

Mr. Smock, President of the Board, convened the work session at 7:00 PM on the above date. Also, present were Commissioners Milazzo, Eckles, Pavone and Miller, as well as: Jason M. Bobst; John Walko, Esquire; Kathy Frederick; Michael Kelly; Donna Horn; Michael Valyo; Allan Booz; and Jon Dzedzy. There were no other people in attendance. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting proceeded.

**Discussion/  
Update**

- A. According to Mr. Bobst, per the emergency authorization to demolish the pro shop/banquet facility at the JGC, the building is gone, the site is graded and bid documents go out next week on the JGC improvement project. In the meantime, the pro shop staff and carts have been relocated to the former radio station building and the halfway house is scheduled to be completed in the next week or so with U.S. Foods being its food and beverage supplier. Also, per Mr. Bobst, staff is in place for the halfway house at the \$15.00 minimum wage as pledged by the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Bobst mentioned the possibility of a reimbursement resolution to allow the Township to recoup ay costs put out to date as part of the borrowing for the JGC improvement project, including emergency demo, legal, etc. Mr. Miller confirmed that RCAP grants were received for a portion of the costs of construction of the new JGC banquet facility/pro shop.
- B. Ms. Pavone mentioned that the police blotter on the website has a new format which includes GIS mapping. According to Mr. Pavone, the new format is not as mobile-friendly as the previous version, but that efforts may be made to make it more so.

Mr. Bobst stated that the following items would be considered for adoption and/or action thereon at the next Board meeting:

**Manager**

- A. Adopting proposed Resolution #22-1688 for the remote participation at public meetings which is necessary only for the Board's remote participation, not the public. Mr. Walko explained that the Resolution is needed not only to attend remotely, but to make sure a physical quorum (3 attendees) is present as "it is better to have you here remotely than not at all".
- B. Adopting Resolution #22-1687 re: WRAP Grant Application for Indian Creek Restoration at JGC. After discussion and inquiries by the Board, it was agreed that due to the amount of work already having been done on two of the three creek beds at JGC, this item was "tabled".
- C. Adopting Resolution #22-1688 re: WRAP Grant Application for Indian Creek Restoration at Centennial Park. According to Mr. Bobst this project will meet our MS4 requirements and

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will address the impairment of the Indian Creek and will result in reduction of sediment coming from the 775' of streambank at Centennial Park. The cost of the project is projected to be

\$179,787.00 with a \$81,000.00 match from the Township, per Mr. Bobst.

- D. Awarding of non-profit grants from the Township's American Rescue Plan Funds to Jeffersonville Soccer Club and Marshall's Baseball, and awarding of small business grant to Hometown Auto Service. In response to an inquiry by Mr. Miller about future applicants and the disposition of funds not distributed, Mr. Bobst mentioned that those funds could be used for other programs or places, i.e., Habitat for Humanity for home improvement projects, and that we have another \$817,000.00 in funds coming this year.
- E. Authorizing staff to advertise bids for the 2022 Road Paving Projects - Budget. Mr. Bobst read the list of roads to be paved, including alternates, and the projected estimated cost of \$320,000.00.
- F. Authorizing staff to advertise bids for the 2022 Road Paving Projects - Sewer Fund. Mr. Bobst read the list of roads to be paved and the projected estimated cost of \$321,000.00. Mr. Miller expressed his appreciation for the Responsible Contractor Ordinance that the Board previously adopted to "do the job right".
- G. Appointment(s) to the Human Relations Commission.
- H. Adoption of Resolution #22-1689 amending the tax certification fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00. Per Mr. Bobst, this is at the request of the tax collector as our fee is low and at its original level, and that the cap for this fee is \$10.00.
- I. Possible action on PECO's proposed natural gas rate increase. Mr. Miller noted that this request is "poorly-timed and in poor taste" and that the proposed 13% rate hike, or \$82M, is "ghoulish". It was added by Ms. Milazzo that there are sections of the Township that can't even access natural gas. In response to an inquiry by Ms. Eckles, Mr. Bobst explained that we can enter as "party status" or we can submit comment with the PUC as we did with the previous rate increase request of PA American Water. Mr. Miller moved for Option B - Active Participation and stated that he would be glad to take on the burden and spearhead this opposition. Mr. Eckles seconded the motion of Mr. Miller, which was unanimously agreed by the Board, and she thanked Mr. Miller for his willingness to speak. It was added by Mr. Walko that we check with other municipalities as "many hands make light work".

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**Liaison Committee**

According to Mr. Smock, he attended the recent Planning Commission meeting, along with Ms. Pavone, wherein the proposed storage facility at 292 Egypt Road was addressed, which proposed facility was denied and which denial was concurred by the Commissioners. Also, per Mr. Smock, he attended the recent meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board wherein it granted a variance from building height restriction for an extra 2' of garage roofline at 62 North Whitehall Road.

## Reports

Ms. Milazzo mentioned that the Recreation Committee met and discussed upcoming events, including the Easter Egg Hunt and Community Day.

Per Ms. Eckles, the Civil Service Commission is scheduled to meet tomorrow.

Ms. Pavone reiterated the appointment of new members to the Human Relations Commission, while Mr. Walko walked through the parameters of appointment. Also, Ms. Pavone mentioned the uploading by Mr. Bobst of the online complaint form.

All were encouraged by Mr. Miller to come out and view the presentation sponsored by the Environmental Advisory Council tomorrow night on single use plastics.

Per Mr. Bobst, no public comments were received prior to the meeting, and no public comment was offered at the meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Eckles and unanimously agreed, the public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

## Public Comment

According to Mr. Bobst, the following meetings are scheduled: Civil Service Commission on April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM; Environmental Advisory Council on April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM; West Norriton Academy on April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM; Planning Commission on April 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM; and Human Relations Commission on April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM

## Upcoming Meeting Dates

There being no further items on the agenda, upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Milazzo and unanimously approved, the work session was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Kathy K. Frederick  
Assistant Secretary

## Adjournment

