

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 Smock. Commissioners Eckles, Milazzo, Pavone and Miller were in attendance. Also, in attendance were: Jason Bobst; Colleen Marsini, Esquire; Kathy Frederick; Michael Kelly; Stephen Morris; Donna Horn; Michael Valyo; Allan Booz; T.J. Figaniak; and Erik Garton. After the pledge of allegiance was recited, the meeting proceeded.

Hearing Ms. Marsini announced the Conditional Use Hearing of TLC @ Conditional Use 1956-1968 W. Main Street. Upon motion of Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Eckles, the hearing was opened. At that time, Ms. Marsini explained the process for the hearing, itemized her Exhibits and the hearing proceeded.

The full transcript of the hearing as transcribed by Court Reporter Thomas Corcoran is on file and available at the Township building during normal business hours.

A motion to close the hearing was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Milazzo and the hearing was closed and concluded.

Minutes Approval Upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Milazzo and unanimously approved by the Board were the Minutes of its work session of April 4, 2023 and regular meeting of April 11, 2023.

Report of Bills Ms. Horn read the Finance Committee Report and requested approval of: General Fund and Golf Club payroll checks in the amount of \$11,222.83; payroll vouchers in the amount of \$160,976.59; and the Payment Approval Report of \$825,067.33. Upon motion of Ms. Milazzo, seconded by Mr. Miller and unanimously approved was the aforementioned finance report.

Committee Reports: Mr. Bobst highlighted the agenda items under New Business and added that the Township has been working with NASD on a co-op program for students at Jeffersonville Golf Club. According to Mr. Bobst, plans are moving forward on this program which will provide financial support and scholarship money to students. In conjunction with Keystone Golf Collective a logo for the program was designed and placed on hats, shirts, etc. to sell and raise funds for the program. Mr. Miller commented that this shows our commitment to our community and gives our youth a leg up to start their future.

Treasurer Horn did not present her report at the meeting; however, she has submitted her summary which shows cash balances in the various funds as follows:

	<u>March 31st</u>	<u>April 30th</u>
General Fund	10,969,510.26	12,805,545.18
PLGIT 10105000	46,783.65	33,515.98

PLGIT CD - SEWER	1,535,952.06	1,541,914.04
Golf Fund	(134,671.11)	(37,213.78)
Escrow Fund	487,984.14	488,881.23
Sinking Fund	4,188.51	4,188.58
Liquid Fuels	578,105.07	569,005.52
Capital Reserve PLGIT	21,991.14	22,077.52
Capital Reserve PLIGIT PLUS	19,673.39	19,673.39
Sewer Capital Acct	3,335,961.40	3,342,052.96
WN 2020 Project Fund	2.74	2.75
Vehicle Replacement Fund	458,167.38	459,009.65
Police Pension Citizens	109,265.85	119,823.48
Non-Uniform Pension Citizens	8,621.78	9,414.12
Grants, DUI	0.00	0.00
Grants, Misc.	788,229.60	759,678.65
Traffic Impact Fee	377,245.64	377,939.15

Public Safety

Chief Kelly highlighted the monthly public safety report and statistics on citations, arrests, accidents, calls, etc. It was added by Chief Kelly that Adam Michalski, our newly-hired officer, is doing great.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Miller, Chief Kelly mentioned that no reoccurrence of non-street legal vehicles has occurred yet and that changes to the bike trail access may be considered.

Public Works & Planning

The highlights of the Public Works & Planning report were presented by Mr. Valyo.

Mr. Valyo explained that the Resolution for PennDOT's Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement being addressed this evening allows upgrades to traffic designs at intersections with pedestrian signals.

It was also noted by Mr. Valyo that three (3) stormwater projects have been identified: School Lane at Curly Electric; W. James Street at the dead-end and the Centre Avenue condominium complex.

Building & Permitting

Mr. Booz presented the highlights of his Building & Permitting report.

An update on the JGC Banquet Facilities Project was provided by Mr. Booz who noted that concrete was poured in the basement and 1st floor and that the walls will be going up and windows installed in mid-June.

Parks & Recreation

In the absence of Mr. Dzedzy, the Parks & Recreation report was presented by Mr. Bobst who mentioned that the Norriton Little League's opening day festivities were a success and he thanked the Board for keeping the time-honored tradition going. It was announced that a presentation will be given at the work session next month on possible LED lighting of the field at Centennial Park.

Also, Mr. Bobst reminded all of Community Day on 5/20 from

5:00-8:30 with the band "Wildflower" and fireworks at dusk. Regarding fireworks, Ms. Pavone inquired about looking into the availability of lower noise fireworks in the future.

**Jeffersonville
Golf Club**

Mr. Bobst presented the monthly and quarterly golf report of the revenue and rounds of the course, the revenue and expenses of The Paddock and reported that the April budget was exceeded by \$55,000.00. Per Mr. Bobst, we have enjoyed great weather, which has helped the numbers, and the construction at the course has not negatively impacted play.

Sanitary Sewer

The highlights of the monthly Sanitary report were given by Mr. Figaniak who announced that the 537 Plan was well-received by the Township Planning Commission and the last remaining letter to be received is from the Montco Planning Commission before a resolution is presented to the Board for adoption in June.

Also, Mr. Figaniak mentioned that there were no issues with the quarterly grease trap inspections of the restaurants in the Township.

Engineer

The Engineer's Report of Gilmore & Associates was prepared and highlighted by Mr. Garton.

It was noted by Mr. Garton that the road paving program bids came in as expected, with the lowest bidders being within 2% of each other, and that a total of 11 roads will see at least some paving this year.

The Committee reports were approved by motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Milazzo and unanimously agreed by the Board.

**Commissioners'
Comments**

Mr. Smock commented that the Arts & Culture Commission is still looking for a final member and Ms. Pavone added that the Human Relations Commission is also looking for interested members. Mr. Miller encouraged all to get out and vote in the primary election next week.

Public Comment

L. James Watters, III., 1 E. Indian Lane, announced that there will be a Veterans meeting on May 8th @ Jefferson Fire Company. It was also mentioned by Mr. Watters that Representative Matt Bradford is helping with the issue he previously brought forth about properties not taxed in Norristown. Regarding taxes, Mr. Watters added that the Township tax is approximately \$3.00 per day and that is "a good deal". In conclusion, Mr. Watters thanked the Township officials and staff for all its the hard work.

Anita Tuggel of 303 Centre Avenue commented that the concerned homeowners of Centre Avenue want to have a meeting with the Housing Authority because they are in desperate need of help with the "disgraceful" conditions in

their complex, including, but not limited to, drugs, prostitution, theft, deplorable conditions, overcrowding, etc. Thanks were expressed by Ms. Tuggel for the Township's assistance and some progress which is being done, including policy presence, but she noted that much more needs to be done. Mr. Bobst replied that we compiled a list of property owners and presented it to the Housing Authority to see if inspections were duly made through the program, and we found some issues. Mr. Johnson, Executive Director of the Housing Authority is not being very cooperative. Mr. Bobst suggested working with the Solicitors office to have Legal Aid or the Montco Bar Association talk with residents about their legal rights as homeowners. Another approach, per Mr. Bobst, is to get a meeting with Congressman Dean's office to discuss the funding of the vouchers. According to Mr. Booz, the Housing Authority does not do their own inspections, they have a third-party agency that does the inspections. Per Mr. Booz, Mr. Johnson is stonewalling us, but we are rattling cages. Ms. Tuggel added that their management company is at fault too, but "we need help"! A request was made by Mr. Bobst to meet with interested/concerned residents to hear their complaints...maybe also with the DA to hear complaints and help us with ways to attack this issue...we need to get people to participate! Ms. Tuggel mentioned specific addresses of which she is aware that have more renters than allowed and the vouchers being held by known criminals. Mr. Miller commented that we are "deeply sorry" for what Ms. Tuggel and her fellow residents are going through and noted that we are "working on it" and "we are at your service". Ms. Pavone expressed her appreciation for the extra police patrolling the complex.

There being no further public comment, that portion of the meeting was closed upon motion of Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Milazzo.

New Business

Upon motion of Ms. Milazzo, seconded by Mr. Smock and unanimously agreed, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 2023-762 Amending Zoning Code to Create Main Street Commercial District and Amending Map to Rezone Parcel from R-1 to C (copy attached).

Upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Milazzo and unanimously agreed, the Board authorized execution of PennDOT's Resolution for Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement.

Upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Smock and unanimously agreed, the Board adopted Resolution #23-1701 Granting Waiver of Land Development for 2580 Industry Lane (copy attached).

Upon motion of Ms. Eckles, seconded by Mr. Miller and unanimously agreed, the Board awarded the bid for the 2023 Road Paving Project - Budget to the low bidder Glasgow, Inc. in the amount of \$224,003.93. Mr. Bobst added that all bids received were at or near estimated

Upon motion of Mr. Smock, seconded by Mr. Miller and unanimously agreed, the Board awarded the bid for the 2023 Road Paving Project - Sewer to the low bidder Delaware Valley Paving in the amount of \$212,164.40. In response to a request by Ms. Pavone, it was confirmed by Mr. Bobst that residents will be notified prior to paving.

Schedule of Meetings

Mr. Bobst announced the upcoming meeting schedule of the Township's Board and Commissions as follows: EAC - June 7th @ 7:00 PM; Recreation Committee - June 14th @ 7:00 PM; Planning Commission - May 15th @ 7:00 PM; ZHB - None; Arts & Culture Commission - June 20th @ 6:30 PM; and HRC - May 25th @ 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:50 PM, on motion of Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Pavone, the public meeting was adjourned.

Kathy Frederick
Assistant Secretary