

MEETING MINUTES

December 13, 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 Dr. Michael Roach, Trinity Bible Fellowship

ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*****MOTION to approve the minutes of the November 15, 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.

BUILDING PERMITS

Erin Dinch reported that there were three (3) building permits in the amount of \$570.00

OLD BUSINESS

1. *****MOTION to adopt the Proposed 2023 budget** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

ORDINANCES

Mr. Sweat advised that a draft of the Fireworks Ordinance based on recently adopted legislation will give the Township more power to regulate fireworks. He said after reviewing with Chief Bane it can be placed on the January agenda to be advertised.

RESOLUTIONS

1. *****MOTION to approve Resolution No. 21 of 2022 authorizing Erin Dinch, Director of Planning and Development to request a grant in the amount of \$2,127,000 from the COVID-19 ARPA H2O Water Supply, Sanitary Sewer and Storm Water Projects Program to upgrade the Route 40 pump station and the main sanitary sewer interceptor, and to appoint signatories for all documents and agreements required for the grant was made by Mr. Polan seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. *****MOTION to advertise and set the Reorganization Meeting for Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 5:30 pm was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.**

K2 ENGINEER'S REPORT

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT

Alex Cowden reported that they are still filling the hole as they had issues with moisture and compaction layers. They switched from RC-2 to 2 A aggregate, which is more expensive, but in order to move forward they had to make the switch. He advised that Reynolds Bothers was trying to get material from Castle Shannon. He said they were 3 feet away from where they need to be as far as filling the hole and they are waiting on the DEP to approve a pipe to allow the ground water to be moved into the reservoir. There were no contamination issues although the PH is high. He advised that the next step is to start on the retaining wall and then the building pad. He reported that the Township was \$270,000.00 over budget just for the extra work to this point.

Mr. Sabot reported that the Supervisors have been meeting every two weeks at the site.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Dave Bane reported that for November 2022 the Fire Department had 27 calls including one (1) building fire, seven (7) medical assists, three (3) motor vehicle accidents, one (1) hazardous condition, one (1) chimney fire, one (1) gas leak, one (1) lockout, two (2) public service and nine (9) unintentional alarms. Average response was 8 minutes and 23 seconds and they averaged 4.4 persons per call. Year to date they have had 349 calls.

Mr. Sabot advised that the Supervisors signed documents to proceed on the installation of the new preemption devices for Park Avenue and Franklin Farms Road.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Matt Malik reported that for the month of November they had a total of 11 investigated properties (3) other, two (2) property maintenance, four (4) structures, two (2) trash and junk, In addition, five (5) items have gone to citation. He reported that the Sunoco issue has gone to the Magistrate along with 63 Cleveland Road and that the Ramsey Road nuisance vehicle was posted.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sweat reported that he and Michael Cruny are involved in the current Chestnut Street litigation and will keep the board up to date on things that are happening.

SUPERVISOR SABOT'S REPORT -None

SUPERVISOR QUINN'S REPORT – None

SUPERVISOR POLAN'S REPORT – None

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA

Steve Beard of 1623 Grimm Drive acknowledged the many people from his neighborhood present at the meeting were there because of a resident selling illegal drugs on the top of the hill on Ramsey Road. He asked that the Township step in and do something about it.

Robert Gower of 1627 Park Avenue, corner of Ramsey reported that he and others were advised to “self-patrol” their neighborhood. He asked what they were legally allowed to do to protect themselves.

Mr. Quinn responded that in Lincoln Hill neighbors took pictures of all the license plates of the cars visiting the drug house.

Tony Poll of 51 Ramsey Road reported that this problem has been going on for two years. He said there are dozens of texts, emails and videos of the issues. He said that last night at least 6 cars stopped at the house and he said its not safe for his young children to play outside.

Mr. Polan addressed the group of neighbors and said he would work with them to do everything he can to legally get the issue resolved.

Additional comments and discussion ensued.

Solicitor Sweat said that he would speak to the heads of the DA's Office and Police Departments to see how aware they are of the situation and what is being done. He said the Township should also look into possible zoning violations. He said they would do some research to help be proactive.

Mr. Polan said he would spearhead the investigation to see what else can be done from the Township's standpoint. He gave his personal number to the concerned residents.

After additional discussion, it was decided to move an existing "No Through Traffic" sign and to order additional "Drug Free Zone" or "Neighborhood Crimewatch" signs.

Mr. Sweat said his office, along with Code Enforcement, would look into what can be done to help alleviate or stop the issue.

ADJOURNMENT

***** MOTION to go into Executive Session to discuss Crown Center Mall was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Polan. Unanimously carried. The Supervisors went into Executive Session at 6:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Sabot, Chairman



Jacqueline M. Kotchman, Secretary/Treasurer