

July 12, 2022

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 also in attendance, as were: Jason Bobst; Sean Kilkenny, Esquire; Kathy Frederick; Michael Kelly; Donna Horn; Michael Valyo; Allan Booz; Jon Dzedzy; Michael Housley; T.J. Figaniak; and Ed Brown. After the pledge of allegiance was recited, the meeting proceeded.

**Presentation** Martin Sheehan, Tax Collector, apprised the Board of the status of tax collections to date and noted that over 6,000.00 resident households, or 99.5%, have paid their taxes totaling approximately \$4.1M. Mr. Sheehan added that the school tax bills were sent out on time and that there has been an uptick in online credit card payments. Also, Mr. Sheehan advised the Board that, due to a security issue, a payment collection window and integrated phone line with the Township building has been installed in the tax office. In response to an inquiry by Mr. Miller about credit card surcharges, Mr. Sheehan stated that there is a 2.25% surcharge on tax payments made by credit card, but that the percentage is below average. Mr. Sheehan concluded by mentioning that he will return in 6 months to give an updated report, or at any time upon request of the Board.

**Minutes** Upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Eckles and  
**Approval** unanimously passed by the Board were the Minutes of its work session of June 7, 2022 and regular meeting of June 14, 2022.

**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 \$46,606.57; payroll vouchers in the amount of \$473,337.12; and the Payment Approval Report of \$553,694.13. Upon motion of Ms. Eckles, seconded by Ms. Milazzo and unanimously approved was the aforementioned finance report. In response to an inquiry by Mr. Miller as regards earned income tax receipts, Mr. Bobst mentioned that we are a little further ahead since it is front-loaded and Ms. Horn added that Globus distributed bonuses.

**Committee** Mr. Bobst highlighted the agenda items under New Business  
**Reports:** and added that we have filed for party status to object to  
**Admin & Finance** PA American Water Company's request for a rate increase. In that regard, Mr. Bobst advised all of the upcoming dates and times for public participation testimony. Also, Mr. Bobst added that House Bill 2257 amending the fireworks law is up for adoption. Mr. Bobst read some provisions of the Bill, including the requirement a 150' clearance of any property or structure, even that of the owner. Mr. Kilkenny added that Governor Wolf signed the Bill that morning so we will be moving forward with revising our Ordinance. In response to an inquiry about fireworks' complaints, Chief Kelly noted that only 1 or 2 complaints were received this year.

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>May 31<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>June 30<sup>th</sup></u>
General Fund	14,054,904.41	12,690,691.71
PLGIT 10105000	19,521.80	76,693.02
PLGIT CD - SEWER	1,498,420.22	1,499,442.62
Golf Fund	(113,333.42)	(113,307.79)
Escrow Fund	476,425.95	460,808.65
Sinking Fund	4,187.82	4,187.88
Liquid Fuels	634,341.09	615,339.52
Capital Reserve PLGIT	21,440.21	21,456.36
Capital Reserve PLIGIT PLUS	19,673.39	19,673.39
Sewer Capital Acct	3,400,515.46	3,401,204.09
WN 2020 Project Fund	2.74	2.74
Vehicle Replacement Fund	628,573.69	628,702.80
Police Pension Citizens	13,755.42	23,297.45
Non-Uniform Pension Citizens	11,557.08	12,306.94
Grants, DUI	0.00	0.00
Grants, Misc.	3,121.25	3,123.33
Traffic Impact Fee	393,998.10	394,079.04

**Public Safety** Chief Kelly highlighted the monthly public safety report and statistics on citations, arrests, accidents, calls, etc. In response to an inquiry by Mr. Smock as to thefts, Chief Kelly mentioned that most retail thefts occur at Walmart and perpetrators are retained by store security.

**Public Works & Planning** The highlights of the Public Works & Planning report were presented by Mr. Valyo. Also, Mr. Valyo advised that cameras were added at the pump station due to graffiti, and that the road paving would begin in mid to late August.

**Building & Permitting** Mr. Booz presented the highlights of the Building & Permitting report and added that he is continuing to respond to high grass and weed complaints, but that they are slowing down. Also, Mr. Booz mentioned that we are close to road dedication for Markley Farms Phase II.

**Recreation** The Recreation report was prepared and highlighted by Mr. Dzedzy who mentioned that Summer Camp is running smoothly with 141 campers. Also, Mr. Dzedzy mentioned the upcoming Family Movie Night scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup> where the movie "Sing 2" will be shown, and that discount amusement park tickets are available for sale at the township building.

**Jeffersonville Golf Club** Mr. Housley presented the monthly golf report and the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report of the revenue and rounds of the course and the revenue and expenses of The Paddock. It was mentioned by Mr. Housley that due to the recent beer strike we had to purchase beer locally so that resulted in less profit, but that all in all "things are going good". Also, according to Mr. Housley, JGC was ranked #16 of the top 25 "Best Bang for your Buck" courses by Golf Digest.

**Sanitary Sewer** *The highlights of the monthly Sanitary report were given by Mr. Figaniak who added that there was a minor break in the force main at Halford Hills Pump Station, but it was contained and repaired.*

**Engineer** *The Engineer's Report of Gilmore & Associates was highlighted by Mr. Brown who mentioned that the Whitehall Road & Marshall Street intersection work is to begin in the next few weeks which will result in the closure of one lane, and that the road paving projects are to begin in August. In response to an inquiry from Ms. Eckles, Mr. Brown advised the he met with Mr. Valyo and Mr. Bobst at Stony Brook to get a course of action on the Stony Creek flooding issues. Finally, regarding the status of the cell tower issue, it was mentioned that results of the surveys and photos sent to residents of Rose and Lawn Avenues resulted in one resident wanting the pole and one other complaining of the aesthetics of the pole. Mr. Miller commented that we are doing this as a courtesy and that we do not have to have permission to proceed with the pole installation, especially given the need of 911 calls being dropped. After discussion, it was recommended that we again proceed to zoning to be consistent with previous procedure and, as a result, have TowerCo submit an application to the ZHB.*

**Commissioners' Comments** *The Committee reports were approved by motion of Ms. Milazzo, seconded by Ms. Eckles and unanimously agreed by the Board.*

*It was mentioned by Ms. Milazzo that she is looking forward to seeing the JGC Banquet Facilities Project proceed.*

**Public Comment** *No other comments were offered by the Commissioners.*

*James Watters of 1 E. Indian Lane commented on the poor sound quality of the video from the Board's work session. Also, Mr. Watters confirmed his distribution and receipt by the Board of some information on waterway issues. Mr. Watters added that he will be testifying before the Public Utilities Commission on Tuesday in opposition of requested rate hikes. After reading an excerpt from the Creed of a branch of the US Armed Services, Mr. Watters concluded by stating "Never accept defeat and never quit."*

*Catherine Harper, Esquire, attorney for T-Mobile commented that the "big picture" of her client's project is adding equipment and that it will comply with all the terms of the Resolution. In response to in inquiry by Mr. Miller, Mr. Bobst noted that the property is currently zoned LCI. In response to complaints received by neighboring residents, including parallel parking on the street and noise, Mr. Gornowich, on behalf of T-Mobile, replied that the parking is being used by the residents, but that a fence will be placed there and that the noise level has been consistent.*

Mr. Miller offered that he and Ms. Eckles visited the property to examine the noise level and found that the noise of the residents' air conditioners was louder than that of the T-Mobile facility.

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. Eckles, seconded by Ms. Milazzo and unanimously agreed, the Board adopted Resolution #22-1690 Approving Preliminary and Final Land Development for T-Mobile @ 30 S. Montgomery Avenue (copy attached).

Upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Pavone and unanimously agreed, the Board authorized participation in the consortium to purchase sodium chloride (road salt) for the 2022-2023 season.

Upon motion of Ms. Milazzo, seconded by Mr. Smock and unanimously agreed, the Board authorized and RFP for financial services for the Jeffersonville golf Club Banquet Facilities Project.

**Schedule of Meetings**

Mr. Bobst announced the upcoming meetings of the Township's Board and Commissions, including the Zoning Hearing Board on July 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM re: pool setback at 401 Laurel Lane.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 8:05 PM, on motion of Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Milazzo, the public meeting was adjourned.

Kathy Frederick  
Assistant Secretary