

June 7, 2022

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. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting proceeded.

Presentation Members of the Environmental Advisory Council were in attendance to request the adoption of a plastic bag ban. Richard Cole, EAC member, presented the talking points in favor of the ban and mentioned a number of other municipal governments which have adopted similar bans, including, but not limited to, Narberth, West Chester, Philadelphia, and West Goshen. A discussion commenced on the subject and questions were presented by the Board, including options on enforcement, penalties for non-compliance, costs to small business owners to provide reusable bags and the necessity of small businesses to provide such bags. Ms. Milazzo commented that perhaps small businesses like the idea of being able to charge for bags so that they are not the “bad guy” in this ban, and she added that we don’t want to put this on our businesses, especially in light of all they have been through the past years with COVID. Mr. Cole of the EAC added that it has been his experience that small businesses have been supportive of the plastic bag ban. Regarding the enforcement issue, Mr. Miller inquired what West Goshen is using as its enforcement mechanism. Mr. Bobst stated that he would contact the managers of the other municipalities and inquire as to enforcement. Ms. Pavone mentioned possible reporting of businesses violating the ban via text or telephone while Mr. Smock expressed his concern over the cost of the ban to businesses. Ms. Milazzo noted that there may be push back from states overruling local governments on this “hot topic”. Mr. Miller commented that he is absolutely in favor of the ban in principle, but is unsure of the mechanics. Mr. Walko concluded by stating that in his experience the plastic straw issue gets more pushback than the plastic bag ban.

**Discussion/
Status Update** A. An updated timeline of the bid status for the Jeffersonville Golf Club Banquet Facility Project was presented by Mr. Bobst as follows: due to the number of responders and feedback from Mr. Walko, the bids were pushed back thirty (30 days) which will also provide time to look at financing options with bid counsel. Upon bid opening in July, loan amounts will be determined and an RFP will be prepared and presented at the work session on August 2nd, with bid awarding to be slated for September, 2022.

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

- A. *Awarding of the bid for the 2022 Road Paving Project – Budget upon completion of review period per the Responsible Contractor Ordinance;*
- B. *Awarding of the bid for the 2022 Road Paving Project – Sewer upon completion of review period per the Responsible Contractor Ordinance;*
- C. *Approval of Norristown Municipal Waste Authority’s Resolution 2022-05 Amending Local Limits Set Forth in its Rates, Rules and Regulations regarding industrial pretreatment. According to Mr. Bobst we need to approve the Resolution since we send our flow to NMWA;*
- D. *Execution of a Proclamation recognizing June 19th as National Freedom Day (Juneteenth);*
- E. *Authorizing an RFP for janitorial services of the Township buildings for a minimum three (3) year contract;*
- F. *Authorizing execution of a change order on the Whitehall Road/Marshall Street Signal Modernization Project due to the relocation of gas lines. Mr. Bobst reminded the Board that this Project received funding via an ARLE Grant.*

**Liaison
Committee
Reports**

Mr. Smock reported that the Planning Commission (PC) met in May to rehash the revitalization district on Main Street and that Naomi of the Montco PC will begin work on an updated comprehensive plan.

Ms. Milazzo mentioned that the Recreation Committee met and discussed upcoming events and that the Silver Circle is having its summer picnic on June 15th at the Jefferson firehouse.

Per Ms. Eckles, the Civil Service Commission did not meet.

According to Ms. Pavone, the HRC conducted a pride flag raising at the Township building on June 2nd with Senator Cappelletti and Representative Webster attending, among others. It was agreed by the Board that the pride flag would fly at the Township building for the month of June.

Mr. Miller reported that the EAC met to discuss the plastic bag ban presentation and an electric car presentation.

**Public
Comment**

Per Mr. Bobst, no public comments were received prior to the meeting. Also, no public comments were 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.

**Upcoming
Meeting Dates**

*According to Mr. Bobst, the following meetings are scheduled:
Environmental Advisory Council on July 6th @ 7:00 PM; West
Norriton Academy on June 8th @ 7:00 PM @ JGC; Recreation
Committee on June 15th @ 7:00 PM; Planning Commission on June
20th @ 7:00 PM; and Human Relations Commission on June 23rd @
7:00 PM*

Adjournment

*There being no further items on the agenda, upon motion of Mr.
Miller, seconded by Ms. Pavone and unanimously approved, the
work session was adjourned at 7:52 PM.*

*Kathy K. Frederick
Assistant Secretary*