



Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting

~Minutes~

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Tuesday, January 18, 2022

7:00 PM

Community Meeting Room

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

Township Staff in attendance included Township Manager Stephanie Mason, Director of Operations Dave Tomko, Township Solicitor Jeffrey Garton, Police Lieutenant Chuck Zeigler, and Township Engineer Sean Torpey.

Ms. Lyons reported that prior to the meeting the Board held one interview for an EAC vacancy and held an Executive Session regarding matters of potential litigation regarding Verizon.

I. 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

A. Pledge to the flag

B. Presentations

Green Energy Presentation – Jim Baldassarre and Curtis Sawyer, EAC

Mr. Sawyer spoke on modern solar plans and noted it is becoming the cheapest electricity in the world. He stated that West Rockhill Township became 100% solar in 2021. He explained the ground mounted system supplies electricity for the entire municipality. He reviewed economics and payback noting their system cost \$169,000, they save approximately \$15,000 per year, and have a payback period of eleven years. He reviewed other considerations such as tax credit and different structure options. He concluded that solar electric is feasible and economically friendly.

Ms. Lyons stated the Board is reviewing options for the new building.

Proposed Resolution - Single Use Plastics – Heidi Shiver, EAC

Ms. Herring agreed with the resolution and stated it is appropriate for the Ready for 100 campaign. Ms. Lyons suggested an amendment to add “with recommendation”. Ms. Shiver agreed.

Ms. Manion MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Herring to approve resolution No. 2365. MOTION passed 5-0.

C. Visitors/Public Comments

Ms. Chang, a Doylestown Borough resident, stated she is a chair of Bucks Voices, a voter engagement group, and spoke on the importance of elected officials. She noted the group has a concern about Ms. Santacecilia’s current position and her involvement in the flyer distribution

to CBSD staff last fall. She noted it was unethical and explained how her actions affect many. She called for Ms. Santacecilia`s resignation.

Marguerite Quinn, former PA Representative, and resident addressed Ms. Santacecilia. She stated that Ms. Santacecilia assisted her when she needed it most and noted her positive attributes. She stated the actions she took in October were hurtful to the community. She noted Ms. Santacecilia`s apology to the Board came up short to the people that were harmed in the community. She stated her continued presence on the Board is harmful. Ms. Quinn noted she encouraged her to run for this position and assisted in her campaign. She stated it is in the best interest of the Township for Ms. Santacecilia to resign.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 7:00 PM.
- B. Christmas Tree Drop-Off - Trees can be dropped off at the New Britain Road entrance of Central Park until January 31st

III. MINUTES APPROVAL – Reorganization Meeting – January 3, 2022

Ms. Herring MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Manion to approve the January 3, 2022 Board of Supervisors reorganization meeting minutes. MOTION passed 5-0.

IV. CORRESPONDENCES

- A. EAC Recognition of Parks Department

Ms. Lyons thanked Ms. Mitchell for providing a letter of recognition on behalf of staff member Chris Mason in his efforts to assist the EAC.

- B. EAC Resignations - T. Casas and M. Brooks

Ms. Herring MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Manion to approve the resignation of Tanya Casas and Martin Brooks from the EAC. MOTION passed 5-0.

V. REPORTS

- A. Solicitor - Del Val/Terrain – Possible Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Mr. Garton reviewed the presentation to the Board from Del Val and Terrain. He stated the ordinance has been drafted with all parties involved. He noted the plans received support from the Planning Commission. He stated the amendment is to define the use University.

Ms. Manion MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Herring to approve advertising of the ordinance. MOTION passed 5-0.

B. Police Chief

Chief Logan stated the accreditation mock test is scheduled for this week and the final test will be in February.

C. Township Engineer

No Comment

D. Manager

Recommendation to Sunset Committees: Turk Road Feasibility & PROS Committee

Ms. Mason noted a recommendation was received to close out the Turk Road Feasibility & Park Recreation Open Space (PROS) Committee as work on both has been completed.

Ms. Manion MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Herring to sunset the Turk Road Feasibility & PROS Committee. MOTION passed 5-0.

Training Requests

Ms. Mason reviewed requested training.

Mr. Wood MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Manion to approve training requests for APMM and the PA Recreation & Park Association Conference. MOTION passed 5-0.

E. Director of Operations

Chapman Road Bridge Proposals

Ms. Manion MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Herring to approve the Chapman Road Bridge Proposal with Michael Baker International totaling \$184,592 with two additional services. MOTION passed 5-0.

Mr. Wood inquired why Michael Baker International is not also completing the permitting. Mr. Tomko noted Pennoni has completed the permitting in the past and will continue with the process.

Ms. Manion MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Herring to approve the Chapman Road Bridge Proposal with Pennoni totaling \$7,300 lump sum fee. MOTION passed 5-0.

Phone System Replacement Proposal

Mr. Tomko noted the staff completed research and quotes from four companies was received. He also stated the service plan can be renewed. Ms. Lyons thanked the committee for completing research.

Ms. Manion MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Herring to approve the purchase and installation of a new phone system from Galco Business Communication, Inc. for the on-time equipment and

installation charge of \$18,145.00 and the monthly fee of \$378.80 for a term of 36 months totaling \$13,608.00. MOTION passed 5-0.

Pavement Management Survey Proposal

Mr. Tomko noted it is an all-in cost for the survey and model. The Board discussed the need for the survey. Mr. Tomko noted the annual survey is the standard.

Ms. Mason noted the mapping identified what roads have deteriorated further to rank the roads needing repair.

Mr. Torpey noted the survey will identify progress, provide a clear visual on the website for residents, and assist to categorize non immediate repairs.

Chief Logan inquired if the police cars could assist in the process.

Mr. Torpey explained the detailed process noting the mapping takes a week of driving.

Mr. Wood MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Herring to approve the pavement management survey for 2022 by Pennoni totaling \$11,675. MOTION passed 5-0.

F. Supervisors

Ms. Herring MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Manion to appoint Chad Clem to the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). MOTION passed 5-0.

Ms. Herring thanked Mr. Brooks and Ms. Casas for their support on the EAC and wished them well. She noted updates from the Pension Advisory Committee. She also added that the Building Committee discussed the geothermal and solar options.

Ms. Manion stated she is frustrated that Ms. Santacecilia has not made a public comment and stated working with her is becoming more difficult as she stays quiet. She noted the other Board members have taken on all the committees as members have stated they will not work with Ms. Santacecilia encouraging her to speak up.

Mr. Wood agreed with Ms. Manion. He went on to appreciate the EAC's contributions in the Ready for 100 campaign and resolutions that are being brought to the Board.

Ms. Lyons stated she agrees with Ms. Quinn and Ms. Chang's comments. She noted Ms. Santacecilia has wasted the Board's time, distracted the Board, and created resentment in the community and called for her resignation as she will not be able to ever represent the residents.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Pebble Ridge/Woodridge Sewer Project – BCWSA Payment Request No. 32

Ms. Herring MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Manion to approve BCWSA Payment Request No. 32. MOTION passed 5-0

- B. Zoning Hearing Board Applications
Caya, 102 Ridings Lane – Requests special exception

Alferman, 172 Shady Brook Cir. – Requests a special exception

Ms. Mason suggested leaving both matters to the Zoning Hearing Board. The Board agreed.

- C. Treasurer’s Report – January 18, 2022

Ms. Herring MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Manion to approve the Treasurer's Report. MOTION passed 5-0.

- D. Bills Lists – January 18, 2022

Ms. Herring MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Manion to approve the Bills List in the amount of \$534,843.41. MOTION passed 5-0.

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm by Ms. Lyons.

Respectfully submitted by

Stephanie J. Mason
Secretary