

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; Joseph Estock; and T.J. Figaniak. There were eighteen (18) people in the audience, including the press.

After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting proceeded.

Minutes Upon motion of Mr. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. McKenzie and
Approval unanimously approved, the Minutes of the Board's work session of March 1, 2016 and its regular meeting of March 8, 2016 were approved.

Report of Bills Mr. Bobst read the Finance Committee Report and requested
Approval of approval of: General Fund and Golf Club payroll checks in
Checks the amount of \$39,976.42; payroll vouchers in the amount of \$356,283.91; and the Payment Approval Report in the amount of \$671,394.41.

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

Committee Mr. Bobst advised the Board that in addition to the items
Reports: on the Agenda as New Business:

Administration
& Finance

- a local share grant is available and will be researched for sanitary sewer work;
- Verizon's Franchise Agreement will be up for negotiation 36 months from the expiration date;
- regarding the GoreCon litigation, we are having difficulty finding an arbitrator with a construction background, but hope to have one in place soon;
- a draft of the design and work to be done on the basins at Sterigere Street and The Mews, and the stormwater projects at the Golf Course have been completed as part of the Growing Greener Grant;

Regarding the New Business items:

- The Ordinance for residential parking permits was advertised, signs and permits were ordered and staff will work with PA American Water Co. as to where to start based on the Water Co.'s work in the area;
- The Township received a PEMA/FEMA SRL Grant for the elevation of Nos. 2 and 9 W. Indian Lane;
- Gilmore & Associates worked on the GoreCon litigation case to substantiate the work of Mr. Estock; and
- Need to review subdivision feasibility for the Burnside Avenue property and, as such, we are requesting the Montco Planning Commission to review.

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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>February 29th</u>	<u>March 31st</u>
General Fund	5,479,401.35	4,911,949.67
PLGIT 10105000	18,298.00	18,302.08
PLGIT CD	0.00	0.00
Continental CD	0.00	0.00
Golf Fund (14,951.16)	20,164.26	
Escrow Fund	718,318.85	711,141.03
Sinking Fund	2,319.87	2,320.85
Liquid Fuels	146,116.33	529,812.00
Capital Reserve PLGIT	188,792.41	188,954.05
Capital Reserve CD	0.00	0.00
Capital Reserve	0.02	0.02
Sewer Capital Acct	713,709.46	614,117.65
Vehicle Replacement Fund	331,597.47	331,625.55
Police Pension Citizens	25,942.93	33,427.08
Non-Unif. Pens. Citizens	14,491.02	14,313.05
Grant DUI	0.00	0.00
Grant, Misc.	15,352.83	215,403.05
Traffic Impact Fee	359,992.67	360,145.15

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

Chief Mabry highlighted his monthly report.

Public Safety

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

Public Works

The highlights of his Public Works report were presented by Mr. Valyo who noted that the department is currently short-staffed due to injuries.

Also, it was mentioned by Mr. Valyo that tree limb pickup will begin next Tuesday and that a list of streets for possible repaving will be presented at next month's work session.

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. Tolbert and unanimously passed, the Building/Zoning Report was approved.

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Recreation

The Recreation report was prepared and presented by Jon Dzedzy who reminded all of the upcoming events, including Little League Opening Day on April 16th and West Norriton Day scheduled for May 21st which includes a band and fireworks display. Also, Mr. Dzedzy thanked all who contributed and participated in the Eater Egg Hunt. Mr. Donoghue commended Mr. Dzedzy and the Recreation Department for the "great" Easter Egg Hunt.

Further, according to Mr. Dzedzy, the trail from Betzwood Park to the Schuylkill Valley Trail was closed by the Township as an unsafe condition exists on it due to water erosion. The Township is looking into obtaining a grant to repair and reopen the trail.

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 were presented by Mr. Bobst who noted that work was beginning on hole #16.

On motion of Mr. Donoghue, 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 was submitted and de-permitting applications for the storage tanks at the pump stations were submitted.

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. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Donoghue 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

Mr. Kennedy addressed the misconception of a resident surrounding the Burnside Avenue project which was discussed at the recent work session. According to Mr. Kennedy, the homeowner (Tim) approached him about the possible subdivision of his property, and that the homeowner suggested possibly granting the Township an easement through the property for a trail. Over the past week, per Mr. Kennedy, the integrity of the Township Manager has come into question by a resident. It was emphatically stated by Mr. Kennedy that Mr. Bobst is a great township manager and that he has done nothing but move this Township forward. Also, Mr. Kennedy noted that

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he has been on the Board longer than any other Board member and that the Township is in a better place than ever before. Mr. Kennedy cautioned against the use of words such as "transparency" and "conspiracy".

Thereafter, Mr. Tolbert stated that you can either have a Board which is proactive or reactive and suggested that to think that there is a link from one project in the Township to another is once removed from lunacy. Mr. Tolbert requested that residents give the Board and Township staff its trust and allow them to discuss issues in public, i.e., the work sessions.

Public Comment

Kim Haymans-Geisler of 1810 Ardin Drive advised the Board that, because of her previous house hunting in the Township, she is aware of what is going on and expressed her concerns about the trail. According to Ms. Haymans-Geisler, she reached out to concerned residents with her information about a possible easement and trail on Burnside Avenue and its connection to the VanLandeghem tract, as well as a sewer connection.

Fran Cubberly, 100 Burnside Avenue, commended the residents who attend the Township meetings. Ms. Cubberly also stated that she spoke with Representative Vereb and is convinced that there is no hidden agenda on the part of the Board or the Township Manager.

Jenny Geist of 28 Centre Avenue thanked the Board for moving forward with the residential parking permit program and mentioned that she had more signatures on the petition. It was noted by Mr. Bobst that PA American Water Co. will be repaving upon completion of their work in the Centre Avenue area and that the Township will roll the alley way to maintain it thereafter.

James Watters of 1 E. Indian Lane, mentioned that he is familiar with the condition of Centre Avenue and has some ideas of ways to reduce erosion and ruts thereon. Mr. Watters noted that, according to Cedarville Engineering, the EAC has fulfilled its MS-4 requirements and that it is awaiting receipt of a letter confirming same. Also, Mr. Watters suggested that the storm drains need to be stenciled to indicate where the water goes, and he commended the "Coffee with a Cop" program and its choice of officer representation. Finally Mr. Watters announced that the education center located in the Township's lobby is operational.

Kim Haymans-Geisler addressed the Board again and expressed her concerns about: a "connection" with the basin on Chestnut Avenue; how the proposed Markley Farms development is connecting to the sewer; and the use of taxpayers' money for the golf course.

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Nancy Collier of 1962 Brandon Road, commended all on the Easter Egg Hunt and expressed her thanks to Commissioners Kennedy and Tolbert for their vote of confidence of Mr. Bobst. Ms. Collier stated that she thinks that "indeed we are lucky to have Jason" and she has found him to be open, honest and always available to answer her questions.

Mary Ellen Moran of 714 Port Indian inquired about information on the Conservation District being kept updated on the website.

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

New Business

Upon motion of Mr. Donoghue, seconded by Mr. Tolbert and unanimously agreed, the Board tabled a decision on the Conditional Use Application for 2561 W. Main Street (Burger King) until its meeting on May 10th.

Upon motion of Mr. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. Donoghue and unanimously agreed, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 2016-702 re: residential parking permit program (copy attached).

Upon motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Tolbert and unanimously agreed, the Board granted permission to advertise the Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) Grant for Nos. 2 & 9 W. Indian Lane.

Upon motion of Mr. Donoghue, seconded by Mr. Tolbert and unanimously agreed, the Board appointed Gilmore & Associates as special engineer.

Upon motion of Mr. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously agrees, the Board granted permission for staff to work with the Montgomery County Planning Commission on a plan for the possible subdivision and easement at 312 Burnside Avenue.

Mr. Bobst noted that the "Tabled matters/items" appear on the Agenda for public consumption.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business on the Agenda, at 8:10 PM, upon motion of Mr. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. Donoghue and unanimously agreed by the Board, the meeting was adjourned .

Kathy K. Frederick
Assistant Secretary

