

MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2023

5:30 pm

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

****MOTION to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023 Supervisor’s meeting** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Sabot. Unanimously carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

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

BILL APPROVAL AND CHECK SIGNING

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

GUESTS

Lt. Steve Dowlin, new Commander of the PA State Police Troop B Washington Station, provided the Supervisors with a report on the Township. Lt. Dowlin handed the Supervisors a Power Point print out and said the Township was in very good shape as far as crime and incidents go. He said speeding was one of the biggest concerns. He reported that year to date there have been 996 calls for service. He said the State Police proactive enforcement efforts have increased, especially domestic. He said that when school resumes, each school is checked on a daily basis with drive-arounds and establishing a presence inside the schools. He added that they are doing frequent checks of the Washington Crown Center and the Wild Things games. He said in June they responded to five (5) alarm calls, four (4) assault/harassment calls, zero (0) burglaries, zero (0) criminal mischief, seven (7) domestic and disturbances, one (1) mental health incident, eight (8) motor vehicle accidents (three (3) with injuries), seventy-three (73) security

checks, four (4) retail thefts, two (2) other thefts, and one (1) welfare check. He explained that these categories are what most people are interested in. He reported that YTD they have handled twenty-five (25) alarms, twelve (12) assaults/harassments, two (2) burglaries, six (6) criminal mischief, twenty-four (24) domestic disturbances, three (3) mental health incidents, thirty-seven (37) motor vehicles crashes (ten (10) with injuries), fifteen (15) retail thefts, thirteen (13) welfare checks, and five-hundred twenty-seven (527) patrol and security checks, which are proactive. He added that they have increased patrol checks on Overlook Drive due to reports of speeding motorcycles. Lt. Dowlin advised that they are also doing patrols on the new Township building. Mr. Quinn commended the State Police for their efforts.

BUILDING PERMITS

Erin Dinch reported that there were seven (7) building permits in the amount of \$3,521.50

OLD BUSINESS

1. *****MOTION to approve the sale of 152 Fulton Street to the highest qualified bidder was tabled as there were no bids.**
2. *****MOTION to readvertise the sale of 152 Fulton Street with no minimum bid with the option to reject any and all bids was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Mr. Quinn voted yes. Mr. Sabot voted yes.**
3. *****MOTION to approve the purchase of a new 2023 T-250 Transit Van from Fox Ford for the Road Department for the CoStars price of \$49,563.00 was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Sabot. Mr. Quinn voted yes. Mr. Sabot voted yes.**

ORDINANCES

1. *****MOTION to approve Ordinance No. 3 of 2023 Amending the Township Code of Ordinances, Specifically Chapter 220 Grass and Weeds, 220-1 Cutting of Vegetation required and providing penalties for the violation thereof was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Mr. Quinn voted yes. Mr. Sabot voted yes.**

Mr. Sabot said the maximum height for grass was 6”.

RESOLUTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

1. *****MOTION to award contract to David Davis Communications for the purchase of new Computer Network equipment and installation in the new municipal building, pending Solicitor review and approval of the contract was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Mr. Sabot voted yes. Mr. Quinn voted yes.**

2. The Supervisor's discussed the Repository sale for 16 Altamont.

*****MOTION to purchase 16 Altamont Avenue through the Washington County Tax Claim Bureau Repository Sale** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Mr. Sabot voted yes. Mr. Quinn voted yes.

3. *****MOTION to set a public hearing date for 5:15 pm on August 8, 2023 and authorize Sweat Law Offices to advertise the hearing and an amendment to the Zoning Map that would change the zoning of the Township Municipal Building located at 620 Franklin Farms Road from R-3 to C-1** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Mr. Sabot voted yes. Mr. Quinn voted yes.

K2 ENGINEER'S REPORT

Doug Hill of K2 Engineering questioned why they had not started framing yet and that it was taking awhile to install the steel studs.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT

Alex Cowden of Harshman Engineering reported that he received a partial schedule from Masco. He said they were working on installing steel studs. He advised that Vrabel will be working on the French drain in front of the wall and Masco would be working on concrete curbs around the building. Todd Lanch suggested the fence above the retaining wall be put up soon as it is a safety issue.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Dave Bane reported that for June 2023 the Fire Department had 26 calls including one (1) building fire, eight (8) medical assists, five (5) motor vehicle accidents, one (1) carbon monoxide, (1) cooking, three (3) public service, one (1) covered assignment, and six (6) unintentional/malfunctioning alarms. Average response was 8 minutes and 11 seconds and they averaged 5.7 persons per call. Year to date is 161 calls.

Chief Bane reported that they were waiting for the controller for the Preemption devices. He also suggested an Ordinance for Knox Boxes for commercial businesses which would allow the fire department to have access keys to businesses. He said Knox Boxes run \$800-900. Mr. Sweat said existing buildings would be grandfathered, but it could be made an Ordinance affecting new buildings.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT – No one was present for a report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sweat advised that there was a hearing today on the Bon Ton citation in which Michael Cruny attended and he would report back to Erin the next day on the outcome. He also reported that Colin Fitch of the Redevelopment Authority said the only issue with The Dollar General

store was a storm water issue. He said they were waiting for the Dollar General to get back to them with plans. Mr. Sabot added that Harold Ivery gave authorization to the USA Steak Buffet owner and the Dollar General to begin demolition of the Steak Buffet prior to the HOP being issued, but that Mr. Ivery would not issue an Occupancy Permit until the HOP Permit was received.

SUPERVISOR SABOT'S REPORT – Mr. Sabot had no report.

SUPERVISOR QUINN'S REPORT – Mr. Quinn had no report.


SUPERVISOR POLAN'S REPORT – Mr. Polan was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Quinn made a motion to adjourn at 6:30 pm; seconded by Mr. Sabot. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Sabot, Chairman



Jacqueline M. Kotchman, Secretary/Treasurer