

PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
July 23, 2019
Meeting Minutes

The public meeting of the Plumstead Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plumstead Township Municipal Building, 5186 Stump Road, Plumsteadville, PA

Present:

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| Brian Trymbiski | Chair |
| Peter Busillo | Vice Chair |
| Nick Lykon | Secretary |
| Dan Hiltferty | Treasurer |
| Darren Carroll | Asst. Secretary/Asst. Treasurer |
| Jonathan Reiss, Esq. | Township Solicitor |

Absent:

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| Carolyn McCreary | Township Manager |
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Chairman Trymbiski called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Veterans Ad Hoc Committee meets on July 24. The Emergency Services Management Committee meeting scheduled for July 25 is cancelled. The Board of Supervisors Worksession is July 25.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATION: Robin M. Robinson, Bucks County Recorder of Deeds spoke to the Board about an initiative her office has undertaken to preserve the historical books of Bucks County. As part of her presentation Ms. Robinson shared details of books and documents relating to the Township from the 1700's. Funding for the project is coming in part from the County's Record Improvement Fund, but additional funding is needed. Mr. Trymbiski thanked Ms. Robinson for her presentation, and stated since this is a fiscal matter the Board would need to further discuss the possibility of the Township making a donation to the Adopt-A-Book program. The Board also suggested Ms. Robinson contact the Township's Historical Society about this initiative.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Jonathan J. Reiss, Esq.

1. **Proposed Ordinance Amendment-Fireworks Sales from Temporary Structures:** Mr. Reiss explained towards the end of last year the Commonwealth Court overturned some provisions of the state law that allowed for temporary locations for fireworks sales. The proposed ordinance amendment would remove these items, as the case has not been appealed. Mr. Reiss stated he is seeking Board authorization to send the proposed ordinance amendment to the County and Township Planning Commissions, and to advertise for a public hearing. **Motion** by Mr. Hiltferty, seconded by Mr. Busillo to authorize sending the proposed ordinance amendment to the Planning Commissions and authorize the advertisement of the public hearing. Mr. Carroll inquired if anything was being done to regulate hours or duration of fireworks use based on the resident's complaint at a recent public meeting. Mr. Reiss explained this is only the zoning ordinance, but consumer fireworks are

regulated by state law and the Township's noise ordinance. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.

- 2. Proposed Well Ordinance Amendment-Well Depletion Agreements:** Mr. Reiss explained that recently the Township's hydrogeologist was asked to calculate how much would be required for the well depletion agreement for the Hankin three-lot subdivision. The calculation was done, but it was noted the ordinance also allows for a one-time fee of \$675 per lot in lieu of the well depletion agreement at the Board's discretion. He stated if someone is going to request a waiver of the well depletion agreement there should be a larger amount paid because of the potential impact to neighboring wells, which is what the Township is trying to protect. Mr. Reiss stated he would recommend the well ordinance be amended to say the amount of the financial security to be placed with the well depletion agreement is determined by the Township Engineer. He stated this was previously in the well ordinance, but at some point was removed. He also suggested the Board ask the Township's hydrogeologist to evaluate the \$675 one-time fee and determine if it is appropriate, and consider amending the ordinance to state the contribution will be whichever is greater, the calculation or the fee in lieu of. He stated amending the ordinance will ensure enough financial security is collected to protect the Township. Mr. Trymbiski asked how this compares to what other Townships are doing, and if this affects the well ordinance amendment the Board previously adopted. **Motion** by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Hilmerty to authorize the Solicitor to amend the ordinance by making the fee in lieu of \$675 per lot or the amount calculated by the hydrogeologist as the amount necessary for the Well Depletion Agreement escrow, whichever is more and contact the Township's hydrogeologist to determine how the \$675 was calculated. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: On File

COMMITTEE REPORTS: On File

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: None

PAYMENT OF BILLS: **Motion** by Mr. Hilmerty, seconded by Mr. Carroll to approve the bills lists and addendum dated 07/23/19 subject to audit. With no additional comment, all voted in favor. The amounts reported on the bills list are as follows: General Fund - \$111,282.10 and addendum of \$3,100.00, Water Fund - \$46,739.84, Emergency Services Tax Fund - \$11,196.19, Capital Reserve Fund - \$31,447.74, State Liquid Fuels - \$3,582.29, Developers' Escrow Fund - \$25,533.54, Construction Escrow Fund - \$6,500.00, Zoning Hearing Board Escrow - \$233.30

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** by Mr. Carroll, seconded by Mr. Hilmerty to approve the minutes of the 07/09/19 meeting. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Lykon spoke to the Board about the problems motorists experience on Route 611 with traffic backing up in the area of Silo Hill Road, noting new development in Bedminster and Tinicum Townships will create even more traffic along the 611 corridor. He stated he spoke to Ms. McCreary about speaking to PENNDOT officials about proposed improvements for the area, and noted there is money in the planning line item in

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the budget. He stated Ms. McCreary stated Gilmore & Associates might be a good source for information given the evaluations they have already done on Route 611 in the Plumsteadville Village, and maybe Plumstead could be the catalyst for the project on these state roads. Chief Hasenauer stated a traffic circle is not desirable for a heavily traveled road, and the only improvements PENNDOT previously indicated they would support would be a realignment of Route 611 and Curly Hill and Haring Roads plus the installation of a traffic signal at the Township's expense. Board consensus was for Ms. McCreary to speak to Gilmore & Associates about how best to approach PENNDOT to inquire if there are any plans in process to improve traffic conditions on Route 611. Mr. Reiss suggested communicating with the state representatives and also looking at what information is available from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Lykon stated if the Township prepares an official map it could identify these areas on it.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Carroll to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. With no additional comment, all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn McCreary, Township Manager

Date Approved