

MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2023

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 April 11, 2023 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

Lorenzo Garino, Assistant Chief at Ambulance and Chair EMS explained that they have been serving the community since the late 1960’s. He said recently, after an operational study, the organization decided to address response times by adding a hub in Canton Township. They have two ambulances at that facility and it has reduced response time on this side of town. He invited the community and residents to an Open House on Sunday, May 21st from 11 am – 3 pm that would include CPR info, Senior Citizens information and refreshments. He encouraged everyone to get a membership because it knocks 50% off your Out-of-Pocket copay.

BUILDING PERMITS

Erin Dinch reported that there were three (3) building permits in the amount of \$8,439.50

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

*****MOTION to approve Township Ordinance No. 2 of 2023 that will reduce the number of copies of required attachments submitted with Township applications to two (2) hard copies and one (1) digital copy** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

*****MOTION to authorize Sweat Law Offices to prepare and advertise an amendment to the Township Ordinances, specifically Chapter 220 Grass and Weeds, Article 1 Cutting of vegetation required** was made by Mr. Polan; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

1. *****MOTION to extend the On-Call Construction Equipment Rental Agreement with D.L. and D.K. Johnson Equipment until July 1, 2024** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

K2 ENGINEER'S REPORT

Doug Hill reported that they were addressing the drainage in front of the wall. He said they were sending a surveyor to do an as-built location of the wall to make sure nothing is impeded by installing the drain. He also advised that while the surveyor was there, he was going to pinpoint where they core drilled to see why so many underground items were missed.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT

Alex Cowden reported that the contractors were working on footers and were about 70% done and would be starting block next week. He said all the gravel was in behind the retaining wall. He said Vrabel Plumbing has moved some equipment on site. He anticipated they would start on framing soon. Todd Lanch reported that a temporary fence was installed around the retaining wall and it would eventually be attached to the I-beams.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Dave Bane was not present. He was attending training.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Jarrold D'Amico of Harshman Code Enforcement reported that 63 Cleveland Road has another citation being filed and the previous citation has not been appealed. The Mall citation has been

sent and they have not entered a plea. He advised they were looking into the grass cutting Ordinance and that the Quality-of-Life tickets take care of about 60% of the issues. He said the recommendation on grass height is 6 inches. He said a zoning violation notice was sent to the business operating without a permit on Ramsmere. Three State Troopers were at the house recently and it is believed some activity may have started up again.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sweat advised that Rite-Aid has an active tax appeal and the Township would work with the school district solicitor on how to handle it. He said the West Chestnut Street litigation is ongoing and Judge Lucas continues to send the parties back to mediation. The next meeting dates are May 11, 2023 and also May 17th. Michael Cruny will attend. Erin Dinch reported that the PUC sent out a letter saying they wanted proof of advertising for an ad they thought they told PA American to run, but there is no evidence of notification in the records. The ad has now been run and there is a public comment period that goes until the end of May.

SUPERVISOR SABOT'S REPORT – Mr. Sabot reported that the County Planning Commission will be holding a public meeting to review the draft copy of the County Comprehensive Plan on Thursday, June 15, 2023 from 4-6 pm in Courthouse Square.

SUPERVISOR QUINN'S REPORT – No report


SUPERVISOR POLAN'S REPORT – No report

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sabot recessed the meeting to go into Executive Session and adjourn afterwards with no action being taken at 6:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Robert Sabot, Chairman


Jacqueline M. Kotchman, Secretary/Treasurer