

MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2022

5:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER - Present were Mr. Sabot, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Polan, Solicitor Gary Sweat, Secretary/Treasurer Jackie Kotchman and Director of Planning and Development, Erin Dinch. The meeting was available via teleconference with public attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER – was given by Pastor Steve Ramey, Mt. Hermon Church

ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*****MOTION to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022 Supervisor's meeting** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BUILDING PERMITS

Erin Dinch reported that there were four (4) building permits in the amount of \$280.00

OLD BUSINESS

1. *****MOTION to adopt the Proposed 2023 budget for advertising** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.
2. *****MOTION to award the contract to install Preemption Devices to Traffic Systems and Services, LLC for the bid price of \$71,543.00** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried. (Only bid received)

ORDINANCES- Ordinance No. 4 of 2022

1. *****MOTION to approve an amendment to the Township Code of Ordinances, specifically Chapter 112 Animals, Article 1 amending the regulations to the keeping of Animals in the Township by providing additional definitions and penalties for the violations thereof** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS

1. *****MOTION to approve Resolution No. 20 of 2022 abandoning the paper alley adjacent to 95 Hamilton Street which was never opened or dedicated to the Township as a public right of way** was made by Mr. Polan seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *****MOTION to advertise the Notice of Intent for an Independent CPA firm to complete the 2022 Financial Audit** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.
2. *****MOTION to authorize Secretary/Treasurer to close the Local Share Account and Act 13 Impact Fee Account at Community Bank and transfer monies to new Washington Financial Accounts of the same name** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.
3. *****MOTION to approve donation/sponsorship of \$5000.00 to Washington Wild Things Baseball for 2023 Friday Fireworks and Game Tickets for residents** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.
4. *****MOTION to approve signing Settlement Statement widening the current PennDOT ROW for Park Avenue (Route 18) in advance of the Chartiers Creek bridge replacement** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.
5. *****MOTION to authorize Jacqueline Kotchman, Secretary/Treasurer, to pay contractor invoices following approval by K2 Engineering and recommendation from Harshman CE Group** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.
6. *****MOTION to authorize Sweat Law Offices to draft and advertise an amendment to the Fireworks Ordinance to bring it into alignment with Act 74 of 2022** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

K2 ENGINEER'S REPORT

Doug Hill from K2 Engineering reported that he communicates with Alex Cowden from Harshman a few times a week. He advised that the contractors knew they would be working in the winter and should have those expenses covered.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT

Alex Cowden commented on the two packets that were distributed to the Supervisors. He said one they were a summary of the initial invoices received, change orders totaling \$150,000.00 for the removal of the buried tanks (earth work). He said he monitors it daily and he signs off on their time and material sheets. He said backfilling should start on November 17. He reported that Reynolds Bothers has around 50-60 loads to put back in the hole. He said the walls were out and the floor was being hammered out today. He said all of this will eliminate any water being held or captured.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Dave Bane reported that for October 2022 the Fire Department had 26 calls including one (1) fire, fourteen (14) medical assists, five (5) motor vehicle accidents, one (1) gas leak, one (1) water problem, two (2) public service and two (2) unintentional alarms. Average response was 8 minutes and 2 seconds and we averaged 4.5 persons per call. Year to date they have had 322 calls.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Jordan Cooper reported that for the month of October they had one (1) no permit notice, two (2) property maintenance, one (1) noise issue, two (2) structures, four (4) trash and junk, one (1) burning notice, and there are a few Magisterial hearings (waiting on pleas).

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sweat reported that citations have been issued on 63 Cleveland Road and they were waiting for the Magistrate to schedule a hearing.

He also advised that the West Chestnut Stret litigation preliminary objections were all dismissed by Judge Lucas keeping everyone in the suit. He said Guttman and Rite Aid filed a motion for Rite Aid to be released from the lawsuit based upon prior settlement discussions between Guttman and Rite Aid. All of the named defendants including the Township's insurance attorney, argued against this release. This could result in cross claims against Rite Aid. It would be premature to release them from litigation and he felt that the Judge was understanding and they are now waiting an opinion.

SUPERVISOR SABOT'S REPORT -None

SUPERVISOR QUINN'S REPORT – None

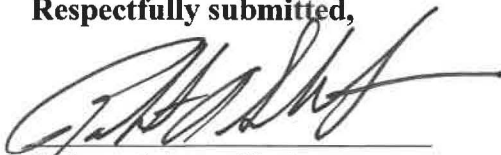
SUPERVISOR POLAN'S REPORT – None

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT

***** MOTION to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter involving the Road Department was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Polan. Unanimously carried. The Supervisors went into Executive Session at 5:55 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Sabot, Chairman



Jacqueline M. Kotchman, Secretary/Treasurer