



Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting

Minutes

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Tuesday, June 16, 2020

5:00 PM

Community Meeting Room

I. 5:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

Members of the Board of Supervisors in attendance included Chairperson Barbara N. Lyons, Vice Chairperson Ryan Manion, with Supervisors; Jennifer V. Herring, Nancy Santacecilia and Dan Wood.

Township Staff in attendance included Township Manager Stephanie J. Mason, Director of Operations Dave Tomko, Township Solicitor Jeffrey P. Garton, Chief of Police A. Dean Logan, Director of Parks and Recreation Karen Sweeney.

Excused staff included Township Engineer Geoffrey J. Attanasio

- A. Pledge to the flag
- B. Visitors/Public Comments

Ms. Lyons announced that Mr. Attanasio, the current Township Engineer from Boucher & James Inc., will be moving to Gilmore and Associates, Inc. He has requested to stay on as the Township Engineer until December, 31 2020.

Ms. Lyons MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Manion to have Mr. Attanasio continue to be the Engineer for Doylestown Township under Gilmores and Associates, Inc. MOTION passed 5-0.

Ms. Lyons introduced Theresa Mays to speak. Ms. Mays spoke on backlash and harassment she has been receiving, due to recent events, in the community and racial profiling that occurred in Doylestown. Ms. Lyons commented that she felt it was important for Ms. Mays to speak and thanked her. Ms. Manion apologized for the community's behavior toward her and hopes that more people in the community will be aware. Chief Logan stated he would listen to her if she had any issues with racial profiling by Township police and stated he apologized and it was unacceptable to happen at all.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- D. Leaf and Yard Waste Recycling – the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9AM – 11AM – Drop off site is located at the New Britain Rd. entrance of Central Park. Please visit our website for more information.
- E. Visit www.doylestownrec.com for updates regarding summer programs and camps. Watch for new virtual programs to be added! Also keep an eye out for our “Camp in a Bag” program coming soon!
- F. The Annual Doylestown Township Golf Outing will be August 24, 2020. For further information please go to www.doylestownrec.com or contact our Administration Offices.

III. MINUTES APPROVAL: Regular Meeting – May 19, 2020
Budget Work Session Notes – May 19, 2020

Ms. Manion MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Santacecilia to approve the regular meeting minutes. MOTION passed 5-0.

Ms. Santacecilia MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Manion to approve the Budget Work Session minutes. MOTION passed 5-0.

IV. CORRESPONDENCES

- A. Resignation from Kids Castle Committee – K. Kane

Ms. Manion MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Santacecilia to approve Mr. Kane’s resignation from the Kids Castle Committee. MOTION passed 5-0. Ms. Mansion stated there are many vacancies the Kids Castle Committee are looking to fill.

V. REPORTS

- A. Solicitor - None
- B. Police Chief

Chief Logan asked for guidance from the board regarding solicitors’ permits. Ms. Lyons suggested to deny until Doylestown is in the green phase. The Board agreed.

Chief Logan reported on June 8th, 2020 he posted a letter to Township residents. He would like to perform steps to improve race relations. In his research the common themes he came across included use of force policies and reporting, hiring practices, training and education standards, and disciplinary procedures. He noted that yes, the Township does have a use of force policy but the policies are not consistent across the state or Country. He noted that the reporting policy for the State and Government is only required when excessive force is used, and it is not enough. He would like all counties to have a consistent policy with equal reporting. He stated that the Township hiring practices include three pools to pull from based on jurisdiction and stated the Township goes beyond

the minimum and would like the other departments across the state to do the same. He stated the state should raise the minimum of training and education for officers and noted the Townships continuing education throughout the year. He also noted positive discipline can occur with proper supervision. He stated he believes the use of excessive force has no place in law enforcement and should be a terminable offense. He stated the Township has good policies and officers in place. He stated it is important to acknowledge there is no reporting for an officer that has deescalated a situation and would like to put a policy in place. Ms. Lyons noted chokeholds are only used in lethal situations. Chief Logan stated he could not recall the last time that method was used but it is only to be used in a deadly force situation, as a last circumstance but not to control anyone. Ms. Herring requested police polices used by the department for review.

- C. Township Engineer - None
- D. Director of Operations
 - 1. Central Park Lighting – Poles and Fixtures (COSTARS Purchase)

Ms. Herring MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Manion to approve purchasing the Central Park Lighting material from Turtle and Hughes Inc. for the amount of \$95, 904.00. MOTION passed 5-0.

- E. Manager - None
- F. Supervisors

Ms. Lyons spoke on a bias training she took. She proposed abbreviated bias training for employees and eventually open it up to the community. The board agreed.

Ms. Santacecilia noted Bike and Hike and TAB continue to meet via Zoom. She thanked Chief Logan for the department's efforts.

Ms. Herring thanked the police department. She spoke on the history of slavery in Bucks County noting the significance of Juneteenth. Ms. Herring proposed a resolution for the Township honoring Juneteenth Freedom Day on June 19. She asked for the Board's approval of the resolution.

Ms. Manion stated she did not have sufficient time to review but supports the resolution.

Ms. Manion MOTIONED to table the discussion; seconded by Ms. Santacecilia. MOTION passed 4-1. Ms. Herring voted Nay.

Ms. Herring discussed the movement of Black Lives Matter and explained the need for recognition and justice. She noted the people can support the movement and the police. She also asked residents to complete research and not rely on possible misinformation through social media.

Ms. Herring recognized pride month. She also proposed the Board of Supervisors meetings continue to meet through Zoom and residents have the ability to participate through video or calling in.

Ms. Lyons noted that if an individual or party needed to be involved in the meeting they could accommodate. Ms. Herring stated she would like to discuss further.

Ms. Manion apologized for interrupting Ms. Herring and addressed Ms. Herring's comments. She appreciated the history of slavery in Bucks County that she shared and stated the best interest of the residents should be first and finds she is doing a disservice to the Township by pushing an agenda.

Ms. Herring stated she appreciated Ms. Manion's input.

Ms. Manion thanked Chief Logan and the police department. Chief Logan stated his officers are the backbone of the department.

Mr. Wood MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Herring to approve Mr. Sawyer being appointed to EAC. MOTION passed 5-0.

Mr. Wood thanked Ms. Mays for speaking. He noted he is aware of racism in the area and noted her speech moved him. He thanked the police department. He stated being proactive is important and proposed a resident run human relations committee, working with staff and police against discrimination. He asked for the Board's interest. The consensus of the Board was that they would like to hear more.

Mr. Wood asked residents to not rely on social media for information.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING - None

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Pebble Ridge Wood Ridge Sewer Project – BCWSA Payment Request No. 12 and No. 13

Ms. Santacecilia MOTIONED; seconded by Mr. Wood to approve BCWSA Payment Request No. 12 and No. 13. MOTION passed 5-0.

- B. Turk Road Feasibility Study – Resolution Closing Out Grant

Ms. Manion MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Santacecilia to approve Resolution No. 2216. MOTION passed 5-0.

- C. Land Development - Hammerstein Museum Review Extension Letter

Ms. Herring MOTIONED; seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the Hammerstein Museum Review Extension until 7/31/2020. MOTION passed 5-0.

- D. Zoning Hearing Board Applications –
1. 149 Willow Lane – Request a Variance
 2. 304 Bunker Hollow Rd – Request a Variance

Ms. Mason suggested applications be left to the Zoning Hearing Board.

E. Treasures Report – June 16, 2020

Ms. Manion MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Santacecilia to approve the Treasures Report. MOTION passed 5-0.

E. Bills List – June 16, 2020

Ms. Manion MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Santacecilia to approve the Bills List. MOTION passed 5-0.

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X. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 6 :08 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Stephanie J. Mason
Secretary