

**PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**March 27, 2018**

**Meeting Minutes**

The public meeting of the Plumstead Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, March 27, 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**

**Peter Nelson, 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 March 28. The Board of Supervisors Worksession scheduled for March 29 is cancelled. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee meets on April 9.

**PRESENTATION:** Recognition of Police Appointment

Chief Hasenauer advised the Board that he is requesting their consideration to appoint Sgt. Richard Frederick to the position of Lieutenant. He reviewed details of Sgt. Frederick's professional accomplishments since his hire, pointing to his assuming duties both operational and administrative in nature, and noting the additional roles he has as a member of the Major Incident Response Team and as an accident reconstructionist. **Motion** by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Lykon to recognize the appoint of Richard Frederick to Lieutenant of the Plumstead Township Police Department. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 4-0. Judge Jeffrey Trauger administered the oath of office, and State Rep. Marguerite Quinn presented Lt. Frederick with a U.S. flag that had been flown over the state capitol.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Tom Alvaré, 5733 State Park Rd. thanked the Board for being responsive to the concerns that residents expressed to them about the proposed hydrofracking of a well to provide additional water to the Boy Scout Camp Ockanickon. He expressed concern about a backup well that could draw up to 10,000 gallons of water a day, and the possibility of the Scouts needing this well because their existing wells are failing or being depleted. He inquired if a well agreement is not signed would a permit be issued.

**PRESENTATION:** Steve Barth of Barth Consulting shared information and spoke to the Board about his firm's work assisting municipalities with economic development and revitalization planning, citing his work with Hatboro, Perkasio and New Britain Boroughs. The Board asked questions about success rates, length of time these initiatives took, and markets for more commercial space. Mr. Barth completed his remarks by speaking on the challenges of creating a friendly pro-business environment while still complying with Township ordinances.

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

- 1. JEHL Major Subdivision – Assignment of Development Agreement:** Mr. Nelson presented correspondence from the applicant's attorney accompanied by an Assignment of Development agreement for the Board's approval and signature. He noted that the property had been sold to Lott Builders, which was the reason for the new agreement. **Motion** by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Lykon to approve the Assignment of Development agreement. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 4-0.
- 2. Commercial Fire Inspections:** Ms. McCreary informed the Board that the Solicitor's office had assisted the Township is gaining compliance from a small number of businesses who had failed to schedule their required annual inspections. She stated that only one business, Dollar General had ignored all previous correspondence and notices. Ms. McCreary sought Board approval to authorize the Solicitor to file a complaint in the office of the District Judge. **Motion** by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Lykon to authorize the Solicitor to file the necessary documents with the Magisterial District Court. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 4-0.

**DEPARTMENT AND FIRE COMPANY REPORTS:** On File

- 1. Public Works:** Ms. McCreary sought ratification of the Bucks County Consortium's salt bid for 2017-18, stating that Morton Salt misplaced the Township's original documents which the Board previously approved. **Motion** by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Lykon to ratify the Bucks County Consortium's bid award to Morton Salt, the lowest responsible bidder for \$48.82/ton – delivered and \$48.00/ton undelivered. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 4-0.

**COMMITTEE MINUTES:** On File

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Carolyn McCreary, Township Manager**

- 1. Trail Steering Subcommittee:** Ms. McCreary informed the Board that four of the members indicated they wished to continue to serve on the Committee. She reminded the Board that their appointment was delayed because the resolution establishing the Committee was amended now that the Trail Plan was adopted. Mr. Lykon stated that he also was on the Committee, and would still serve. **Motion** by Mr. Busillo, seconded by Mr. Hilferty to appoint Don Veix, Michael McColligan, Andrew Thomas, John (Ryan) Adamson and Nick Lykon to the Trail Steering Subcommittee. With no additional comment, the vote was 3-0 with Mr. Lykon abstaining as he will be on the Committee.
- 2. Multi Modal Grant Application:** Ms. McCreary presented Resolution 2018-13, which if adopted would approve the Township's grant application to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC). She noted that the Board approved the application at their last meeting, but DVRPC requires a resolution with the grant submission. **Motion** by Mr. Lykon, seconded by Mr. Busillo to adopt Resolution 2018-13. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 4-0.
- 3. Plumsteadville Village Planning Proposals:** Ms. McCreary advised the Board that per their request she had asked the Bucks County Planning Commission and Gilmore & Associates, the Township's planning consultant to prepare proposals for working with the Township Planning Commission to develop an overlay district for the Village, and identify all ordinances that would need to be amended as a result. The Bucks County Planning Commission proposal was for \$6,570.00 and the proposal from Gilmore & Associates was for \$16,317.25, and both proposals included a description of the scope of work involved. Ms. McCreary stated that the 2018 budget

included money for planning work in the Village. **Motion** by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Busillo to accept the proposal of the Bucks County Planning Commission in the amount of \$6,570.00. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 4-0.

- 4. Camp Plumstead:** Ms. McCreary informed the Board that she had contacted Dan Foster to discuss planning for the 2018 weeklong camp, and to review the budget for compensation. She stated that after indicating he was interested in serving as director and his availability to meet, he failed to respond to her last two emails. She also noted that parents have been contacting the Township, stating they heard that the camp has been cancelled. Ms. McCreary sought and received Board consensus to discuss holding the ½ day camp with the Central Bucks YMCA, or finding a new director and support staff.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** **Motion** by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Lykon to approve the bills list dated 03/27/18 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 - \$59,719.52, Water Fund - \$16,933.39, Capital Reserve Fund - \$6,614.56, Open Space Fund - \$93.00, State Liquid Fuels - \$15,222.04, Developers' Escrow Fund - \$12229.23, Construction Escrow Fund - \$2,000.00, Zoning Hearing Board Escrow Fund - \$462.35

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **Motion** by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Lykon to approve the minutes of the 03/13/18 meeting. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 4-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Proposed Water Rate Increase:** Ms. McCreary reviewed the details of the revised rate increase proposal, noting she had left the base rate that covers usage up to 5,000 gallons per quarter the same per Mr. Lykon's suggestion. She noted that the rates for increased water usage had been increased by 5% with two of the classifications being changed to reflect the fee for every 1,000 gallons used. **Motion** by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Busillo to adopt Resolution 2018-14, approving the recommended rate increase. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 4-0.

**Plumsteadville Cemetery:** Ms. Mulholland provided an update to the Board concerning the Township's request to Senator McIlhinney's office requesting that municipal owned cemeteries be afforded the same exemptions as those owned by non-profit agencies. She stated that the legislation has been introduced, and should be supported.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Local Radar Legislation:** Chief Hasenauer reviewed his support of the proposed legislation, noting that Pennsylvania is the only state that does not allow local law enforcement to utilize radar. He stated that this is a matter of public safety, pointing to the complaints the Township receives about speeding vehicles on any given day. He also noted that radar will only require one Officer to do the speed details, versus at least two being required with the methods the Police Department currently utilizes.

**Delaware Canal 21 TCDI Grant Application:** Ms. McCreary reviewed correspondence dated 03/23/18 from the Executive Director requesting Board consideration for the Township to apply for a grant and pay DC21 to prepare and forward the application to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC). The Board discussed the request, noting that the Township had already paid for one of the appraisals, with no mention of future cash outlays. Ms. McCreary stated that if the Board approved the grant preparation she would seek written verification that the required match will come from the DCNR grant that DC21 has

already been awarded, and not the Township. **Motion** by Mr. Lykon, seconded by Ms. Mulholland to authorize the Township to make application to the program for Delaware Canal 21 at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. With no additional comment, the vote was 3-1 with Mr. Hilferty dissenting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Joseph Reinheimer, 3634 Ferry Road, asked about the status of the Doylestown II (proposed Wawa) land use appeal.

**ADJOURNMENT:** **Motion** by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Ms. Mulholland to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carolyn McCreary, Township Manager

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Date Approved