

July 12, 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; John Walko, Esquire; Kathy Frederick; A. Dale Mabry; Michael Kelly; Michael Valyo; Jonathan Dzedzy; and T.J. Figaniak. There were thirteen (13) people in the audience.

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 June 7, 2016 and its regular meeting of June 14, 12, 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 \$40,725.25; payroll vouchers in the amount of \$239,822.47; and the Payment Approval Report in the amount of \$646,385.02.

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

Committee Mr. Bobst advised the Board that:
Reports:
Administration
& Finance

- Preliminary and Final Land Development Approval of Mikelen LLC - Markley Farms would be considered in August as there are still some outstanding items (road work, etc.) to address; and
- Arbitration is scheduled for tomorrow for resolution of the GoreCon litigation regarding Potts Avenue.

Also, it was noted by Mr. Bobst that, in addition to the items on the Agenda as New Business:

- the financing for the proposed golf course borrowing will be tabled until the Board's August meeting to allow time to incorporate tax-free and taxable interests due to the leasing of the banquet facilities. In that regard, Mr. Bobst announced that financing documents will be presented at the Board's Work Session in August, which meeting will be advertised;
- the first of four (4) public meetings for the VanLandeghem Master Site Plan will be held on Monday, July 25th @ 6:00 PM here at the Township building, and that future meetings are tentatively scheduled in February, April and July of 2017 with projected completion in August of 2017; and
- regarding MS-4 permitting, there are some items of concern, including the requirement to reduce

sediment by 10%, at an approximate cost of \$90,000.00, and work on inlets to begin in 2017. According to Mr. Bobst, there is still a grey area as to the DEP's requirements in this regard, but that they will be necessary in all municipalities.

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>May 31st</u>	<u>June 30th</u>
General Fund	8,848,419.47	8,554,853.38
PLGIT 10105000	18,310.46	18,314.73
PLGIT CD	0.00	0.00
Continental CD	0.00	0.00
Golf Fund	35,716.18	82,093.47
Escrow Fund	731,758.77	735,332.58
Sinking Fund	2,346.65	2,346.88
Liquid Fuels	514,592.55	470,203.78
Capital Reserve PLGIT	188,954.25	189,133.63
Capital Reserve CD	0.00	0.00
Capital Reserve	0.02	0.02
Sewer Capital Acct	786,802.50	787,125.02
Vehicle Replacement Fund	331,680.82	331,708.01
Police Pension Citizens	28,433.40	27,591.28
Non-Unif. Pens. Citizens	7,571.94	8,478.37
Grant DUI	0.00	0.00
Grant, Misc.	15,451.43	15,457.76
Traffic Impact Fee	360,445.39	360,593.14

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

Public Safety

Chief Mabry highlighted his monthly report and announced that the new County radios are scheduled to be delivered in August. Mr. Donoghue inquired if the new radios will cure the radio reception problems in Port Indian. According to Chief Mabry, the new radios will not cure the problem(s), but that tower repair scheduled to be completed by the end of 2016 should help.

On motion of Mr. Kennedy, 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.

It was mentioned by Mr. Valyo that the Township received a grant in the amount of \$102,000.00+ which will cover the cost of the purchase of our dump truck and leaf machine. Also, Mr. Valyo noted that we received two (2) bids for the repaving project and that at the time of the repaving, the manholes will be replaced as well.

On motion of Mr. Donoghue, seconded by Mr. McKenzie 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. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Donoghue 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 family Movie Night on Saturday, August 27th.

Also, Mr. Dzedzy mentioned that the 5 K run was a success and that it raised over \$3,000.00 for the JROTC. Mr., Kennedy noted that Maura McMahan and James Young were the fastest Township residents that completed the 5K race and that Chief Mabry came in 38th place on a difficult course.

Mr. Dzedzy advised the Board that the layout of the proposed walking trail at Centennial Park has been reduced in size by 800 linear feet in an effort to reduce the cost of the project for rebidding.

Upon motion of Mr. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. Donoghue 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 JGC is on course to meet or exceed the revenue and number of rounds for 2015 and tournament play has been successful.

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

**Sanitary Sewer
Engineer**

The monthly Sanitary Report of Gilmore & Associates was presented and highlighted by Mr. Figaniak who mentioned that the I & I work is progressing, that he is requesting authorization to bid repairs w/ Video Pipe and that the Burger King project began on July 5th with an estimated completion date of October 15th.

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

**Consulting
Engineer**

In the absence of Mr. Estock, the monthly Engineer's Report was presented and highlighted by Mr. Bobst.

On motion of Mr. Kennedy 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**

A comment was made by Mr. Kennedy that the repainted Little League backstop looks great.

It was announced by Mr. Donoghue that he had been asked by his neighbors to read a comment and he noted that he joins in the sentiment therein. Mr. Donoghue proceeded to read the comment which stated that the residents of Saddlebrook and Regents Park communities feel that they are at risk of personal injury, property damage and emotional distress due to speeding vehicles on Fieldcrest Avenue. As a resident, Mr. Donoghue stated, he sees a hazard created by the speeding down this hill and specifically at the blind intersection of Fieldcrest Avenue and Dragon Circle where residents gather to collect their mail at the community mailboxes. Per Mr. Donoghue, the absence of a stop sign at this intersection places the residents at risk when collecting their mail. Further, it was requested by Mr. Donoghue that a stop sign be placed at this intersection or, in the alternative, at the intersections of Fieldcrest Avenue and Hillendale Drive and Fieldcrest Avenue and Rockwood Drive. Mr. Donoghue went on to say that "by preventing our neighbors to have this safety, there is a negligence that is done by this Township". In addition, Mr. Donoghue mentioned that his fellow residents have spoken with the police department and this intersection was described as a threat. In conclusion, Mr. Donoghue suggested that the individuals living in these neighborhoods deserve more.

Mr. Kennedy inquired as to who is speeding and if the speeding is being done by residents of those communities since that roadway is not a thoroughfare. He further noted that this is the first time that he is hearing of this issue being brought up at a Township meeting. Also, it was stated by Mr. Kennedy that he has a problem with the Township being called "negligent". Mr. Donoghue suggested that he has previously brought this issue up, while Mr. Tolbert inquired if there is a reason why this road was not included in the list of stop signs to be added. According to Chief Mabry, he clarified that he never referred to this situation as a "threat" and he further stated that the traffic safety unit went through the entire Township when comprising the list of streets to have stop signs added, and that Fieldcrest was not on the list as it is not a through street. It was confirmed by Chief Mabry that he/his department has received complaints about speeding in the Regents Park & Saddlebrook communities and that speed trailers were set up. Further, according to Chief Mabry, all complaints were examined, and after speaking with the Homeowners Associations of both communities, it was determined that the speeders are residents of those developments.

Mr. Donoghue also mentioned that there exists a problem of trees and parked cars impeding the view at the inter-

ection of Fieldcrest and Dragon Circle. It was suggested by Mr. Kennedy that a letter be sent to the Homeowners Association to trim the tree limbs.

Mr. Walko stated that improper traffic control devices are a liability and that they are subject to non-enforcement.

Per Mr. Tolbert, he is not hearing experts warranting a stop sign, but perhaps better communication and traffic signage would be warranted. Several speeding remedies were discussed, including, but not limited to, painting crosswalks and placement of signage.

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

Public Comment

Adele Diascro of 2310 Harrow Circle asked if her road is on the list to be paved this year. Per Mr. Valyo, Harrow Circle will not be repaved this year; however, repairs will be made to the bulb of the cul-de-sac.

Joseph Hupka of the Saddlebrook community, stated that these are very good ideas to address the speeding and that he is in favor of them, as long as the final result is to slow down the traffic.

Dorothy Prestia, 2479 Fieldcrest Avenue, advised the Board that she carries her cell phone to the mailbox due to her fear that she will be hit by a speeding car while she is getting her mail. According to Ms. Prestia, this issue has been going on for 30 years and she requests the Board to "please come up with something" to solve this problem. Mr. McKenzie commented that he is sorry that it has taken so long, but that this Board is here now and will take some action. Chief Mabry concurred and asked to be given a chance to fine tune this and we will see how it goes.

Leroy James Watters, III of 1 E. Indian Lane provided an EAC recap by announcing that: the Council's mission statement was completed; jobs have been assigned, including outreach to other EAC's; scout projects are being considered, including storm drain stenciling; monitoring of storm water improvements is ongoing; MS-4 requirements have been met; and that recycling projects are underway. Mr. Watters concluded by stating that he hopes that the Board is happy with the work of the EAC.

Chet Wurtz, 432 Heston Avenue, asked for what MS-4 is an acronym? Mr. Figaniak replied "Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems".

Kim Haymans-Geisler of 1810 Ardin Drive, stated that she enjoys the community members coming out in support of their neighborhoods, and she offered congratulations on

obtaining the grant. Ms. Hayman-Geisler inquired about, among other things: the "hold up" on the installation of the traffic signal at Eagle Drive, the possibility of tours of the compost site at the Farm Park, as well as the equipment used thereon; and the research into the proposed JGC borrowing. In that regard, Ms. Haymans-Geisler noted that she spoke with the manager at Mill Grove and learned that the catering facility at Audubon was paid for by the caterer. According to Ms. Haymans-Geisler, the Township should not get into the catering business by building a new catering facility at JGC. It was pointed out that the Township already owns a catering facility at JGC.

Tom Padden, 2122 Oakland Drive, inquired about the plan, status and timetable of the proposed Markley Farms land development. According to Mr. Bobst, the plan remains for 78 homes with a two (2) phased development beginning on Oakland, and that since some roadwork issues need to be ironed out, the approval will be tabled until August.

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. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously approved, the Board authorized staff to bid out improvements to the Burnside Village Storm Water Basin (Sterigere Street & Bishop Drive) as part of the Growing Greener Grant.

Upon motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. McKenzie and unanimously approved, the Board authorized execution of an engagement letter with Cohen Law Group for the Verizon Franchise Agreement renewal through the Montco consortium of Communities which, according to Mr. Bobst, consists of 30 municipalities.

Upon motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. McKenzie and approved by the Board by a vote of 4-1, with Mr. Donoghue dissenting, the Board authorized the advertising of the Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 - Motor Vehicles; Part 2, Sections 205, 206, 209, 201, 214, and part 4, Section 410.4(a) regarding the installation and removal of stop signs and adding Buchanan Street to the residential parking permit program.

Upon motion of Mr. Donoghue, seconded by Mr. McKenzie and unanimously agreed, the Board authorized the execution of Stipulation and Order of Settlement of the tax assessment appeal of Exelon for Barbadoes Island only to no less than \$2.29M. It was explained by Mr. Walko that the settlement documents contain a typographical error in the assessment amount and thus the Board's authorization for execution thereof is specifically set forth herein.

Upon motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. McKenzie and unanimously agreed, the Board rejected all bids received for the 2016 Walking Trail Project at Centennial Park due to excessive cost, and granted staff permission to rebid a redesign of the Project.

Upon motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Tolbert and unanimously agreed, the Board tabled the consideration of Resolution No. 16-1577 Adopting Rules of Decorum for Public Meetings until the Board's meeting(s) in August.

Upon motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Tolbert and unanimously approved the Board awarded the 2016 Street Paving Project bid to Road-Con, Inc. for its low bid of two hundred forty thousand three hundred and 10/100 dollars (\$240,300.10). Per Mr. Bobst, this bid came in under budget and that, along with the five (5) roads to be repaved by PA American Water, will result in the repaving of a total of fourteen (14) roads in the Township, including nine (9) from this bid. (see attached)

Upon motion of Mr. Donoghue, seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously agreed, the Board authorized staff to request proposals for sanitary sewer work (mains, manholes & laterals) as part of the I & I Comprehensive Plan.

Regarding tabled matters, Mr. Bobst noted they appear on the Agenda for informational purposes.

Mr. Bobst announced that there are no meetings of the Zoning Hearing Board or the Planning Commission scheduled for July, but that a work session will be held on August 2nd and that the notice of same will be advertised.

Adjournment

There being no further business on the Agenda, at 8:40 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