the agenda. The developer has decided to go through the formal subdivision process and apply for 10-lot subdivision. He stated that this course of action is what the Board had recommended in the first place. There being no discussion, the Board unanimously consented to remove this from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS):

7. Hear EAC presentation and consider adoption of Resolution approving submission of a 2014 PECO Grant.

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Hollowell, to adopt a Resolution approving the 2014 PECO Green Open Space Grant in the amount of \$19,022.75, which includes a \$6,310 matching grant. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

8. Consider authorizing the Natural Lands Trust to prepare a 2015 DCNR Grant.

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Hollowell, to authorize the Natural Lands Trust to prepare a 2015 DCNR Grant Application for a Pickertown Road Trail Feasibility Study at a \$4,000 fixed fee. Mr. Hollowell seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

9. Consider adoption of Resolution approving a 2015 DCNR Grant.

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Hallowell, to authorize the Township Manager to sign the Resolution approving the 2015 DCNR Grant Submission as outlined in #8 above. Mr. Hallowell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

10. Consider adoption of a Resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2015 Pierce Pumper Rescue Fire Truck for \$500,000, to be financed through an 8-year lease purchase agreement with TD Bank for a 2.48% interest rate.

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11. Consider adoption of a Resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2015 Mack Dump Truck for \$171,925, to be financed through a 5-year lease purchase agreement with Fulton Bank at a 2.40% fixed interest rate.

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12. Consider adoption of a Resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2015 Freightliner Street Sweeper for \$248,451, to be financed through a 7-year lease purchase agreement with Fulton Bank at 2.80% fixed interest rate.

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13. MANAGER'S REPORT:

a. Request for Sunday work waiver (if necessary) at Mary Barness Swim Club for a pool reconstruction project.

Mr. Tieperman deferred to Supervisor Paul who explained the project's timeline and the possibility that some weekend work may be required in the event of inclement weather. He said it was important to complete pool before the Swim Club opens for the 2015 summer season. However, Mr. Anderson expressed reservations at issuing such a waiver, considering that we would not be following the same rules that we apply to other contractors. He suggested monitoring the work and if necessary, this can be revisited at a future time. The remaining Supervisors concurred with this recommendation.

14. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

a. Resolution affirming appointment of ZHB Alternate

Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Hallowell, to adopt a Resolution approving the appointment of Mr. Thomas Watkins of 2512 Park Road to a one (1) year term as an alternate member on the Warrington Township Zoning Hearing Board, retroactive to January 1, 2015. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

b. Rescheduling of Planning Department Meeting

Mr. Anderson stated that the Planning Department meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom.

c. Scheduling of Board Workshop

Mr. Anderson proposed March 31, 2015 as the date for next Board workshop. He asked everyone to check their calendars and confirm by email.

d. Buffalo Wild Wings Ribbon Cutting

Mr. Anderson stated the Buffalo Wild Wings Ribbon Cutting ceremony, originally scheduled for the end of March, will likely be postponed because of utility installation delays.

15. ENGINEER'S REPORT:

While there was no Engineer's Report, Mr. Casey did address an issue raised in an email from Mr. Gockowski, questioning whether the weekly mulch measurements at Victory Gardens should continue. Mr. Casey suggested that given the current, unresolved litigation surrounding the site, these measurements should continue. The Board unanimously concurred with this recommendation. CEC will continue the weekly readings until otherwise directed.

16. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**a. Board of View Hearings**

Mr. Casey updated the Board on two (2) pending Board of View hearings. The first was regarding PennDOT's past condemnation of Township land for the 202 Parkway. PennDOT initiated possible settlement discussions, recognizing that the fair market value should have been based on a residential development formula instead of open space. The second is the Bristol Road property (aka Snyder property) adjacent to Barness Park. This hearing is scheduled in May.

b. Victory Gardens

Mr. Casey stated the next ZHB meeting is tentatively rescheduled for April.

c. Nagy Open Records Dispute

Mr. Casey provided the Board a timeline regarding the open records dispute that arose at the 2/24 Board meeting, in which attorney Jill Nagy represented that the Township delayed and withheld information from an open records request. Mr. Casey affirmed that Mrs. Livrone followed all open records procedures and takes her job as the Township's Open Records Officer seriously. Mr. Anderson affirmed also there were never any complaints about Barbara's work.

17. ESCROW AND MAINTENANCE BOND RELEASES: None**18. EXTENSION REQUESTS: None****19. DEDICATION REQUESTS: None**

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Paul, to authorize the Township Manager to calculate the difference between a recent life insurance payout to a widow of a deceased township employee and the amount stated in the personnel document (i.e., \$50,000) and remit the difference to her; furthermore, the Township Manager is also directed to make the necessary changes to the life insurance section of the personnel policy to eliminate any ambiguity in its interpretation by specifically identifying all benefit and age requirements as specific in the life insurance plan documents. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mr. Paul motioned, seconded by Mr. Hallowell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:49. p.m. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Timothy J. Tieperman, Township Manager