

PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
May 28, 2019
Meeting Minutes

The public meeting of the Plumstead Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plumstead Township Municipal Building, 5186 Stump Road, Plumsteadville, PA

Present:

Peter Busillo	Vice Chair
Nick Lykon	Secretary
Dan Hilferty	Treasurer
Darren Carroll	Asst. Secretary/Asst. Treasurer
Jonathan Reiss, Esq.	Township Solicitor
Carolyn McCreary	Township Manager

Absent:

Brian Trymbiski	Chair
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Mr. Busillo 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 Board of Supervisors Worksession scheduled for May 30 is cancelled. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee meets on June 10.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Paul Pasicznyk, 4923 Silo Hill Rd. suggested the Board vote no on the conditional use application of Crown Castle. Mr. Reiss responded the Board voted in favor as part of the public hearing at the previous meeting. Olympia Pasicznyk, 4923 Silo Hill Rd. informed the Board there is a pothole at Old Easton and Sawmill Roads, which she has struck twice.

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

- 1. Crown Caste NG East LLC Conditional Use Adjudication:** Mr. Reiss stated the adjudication of the conditional use hearing held on May 14 was ready for signatures.
- 2. James and Nadine Belisle d/b/a Betty Borden's House of Whacks LLC Conditional Use Adjudication:** Mr. Reiss stated the adjudication of the conditional use hearing held on May 14 was ready for signatures.

Mr. Reiss stated he had one item for Executive Session involving litigation.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: On File

COMMITTEE REPORTS: On File

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Carolyn McCreary, Township Manager

- 1. Life and Disability Insurance Carrier:** Ms. McCreary informed the Board she sought quotes for the Township's life and disability insurance benefits, noting 5 of the 6 carriers declined to quote for a variety of reasons. She reviewed details for the proposal from Standard compared to the current rates from Hartford and the proposed renewal. She stated there would be a 50%

decrease in the premiums if the Township changes carriers. Ms. McCreary sought and received Board consensus to notify the President of the Police Union of the proposed change, and obtain the plan so the Solicitor could review it.

2. **North Wales Water Authority Water Service Agreement:** Ms. McCreary reviewed details of the proposed agreement to provide public water to the southern portion of the Township beginning with an interconnection to Carriage Hill and Patriots Ridge. She also reviewed the anticipated schedule should the Board opt to pursue this, noting construction would not likely begin until 2021 with design, engineering, and permitting being done in 2019/2020, and the bid process taking place in the second half of 2020.
3. **2020 Budget:** Ms. McCreary reviewed details of the proposed timeframe for the preparation of the 2020 budget, stating she is reserving the September worksession which will allow additional time in October to do additional work before the formal presentation on November 12.
4. **UMH Valley View Notice of Permit Amendment Application:** Ms. McCreary advised the Board the Township received notification from Earthres Group, Inc. of the addition of a new raw water source for UMH Valley View. She stated she sent the notification to Toby Kessler, the Township's hydrogeologist, and he issued a review letter earlier in the day. In it he identified the new raw water source as Penn Engineering's well located on land across from their business on Old Easton Road. Board consensus was they have no issue with the proposed permit amendment. Mr. Lykon suggested the Township obtain more information from PADEP concerning the relationship between the two parties, as the Township should know the details.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Carroll to approve the bills lists dated 05/28/19 subject to audit. With no additional comment, all voted in favor. The amounts reported on the bills list are as follows: General Fund - \$77,292.94, Water Fund - \$23,342.66, Capital Reserve Fund - \$123,302.62, State Liquid Fuels - \$10,921.20, Developers' Escrow Fund - \$16,245.48, Construction Escrow Fund - \$1,200.00

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Carroll to approve the minutes of the 05/14/19 meeting. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Plumsteadville Cemetery: Ms. McCreary shared a rendering of the building the County is seeking to construct to hold unclaimed cremated remains. Mr. Hilferty noted it is 10'x16' and appears to be 12' tall. The Board agreed that there should be no landscaping around it, as it would create additional maintenance for Public Works staff. Ms. McCreary stated she was seeking feedback to relay to the County, and if the Board had no issues with the building as designed she would notify Dr. Campbell, the County Coroner. She also stated she has reminded Dr. Campbell that the Township cannot permit the construction until the issue of its registration as a cemetery company is addressed along with the required escrow being posted. The Board asked Ms. McCreary to find out how many remains could be interred in the building.

NEW BUSINESS:

Restrictions on Plastic Bags: Mr. Busillo spoke to the Board about the EAC's desire for the Board to consider an ordinance banning plastic bags or requiring a surcharge on companies using them within the Township. He stated Solebury Township, Doylestown Borough and New Hope Borough are all currently in the process of considering adopting an ordinance. Mr. Hilferty asked about the enforceability, and expressed concern about the effect it could have on small businesses in the Township. Ms. McCreary spoke about educating

residents and businesses about the benefits of reusable bags, with Mr. Lykon speaking about the recycling crisis the U.S. will face since countries like China have tightened their standard for accepting recycling materials. Mr. Reiss stated he will provide the Board with a copy of the Borough of Nazareth's ordinance. Ms. McCreary stated she would request copies of the proposed ordinances from the three municipalities.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Carroll to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. With no additional comment, all voted in favor 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn McCreary, Township Manager

Date Approved