

PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
April 24, 2018
Meeting Minutes

The public meeting of the Plumstead Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plumstead Township Municipal Building, 5186 Stump Road, Plumsteadville, PA

Present:

Stacey Mulholland

Nick Lykon

Peter Busillo

Dan Hilferty

Jonathan Reiss, Esq.

Carolyn McCreary

Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Township Solicitor

Township Manager

Absent:

Brian Trymbiski

Vice Chair

Ms. Mulholland 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 April 25. The Board of Supervisors Worksession is April 26. The Emergency Services Management Committee meets on May 3.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Steve Fortner, 4554 Blue Ridge Dr., spoke to the Board about his support for the residents on John Dyer Way who came to the 11/14/17 public meeting to express their concern about the house in their neighborhood that had been rented to six college students. He asked what he could do to assist the Township in supporting residential development and enforce its ordinances as it relates to preventing situations like this in single family neighborhoods. Martin Yost, 6585 Stump Rd. stated he has an ongoing issue with a neighbor not cleaning out a drain pipe and access issues relating to a drive containing a PECO easement.

Vince Formica, former Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, spoke to the Board to thank Ms. Mulholland for her service to the Township, as she has resigned from the Board to take a position that will not allow her to hold public office. He noted Ms. Mulholland's commitment to the residents and her passion for a variety of issues, and recounted how he and she came to run together when the Board went from three Supervisors to five.

Frank Froio, former Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, also thanked Ms. Mulholland for her service and commitment, noting that she was always the most prepared to discuss a subject and did her own research. He commended her for making the commitment to run, noting that being a Supervisor can take up a lot of time, and involve many late meetings.

PRESENTATION: Boy Scout Troop 41

The Supervisors recognized Washington Crossing council, Boy Scouts of America Troop 41 based in New Britain for their service, which involved the transplanting of trees from the property of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jameson to Owls Nest Park. It was noted that Mr. and Mrs. Jameson were very active in scouting for many

years, and Mrs. Jameson had made the request in memory of her husband. The Board presented a certificate of appreciation to the Scouts and leadership in attendance.

Mrs. Jameson presented the Township with a plate that depicted the last one-room schoolhouse in the Township to close, and thanked the Public Works Department for assisting the Boy Scouts to make this project happen.

PRESENTATION: Jeff Olavarria with Project Hero Hub Horsham presented the Board of Supervisors with a plaque in appreciation for the Township's support of their Honor Ride Philadelphia. He noted that Mr.; Hilferty helped plan the course for the bike ride. Project Hero Hub provides activities, resources and support to Veterans and First Responders in more than 50 cities throughout the nation.

PRESENTATION: Point Pleasant/Plumsteadville EMS

Ms. Mulholland read from a resolution which recognized and congratulated the EMS squad for the 20th anniversary of its incorporation. Motion by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Lykon to adopt Resolution 2018-18. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 4-0. Members and Officers of Point Pleasant/Plumsteadville EMS were present to receive the resolution.

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

DEPARTMENT AND FIRE COMPANY REPORTS: On File

- 1. Police:** Chief Hasenauer advised the Board that the fire police had been requested to assist at Dublin Borough's Community Day being held on June 2 from 4 to 8 p.m. **Motion** by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Lykon to approve the request subject to their availability. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 4-0. Chief Hasenauer informed the Board that the Explorers Post 5708 has received the national Gold Ribbon of Excellence award from the Boy Scouts of America. He also announced that the next Drug Take Back event is April 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at KMart.
- 2. Public Works:** Ms. McCreary advised the Board that the Bucks County Consortium asphalt bids had been opened, and based on the tally sheet Mr. Bleam is recommending that the Township award the bid for Super Pave 9.5 mm wearing at \$46.00 unit price FOB plant and Super Pave 19.0 mm binder for \$43.00 unit price FOB plant to Hanson Aggregates BMC Inc., the lowest responsible bidder. **Motion** by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Lykon to award the bid. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 4-0.

Ms. McCreary presented correspondence from W.J. Castle & Associates confirming that the reduced load restriction can be removed from the Worthington Road bridge with the successful completion of the major repairs. **Motion** by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Busillo to authorize the Solicitor to prepare a draft ordinance amendment for review at an upcoming meeting. The ordinance amendment will then need to be authorized for advertisement. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 4-0.

COMMITTEE MINUTES: On File

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Carolyn McCreary, Township Manager

- 1. Veterans Ad Hoc Committee Appointment:** Ms. McCreary advised the Board that she had received a statement of interest from James McComb to serve on the Veterans Ad Hoc Committee. She stated that Mr. McComb previously served on the Committee and his reappointment would fill one of the vacancies. **Motion** by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Busillo to appoint James McComb to the Veterans Ad Hoc Committee. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 4-0.
- 2. Barth Consulting Group Proposal:** Ms. McCreary noted that she had received a proposal from Stephen Barth as a follow up to his presentation to the Board at their 3/27 public meeting. The Board discussed the details, with consensus to wait to make any further commitment of funding until the Planning Commission has completed its work on developing an overlay zoning district with the County Planning Commission staff.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: **Motion** by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Busillo to approve the bills list dated 04/24/18 subject to audit. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 4-0. The amounts reported on the bills list are as follows: General Fund - \$84,178.20, Water Fund - \$91,637.52, Emergency Services Fund - \$113,721.20, Capital Reserve Fund - \$4,591.40, Open Space Fund - \$139.50, Flood Mitigation Grant Fund - \$1,748.00, State Liquid Fuels - \$4,616.22, Developers' Escrow Fund - \$17,740.80, Construction Escrow Fund - \$3,000.00, Zoning Hearing Board Escrow Fund - \$4,062.68

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Lykon to approve the minutes of the 04/10/18 meeting. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

School Resource Officer: Ms. Mulholland informed the Board that she and Ms. McCreary had been asked to attend a meeting with the Superintendent of Central Bucks School District and their counterparts in the eight other municipalities that comprise the school district. The purpose of the meeting was to learn more about the school district's plan to place a School Resource Officer in CB East and CB West beginning in September. Ms. Mulholland relayed some of the discussion points and concerns expressed by the participants, in particular how best to pay for this so that it does not fall solely on Buckingham Township and Doylestown Borough. She also noted that the program could expand to the middle schools, which would then impact Plumstead. Mr. Lykon stated that he attended a session at the PSATS annual conference for townships with over 10,000 residents. He stated that 25% of them did not have a Police Department, 50% did and the remaining 25% had a school resource officer who was an employee of the school district.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Mulholland stated that there is a need for an Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter and a matter involving litigation. **Motion** by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Lykon to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn McCreary, Township Manager

Date Approved