

May 9, 2017

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 and McKenzie were in attendance, while Commissioner Tolbert was absent. Also present were: Jason Bobst; Christen Pionzio, Esquire; Kathy Frederick; A. Dale Mabry; Michael Kelly; Michael Valyo; Jonathan Dzedzy; T.J. Figaniak; and Erik Garton. There were eighteen (18) people in the audience.

After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting proceeded.

Announcement President Panzullo announced that Commissioner Tolbert is on deployment in California and will return next month.

Minutes Approval Upon motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. McKenzie and unanimously approved, the Minutes of the Board's work sessions of April 4, 2017 and its regular meeting of April 11, 2017 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 \$26,403.97; payroll vouchers in the amount of \$217,343.24; and the Payment Approval Report in the amount of \$249,422.94.

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 announced that three (3) new items were added to the Agenda, including: the successful 2040 grant application of \$80,000.00 for the Betzwood Trailhead project; the beginning of negotiations with the AFSCME union for its contract expiring this year; the distribution of a letter to French Creek Racers swim group advising of their inability to utilize 1 W. Indian Lane as river access. Also, Mr. Bobst welcomed the Township's new Finance Director, Donna Horn, and noted that she has 18 years of municipal finance experience w/ Plymouth Township.

Thereafter, Mr. Bobst enumerated and highlighted the items on the Agenda under New Business while Mr. Donoghue thanked Chief Mabry for placing a speed trailer on Fieldcrest.

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

	<u>March 31st</u>	<u>April 30th</u>
General Fund	5,673,225.11	6,584,907.81
PLGIT 10105000	42,645.84	42,664.73
PLGIT CD	0.00	0.00
Continental CD	0.00	0.00
Golf Fund	25,598.31	71,116.02
Escrow Fund	727,942.77	715,684.20

Sinking Fund	6,572.62	6,582.63
Liquid Fuels	482,922.63	483,121.14
Capital Reserve PLGIT	189,811.63	189,811.83
Capital Reserve CD	0.00	0.00
Capital Reserve	0.00	0.00
Sewer Capital Acct	424,552.19	627,191.39
Vehicle Replacement Fund	376,942.44	363,860.56
Police Pension Citizens	31,149.42	32,726.42
Non-Unif. Pens. Citizens	3,518.97	208.43
Grants, DUI	0.00	0.00
Grants, Misc.	967.73	968.13
Traffic Impact Fee	389,207.41	389,367.39

Upon motion of Mr. Kennedy, 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. Donoghue, seconded by Mr. McKenzie and unanimously passed, the Public Safety Report was approved.

Public Works

The highlights of the Public Works report were presented by Mr. Valyo who mentioned that chipping is underway and that the guidelines for same are on the website.

Upon motion of Mr. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Donoghue 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 announced upcoming events, including Community Day on May 20th, with fireworks, and the 9th Annual 5K run on July 4th, the proceeds of which benefit the Montgomery County Hero Fund. Also, it was mentioned by Mr. Dzedzy that two (2) wireless, remote, LED scoreboards were installed at the firehouse park.

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

Jeffersonville Golf Club

Mr. Bobst presented the highlights of the golf report and noted that the financial figures are ahead of projections for the first quarter. According to Mr. Bobst, the preliminary site plans for the golf course improvements shown at the work session are on the website for all to view.

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

Sanitary Sewer Engineer

The highlights of the monthly Sanitary Report of Gilmore & Associates was presented by Mr. Figaniak who mentioned that work is proceeding on the Chestnut Pump Station.

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

Consulting Engineer

The highlights of the engineer's report of Gilmore & Associates was presented by Mr. Garton.

Upon motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. McKenzie and unanimously passed, the Sanitary 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

Commissioner McKenzie inquired about the necessity of a work session in June.

Public Comment

Leroy James Watters of 1 E. Indian Lane thanked the Public Works department for recent repairs to Port Indian and commented that the infiltration basin is problematic at the Montco Youth Center.

Tammy Butryn, 1805 Sterigere Street, commented to the Board that she moved to the Township to retire and "lovingly " restored her home, only to recently find out that the lot next door at 1807 Sterigere Street is up for sale, that Ms. Butryn's patio encroaches 4' onto that property, and that that owner will not give her an easement. Ms. Butryn said that the matter is now in the hands of lawyers and tearfully requested some direction from the Board. It was stated by Ms. Pionzio that, while she sympathized with her, she cannot advise the Township to get involved in this dispute nor can she give Ms. Butryn legal advice.

Jim Staats of 1809 Sterigere Street expressed displeasure with the lack of lawn mowing at 1807 & 1813 Sterigere St.

Kim Haymans-Geisler, 1810 Ardin Drive, asked about getting a copy of a police report on a recent robbery on Sterigere Street. Also, she inquired about stormwater runoff at 1807 Sterigere and its impact on downstream residents. Per Mr. Garton, the preliminary plan is for an underground seepage bed and that it is his job to make sure that there is no downstream impact.

Anthony Uhrich of Alexander Drive inquired about Section 13A of the Zoning Ordinance re: Open Space Preservation District as it relates to the Markley Farms development.

Ms. Pionzio explained that that Section was repealed and removed from the Zoning Ordinance and that it was inappropriately named as it did not preserve open space.

Mary Ellen Moran, 714 Port Indian Road, expressed her concerns about water run-off and safety issues with the parking lot @ the Montco Youth Center. Also, she stated that she is happy about the decision not to allow the swimming group access to 1 W. Indian Road.

Michael Bieloski of 1906 Brandon Road commented on a swale in his backyard which takes on water from Westover easement and which is eroding his property. Per Mr. Bobst, an inspector will review the property and contact Piazza (owner of Westover) to take care of the swale.

Lynn Watters, 1 E. Indian Lane, noted that there is a trash problem at the Montco Youth Center.

New Business

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

Upon motion of Mr. Donoghue, seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously agreed, the Board adopted a Resolution authorizing the execution of the Watershed Restoration and Protection grant.

Upon motion of Mr. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously agreed, the Board awarded the bids for the items up for sale on Municibid, i.e., two (2) mowers and four (4) lots of golf carts to the highest bidders.

Upon motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Donoghue and unanimously agreed, the Board adopted Resolution #17-1593 authorizing a Waiver of Land Development for expansion of the parking lot at the Montco Youth Center subject to review.

Upon motion of Mr. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously agreed, the Board authorized the advertisement of the proposed Ordinance repealing the triennial inspection of residential rental units.

Upon motion of Mr. Donoghue, seconded by Mr. McKenzie and unanimously agreed, the Board authorized the advertisement of the proposed Ordinance to bring into compliance with Township Code re: Treasurer and Tax Collector.

Mr. Bobst noted that the tabled matters remained the same, that there is no Zoning Hearing Board meeting this month, and that there is a Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for May 15 regarding Main Street Corridor Study and the proposed Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

Items for the upcoming meeting as indicated on the Agenda were enumerated by Mr. Bobst.

Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:20 PM, on motion of Mr. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Donoghue and unanimously agreed by the Board, the public meeting was adjourned.

Kathy Frederick
Assistant Secretary