PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
September 24, 2019
Meeting Minutes

The public meeting of the Plumstead Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plumstead Township Municipal Building, 5186 Stump Road, Plumsteadville, PA

Present:

Brian Trymbiski	**Chair**
Peter Busillo	**Vice Chair**
Nick Lykon	**Secretary**
Dan Hilferty	**Treasurer**
Jonathan Reiss, Esq.	**Township Solicitor**
Terry Fedorchak	**Interim Township Manager**

Absent:

Darren Carroll	**Asst. Secretary/Asst. Treasurer**

Mr. 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 meeting will be September 25. The Board of Supervisors Worksession is September 26. The Board of Supervisors conducted an Executive Session on September 18 for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Meridy Jarin, 5039 Gayman Road, stated that the recording of the September 10th meeting had not been posted on the website. She also stated she had submitted questions to the Township that had not yet been answered. Mr. Fedorchak stated that he would answer those questions. She stated her concerns about the Carriage Hill access to Gordon Road.

Chariman Trymbinski stated that is the Board's intention to conduct a special Worksession to review and discuss Carriage Hill access onto Gordon Road later this year.

Ken Lichtenstein, 3725 Christopher Day Road and Linda Dyke, 3223 Ferry Road stated they were glad to see that a Worksession will be held. Jason Hampton, 4558 Gordon Road, stated to please advise those living on Gordon Road and surrounding area of the Worksession. Steve Haycock, 3674 Ferry Road, stated that they were told that they would blow out Gordon Road if opened. Louis Graham, 5016 Gordon Road, worried about safety.

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

1. **Discussion of Harrison Road Property:** Mr. Reiss stated that he looked into what the Township would need to do to place a bid the Bucks County Tax Claim Bureau on the Harrison Road property and sent the Board an email outlining the process. At this time The Township needs to authorize retention of an appraiser and the ordering of title insurance. Mr. Reiss stated the appraisal should cost between $750 - $1500. Motion by Mr. Hilferty and second by Mr. Lykon not to proceed with the acquisition of this property. Motion passed 4-0.
2. **Discussion of Autumn Preserve Subdivision/Wetlands Mitigation:** Mr. Reiss reported that this subdivision constructed by Toll Brothers involved completion of a wetlands mitigation area and the Township retained $15,000 in escrow until the requirements of the Army Corps permit were satisfactorily completed. Mr. Reiss asked for a motion to release the amount in escrow conditioned on payment of final bills for professional consultants fees out of the escrow before it is returned to the developer.
   Motion by Mr. Heilferty and second by Mr. Busillo to release the amount in escrow conditioned on payment of final bills for consultants fees.
   Motion passed 4-0**.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: On file.

Lt. Richard Frederick was present and reviewed the Police Department August 2019 Report.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

1. **2020 Nonuniformed Pension MMO**. Mr. Fedorchak stated that the 2020 Nonuniformed MMO was prepared by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System and included in your packet. The Township's pension obligation for 2020 is $174,357. Our 2019 obligation is $176,513. Motion to acknowledge receipt and review of the 2020 Nonuniformed MMO in the amount of $174,357 made by Mr. Heilferty and second by Mr. Lykon. Motion passed 4-0.
2. **2020 Police Pension MMO**. Mr. Fedorchak stated that the 2020 Police MMO was prepared by our actuaries Conrad Seigel. The Township's 2020 obligation will be $376,660. Our 2019 MMO was $360,073. Motion to acknowledge receipt and review of the 2020 Police MMO in the amount of $376,660 made by Mr. Busillo and second by Mr. Heilferty. Motion passed 4-0.
3. **State Pension Aid**. Mr. Fedorchak reported that last week the Township received $245,783.95 in State Pension Aid. It is recommended that $143,373.97 be applied to the Police Pension and $102,409.98 to the Nonuniformed Plan. Motion to acknowledge receipt of the 2019 State Pension Aid and authorize its distribution, as

recommended, made by Mr. Heilferty and seconded by Mr. Busillo. Motion passed 4-0.

4. **Cornerstone Farm Drainage Issue**. Mr. Fedorchak reported that Tim Fulmer, the Township Engineer, inspected the drainage swale along the properties of 5432 and 5440 Weyhill Road, and 5361 Curly Hill Road. His report is included in the Board's packet. Mr. Fulmer is now recommending that the Township notify those property owners of the apparent obstructions and require the removal of the obstructions. He recommended that his office meet with all the stakeholders to explain the situation and what needs to be done. Mr. Fedorchak stated he will direct Mr. Fulmer to act in accordance with his recommendations. The Board had no objections.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the payment of the bills list dated September 24, 2019, subject to audit. The amounts reported on the bills list are as follows: General Fund - $139,645.32; Water Fund- $30,189.22; Capital Reserve Fund- $5,068.12; Developers Escrow Fund- $21,382.08; Local Services Tax Fund- $29,421.60; Construction Escrow Account- $3,350.00.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board unanimously approved the September 10, 2019 minutes as submitted by Carolyn McCreary.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned the public meeting at 8:00pm and announced they will conduct an Executive Session immediately thereafter.