

August 8, 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, McKenzie and Tolbert were in attendance. Also present were: Jason Bobst; John Iannozzi, Esquire; Kathy Frederick; A. Dale Mabry; Michael Kelly; Donna Horn; Michael Valyo; Jonathan Dzedzy; T.J. Figaniak; and Ed Brown. There were eighteen (18) people in the audience.

After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting proceeded.

**Minutes** Upon motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Tolbert and  
**Approval** unanimously approved, the Minutes of the Board's regular meeting of July 11, 2017 were approved.

**Report of Bills** Ms. Horn read the Finance Committee Report and requested  
Approval of approval of: General Fund and Golf Club payroll checks in  
checks the amount of \$69,986.73; payroll vouchers in the amount of \$246,256.65; and the Payment Approval Report in the amount of \$397,160.06.

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 updated the Board about ongoing projects by  
**Reports:** noting: that the website redesign, which is part of the  
**Administration** original contract, should be done by year-end; that he  
& **Finance** would be meeting with health care providers and AFSCME employees so as to agree on a new contract in time for the 2018 budget process; that the Markley Farms site work has started and should be done by November; and that the pre-construction meeting was held today for the apartment project @ Main & Schuylkill, consisting of 2 floors housing 22 apartments. Thereafter, the items on the Agenda under New Business were enumerated and highlighted by Mr. Bobst.

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>June 30<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>July 31<sup>st</sup></u>
General Fund	9,478,880.79	9,293,346.57
PLGIT 10105000	42,711.62	42,738.76
PLGIT CD	0.00	0.00
Continental CD	0.00	0.00
Golf Fund	127,113.18	164,433.80
Escrow Fund	767,454.11	763,693.50
Sinking Fund	5,832.52	5,835.00
Liquid Fuels	435,619.83	428,660.37
Capital Reserve PLGIT	145,129.93	145,130.21
Capital Reserve CD	0.00	0.00
Capital Reserve	0.00	0.00
Sewer Capital Acct	532,125.55	528,397.31
Vehicle Replacement Fund	359,331.12	361,535.37

Police Pension Citizens	43,667.40	80,636.57
Non-Uniform Pension Citizens	1,085.13	1,526.45
Grants, DUI	0.00	0.00
Grants, Misc.	968.54	969.35
Traffic Impact Fee	389,532.78	389,858.42

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

#### **Public Safety**

Chief Mabry highlighted his monthly report and advised all in attendance about the serious crime which occurred last week at the Farm Park. In that regard, Chief Mabry encouraged all residents to sign up for County and Township notifications as only 152 of 1,600 have signed up and it is a fabulous tool for information.

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

#### **Public Works**

The highlights of the Public Works report were presented by Mr. Valyo who specifically noted the recent acquisition of the eco harvester boat. Mr. Kennedy offered his congratulations on the boat and noted that it will help the river a lot.

Also, according to Mr. Valyo, the owner of the Blue Dove Basin and a contractor were on the site and dewatering of the basin has begun.

Upon motion of Mr. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Kennedy 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. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Tolbert and unanimously passed, the Building/Zoning Report was approved.

#### **Recreation**

The Recreation report was prepared and presented by Jon Dzedzy who noted upcoming events, including: family movie night; trips to the Finger Lakes and Phillies games.

A request for a moment of silence for the passing of Pat Ahmad, an active member of the West Norriton Little League, was made by Mr. Dzedzy.

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

#### **Jeffersonville Golf Club**

Mr. Bobst presented the highlights of the golf report and the revenue numbers. It was also mentioned by Mr. Bobst that the construction plans for the improvement at JCG will be presented at the work session in September.

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 requested authorization to bid for improvements at Chestnut Avenue Pump Station.

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

**Consulting Engineer**

The highlights of the engineer's report of Gilmore & Associates was presented by Mr. Brown who noted Sucher & Sons, the road paving contractor, has done work with Gilmore in the past and he feels comfortable that they can do the job

Upon motion of Mr. Donoghue, seconded by Mr. Tolbert 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**

No comments were offered by the Commissioners.

**Public Comment**

Adele Diascro of 23 Harrow Circle inquired why Harrow Circle is not on the list of roads to be paved this year. According to Mr. Bobst, Harrow had been considered and he requested Mr. Brown to inquire of the contractor the cost to add Harrow Circle for paving.

Jenny Geist of Centre Avenue brought brownies for the Board and staff to express her gratitude for the assistance with the parking issues and the polite and courteous treatment by the police department.

Helen Estes, Canterbury Road, expressed thanks for the new signs at Westover Crossing. Also, Ms. Estes inquired about the number of apartments to be constructed at Main & Schuylkill, and she voiced her concerns over decks in the Township being "up to code" and the poor condition of Port Indian Road.

Marc Brier, 106 Plowshare Road, inquired about the Markley Farms development and the preconstruction meetings relevant thereto.

Anthony Uhrich of Alexander Drive inquired if the storm drains behind his home at Regents Park were investigated, and he voiced his concerns over the muddy water getting through the barriers at Markley Farms development and the status of the underdrain and plantings at the Sterigere Street Basin. Mr. Uhrich also noted that utility poles have been replaced on Burnside & Chestnut.

Mary Ellen Moran inquired about several items, including, but not limited to: the purchase of the Eco Harvester boat; the ski club; boating safety practices; loud music at Port Indian; and liquid fuels expenditures.

Kim Haymans-Geisler, 1810 Ardin Drive, noted that she had concerns over, among other things: Eco Harvester boat purchase; a decibel ordinance; lack of notification of crimes in the Township; possible changes at the Norristown State Hospital, including the lack of knowledge surrounding those changes; the safety meeting held at Westover Crossing, about which she was unaware; and the status of the VanLandeghem survey. "On the record", Ms. Haymans-Geisler asked for a public safety meeting.

Todd Richardson, 1804 W. James Street inquired about cost-effective communication of Township matters/issues.

There being no further comments offered, upon motion of Mr. Tolbert, 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 adopted Ordinance No. 2017-713 Amending Code regarding eligibility of employees for Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) (copy attached). According to Ms. Pionzio, this Ordinance does not change anything, it just coincides the Ordinance with the contract;

Upon motion of Mr. Donoghue, seconded by Mr. Tolbert and unanimously agreed, the Board adopted Resolution No. 17-1596 amending the Fee Schedule for Applications and Permits in accordance with our new permits (copy attached);

Upon motion of Mr. Donoghue, seconded by Mr. McKenzie and unanimously agreed, the Board granted the request of Shawn Goodman for a handicapped parking space at 149 Centre Avenue;

Upon motion of Mr. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. Kennedy and unanimously agreed, the Board awarded the bid for the 2017 road paving project, including Alternate 1, to the low bidder, Sucher & Sons, in the amount of \$198,152.95 pending review and approval by the solicitor.

Upon motion of Mr. Donoghue, seconded by Mr. Tolbert and unanimously agreed, the Board authorized the advertising of the Ordinance regarding the donation of Trooper Road in conjunction with the SR3051 project.

*Mr. Bobst noted that there will be no Zoning Hearing Board nor Planning Commission meetings in August, and he reiterated that there will be a presentation of the master plan for the improvements at the Jeffersonville Golf Club at the Board's work session in September.*

***Adjournment***

*There being no further business, at 8:27 PM, on motion of Mr. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. Donoghue and unanimously agreed by the Board, the public meeting was adjourned.*

*Kathy Frederick  
Assistant Secretary*