

MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2022

5:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER - Present were Mr. Sabot, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Polan, Solicitor Gary Sweat, Secretary/Treasurer Jackie Kotchman and Erin Dinch, Director of Planning & Development. The meeting was available via teleconference with public attendance. The public could email questions using an email address available on the Township website.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER – was given by Dr. Fred McCloskey, Calvary Baptist Church

ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Sabot added Sergeant Abels from the State Police to give a report under Guests

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*****MOTION to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2022 Supervisor's meeting** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

*****MOTION to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2022 Special Meeting** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Sabot. Mr. Quinn was not present at the June 2nd meeting. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

****MOTION to file the Treasurer's Report for future audit** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Polan. Unanimously carried.

BILL APPROVAL AND CHECK SIGNING

****MOTION to approve total bills and check signing** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

GUESTS

Sergeant Abels of the Pennsylvania State Police reported between January 1, 2022 to May 31, 2022 that there was a total of 437 calls for service including:

Drug Offenses – 4

Crimes against Society-8

Crimes against People (assaults, sexual assaults, harassments, etc....) -15
Death Investigations-6
Domestic Security checks (schools, churches, etc....) -107
Motor Vehicle crashes -34
911 Hang up Calls/Domestics w/ no arrests/Missing Persons-84
Property Crimes/Burglaries- 30
Other (Abandoned vehicles, alarm calls, Mental Health Act calls, PFA's, etc....)-149

Matt Hensler of 1614 Ridgewood Drive addressed the new weather/fire sirens installed at the 3 Volunteer Fire Stations. His main concern was the frequency of their usage which he thought was excessive. He said they are expecting a baby in December and he thought the constant usage may desensitize people to true emergencies. He also said it was a quality-of-life issue and was concerned about people who have sleep issues or other health issues that are being accentuated. He asked if there was truly an average of one emergency per day in which the sirens had to warn the masses?

Mr. Sabot explained that there are two separate sirens, an emergency siren and a fire siren. He said the fire sirens go off for 30 seconds and do average one per day. He said the Emergency Warning Siren has gone off one time for an actual tornado and has been tested twice.

Discussions ensued. Mr. Sabot thanked Mr. Hensler for coming to the meeting.

BUILDING PERMITS

Erin Dinch reported that there were eleven (11) building permits in the amount of \$78,578.96.

OLD BUSINESS

1. *****MOTION to reaffirm approval of North Franklin Subdivision Plan originally approved in February 2022** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.
2. *****MOTION to reject the mediation proposal for West Chestnut Street -Guttman Realty V. Access Realty, Et Al (2020-2075) Mediation** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS

1. *****MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 11 of 2022 approving closing out Community Conservation Partnerships Grant Project BRC-RCP-26-89 (Waterside Park Master site Development Plan)** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

K2 ENGINEER'S REPORT

Doug Hill from K2 Engineering reported that the rebid for the General Contractor and Plumbing bids will be advertised on June 19th with a July 19th bid opening at 11:00 am.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Dave Bane reported that for May 2022 the Fire Department had 38 calls including one (1) building other, one (1) cooking fire, ten (10) medical assists, seven (7) motor vehicle accidents, one (1) outside storage fire, one (1) furnace, two (2) power lines down, six (6) public service, one (1) smoke removal, one (1) authorized controlled burning and seven (7) malfunctioning alarm systems. He stated that year-to-date they have had 156 calls. They averaged 5.2 persons per call and the average response time was 9 minutes and 23 seconds.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Matt Malik reported that there were 20 total issues being investigated, seven (7) trash & junk, seven (7) grass, three (3) vehicles and three (3) other. Erin Dinch reported that the Long John Silvers building needed checked for asbestos before we could move forward with the demolition process.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sweat reported, regarding 63 Cleveland Road, that the owner was found guilty of multiple violations and given until December 31, 2021 to clean up the property. Judge Newman asked for a petition with evidence confirming the property was not in compliance and he will issue an order permitting the Township to go onto the property, do the clean-up, assess all the Township costs, and file a municipal lien. We will also ask permission to go into the house to get an engineer certification to determine if the house is safe. This will be needed if the house requires demolition in the future. Once the Township gets the engineering report, a decision will be made whether or not to demolish the property.

Mr. Sweat commended Harshman Engineering and the Supervisor's for the way they handled the complaint from the Plumbers Union claiming the bids violated the Separations Act. The General Contract and Plumbing bids were readvertised and put out for rebid.

SUPERVISOR SABOT'S REPORT

Mr. Sabot reported that the fire signal at Franklin Farms is rusted and needs replaced per PennDOT approval.

SUPERVISOR QUINN'S REPORT – None

SUPERVISOR POLAN'S REPORT – None

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sabot recessed the meeting at 6:35 pm to go into Executive Session with no action.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Sabot, Chairman



Jacqueline M. Kotchman, Secretary/Treasurer