

March 8, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of West Norriton Township was convened at 7:00 PM on the above date by President Panzullo. Commissioners Donoghue, Kennedy, McKenzie and Tolbert were also present, along with: Jason Bobst; Christen Pionzio, Esquire; Kathy Frederick; A. Dale Mabry; Michael Kelly; Michael Valyo; Jonathan Dzedzy; T.J. Figaniak; and William Dingman. There were eleven (11) people in the audience, including the press.

After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting proceeded.

Hearing
Ordinance No.
2016-700

Ms. Pionzio announced that a hearing is being held on proposed Ordinance No. 2016-700 regarding Zoning Regulations in Floodplains and opened the hearing by requesting a motion to suspend the meeting and conduct the hearing. Upon motion of Mr. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. Donoghue and unanimously agreed, the meeting was suspended and the hearing commenced.

According to Ms. Pionzio, the proposed Ordinance was prepared by Montco and has been in the works for years. Basically, as Ms. Pionzio noted, this Ordinance amends the floodplain maps for the County and we are amending our Ordinance in conjunction therewith. The Township will send the residents and residences on the list with a copy of the Ordinance for their information, per Ms. Pionzio.

There being no comments or questions offered, Ms. Pionzio requested a motion to close the hearing and resume the meeting. As such, upon motion of Mr. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. Donoghue and unanimously approved, the hearing was closed and the meeting resumed.

Minutes
Approval

Upon motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. McKenzie and unanimously approved, the Minutes of the Board's work session of February 2, 2016 and its regular meeting of February 9, 2016 were approved.

Report of Bills
Approval of
Checks

Mr. Bobst read the Finance Committee Report and requested approval of: General Fund and Golf Club payroll checks in the amount of \$27,705.96; payroll vouchers in the amount of \$212,205.79; and the Payment Approval Report in the amount of \$321,491.18.

Upon motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Donoghue and unanimously passed, the report of checks and vouchers was approved by the Board.

Committee
Reports:
Administration
& Finance

Mr. Bobst presented the Agenda items under New Business and also advised the Board that:

- a \$1M grant program coinciding with the Montco 20/40 plan was announced for single projects of \$100,000.00. According to Mr. Bobst, he will ascertain if we can submit for this grant;
- there was a site visit of Barbadoes Island by personnel from the County Assessors' office,

Norristown School Board, West Norriton Township and Exelon Corp to broker a deal for the reduction in assessment of the property, which assessment is \$9M. According to Mr. Bobst, the parties are not close to a settlement yet, but he will keep the Board advised. Mr. Kennedy inquired as to transformers in operation on the site and Mr. Tolbert inquired as to the potential loss of revenue to the Township; and

- he is serving as chairman of a local government committee to rewrite the 1st Class Township Code which is projected to be an 18-24 month process.

Mr. Murray did not present his report at the meeting; however, he has since submitted his summary which shows cash balances in the various accounts as follows:

	<u>January 31st</u>	<u>February 29th</u>
General Fund	5,034,612.94	5,479,401.35
PLGIT 10105000	18,292.81	18,298.00
PLGIT CD	0.00	0.00
Continental CD	0.00	0.00
Golf Fund	68,031.55	20,164.26
Escrow Fund	720,582.87	718,318.85
Sinking Fund	2,318.95	2,319.87
Liquid Fuels	152,582.35	146,116.33
Capital Reserve PLGIT	188,792.32	188,792.41
Capital Reserve CD	0.00	0.00
Capital Reserve	0.02	0.02
Sewer Capital Acct	714,537.53	713,709.46
Vehicle Replacement Fund	331,571.20	331,597.47
Police Pension Citizens	20,836.04	25,942.93
Non-Unif. Pens. Citizens	14,034.71	14,491.02
Grant DUI	0.00	0.00
Grant, Misc.	15,346.75	15,352.83
Traffic Impact Fee	359,850.08	359,992.67

Upon motion of Mr. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. Donoghue and unanimously passed, the Administration & Finance reports were approved.

Public Safety

Chief Mabry highlighted his monthly report.

On motion of Mr. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. Donoghue and unanimously passed, the Public Safety Report was approved.

Public Works

The highlights of his Public Works report were presented by Mr. Valyo who emphasized storm inlet cleaning and repair throughout the Township.

On motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Tolbert and unanimously passed, the Public Works Report was approved.

Building & Zoning

Mr. Valyo presented the highlights of the Building and Zoning Report as prepared by Thomas Heisner, BCO.

On motion of Mr. Donoghue, seconded by Mr. McKenzie and unanimously passed, the Building/Zoning Report was approved.

Recreation

The Recreation report was prepared and presented by Jon Dzedzy who reminded all of the upcoming events, including the Easter Egg Hunt on March 26th and West Norriton Day scheduled for May 21st.

Mr. Panzullo inquired about the number of children registered for little league. According to Mr. Dzedzy, registration is up 15% from last year.

On motion of Mr. Donoghue, seconded by Mr. McKenzie and unanimously passed, the Recreation Report was approved.

Jeffersonville Golf Club

Highlights of the monthly report of the Jeffersonville Golf Club, including rounds and revenue, were presented by Mr. Bobst.

On motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. McKenzie and unanimously passed, the Golf Club Report was approved.

Sanitary Sewer Engineer

The monthly Sanitary Report of Gilmore & Associates was presented by Mr. Figaniak who added that the Chapter 94 Report is in the works and should be completed by next week.

On motion of Mr. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously passed, the Sanitary Report was approved.

Consulting Engineer

The monthly Engineer's Report as prepared by Mr. Estock was presented and highlighted by Mr. Bobst.

On motion of Mr. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. McKenzie and unanimously passed, the Engineer's Report was approved.

All Committee reports are on file in the Administration office of the Township Building for the public to view during normal business hours.

Commissioners' Comment

There were no comments offered by the Commissioners.

Public Comment

Jenny Geist of 28 Centre Avenue thanked the Board for the mention of potential paving in the Township and requested paving of the alley behind Centre Avenue. In that regard, Ms. Geist noted that she has a petition signed by many residents requesting the alley paving as it is in such disrepair. Mr. Bobst mentioned that the alley is owned from the rear of each home to the center of the alley by the residents, but that some type of repair work can be considered. Ms. Geist also inquired about abandoned vehicles in the alley. To which Chief Mabry replied that the proposed residential parking permit ordinance should help that issue.

James Watters of 1 E. Indian Lane, mentioned that: the EAC is ready to go with its display for West Norriton Day; a topic for the next Hank Cisco show will be what homeowners can do to reduce water usage; an article for the "Letter to the Editor" section of the Times Herald was sent announcing the showing of environmental education videos prior to the Township's Board meetings beginning at 6:30 PM; the next field trip for the EAC regards Montco Health Department water quality; underground electrical fires on Main Street in Norristown reflect on us and, as such, a formal complaint to the P.U.C has been drafted about PECO not doing its job; and he compiled a "brief" detailing the issue surrounding Blue Elk and Dove Basin #4 having been a pollutant to the Schuylkill since the 90's.

Mary Ellen Moran of 714 Port Indian Road expressed her concerns over ground being environmentally cleaned up.

There being no further public comment offered, upon motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Donoghue and unanimously approved, the public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

New Business

Upon motion of Mr. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. McKenzie and unanimously agreed, the Board authorized the advertising of the proposed ordinance re: residential parking permit.

Upon motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Donoghue and unanimously agreed, the Board approved the adoption of Ordinance No. 2016-700 re: Zoning Regulations in Floodplains (copy attached).

Upon motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Tolbert and unanimously agreed, the Board approved the adoption of Ordinance No. 2016-701 re: Sewers and Sewage Disposal (copy attached).

Upon motion of Mr. Donoghue, seconded by Mr. Tolbert and unanimously agreed, the Board appointed Joseph Gunder to the Environmental Advisory Council and Kelly Jordan to the Recreation Committee.

Upon motion of Mr. Donoghue, seconded by Mr. Tolbert and unanimously agree, the Board approved the waiver of land development of Green Drop at 433 Egypt Road.

Upon motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. McKenzie and unanimously agreed, the Board adopted Resolution No. 16-1571 regarding the Fee Schedule (copy attached).

It was announced by Mr. Bobst that there is no Planning Commission meeting nor any meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board scheduled for March.

Adjournment

There being no further business on the Agenda, at 7:41 PM, upon motion of Mr. Donoghue, seconded by Mr. Tolbert and unanimously agreed by the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

*Kathy K. Frederick
Assistant Secretary*