

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Regular Business Meeting
Monday, May 20, 2019

Chairman Welka called the regular business meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 4:30 p.m. following salute to the flag. Supervisors Lee and Davis were present, as were Solicitor Christopher Sennett, Zoning Administrator Miller, Engineer Jonas, Recording Secretary Yeast, and fifteen interested persons.	CALL TO ORDER
Motion by Lee, seconded by Davis, to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting on May 6, 2019, as presented and reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. Vote: 3/0	5/6/19 MINUTES
There was no correspondence.	CORRESPONDENCE:
Motion by Davis, seconded by Lee, to approve the April 2019 Treasurer's Report as presented and reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. (\$397,912.65 expensed). Vote: 3/0	APRIL 2019 TREAS. REPORT
Motion by Lee, seconded by Davis, to adopt Resolution #2019-19 which amends Resolution #2019-04 by adding the name and address of the previous Liquor License holder, namely the Paradise Lounge, Inc., 2202 Ash Street, Erie, PA 16503. Solicitor Sennett explained that the name and address of the seller of the liquor license is required to be included within the body of the resolution. Vote: 3/0	RES. #2019-19
Motion by Davis, seconded by Lee, to authorize Chairman Welka to sign the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Peer-to-Peer Technical Assistance Articles of Agreement and Scope of Services for: "providing technical assistance to conduct an administrative, management and problem-solving study of the Municipality's emergency management services". Vote: 3/0	DCED PEER-TO- PEER TECH. ASSISTANCE
Motion by Lee, seconded by Davis, to authorize advertisement to receive public comment for proposed amendments to the Summit Township Stormwater Ordinance #2012-04 immediately preceding the Regular Business Meeting on June 3, 2019 at 6 p.m. Engineer Jonas explained the proposed changes to the Stormwater Ordinance to keep the Township compliant with the MS-4 permit, fix some loop holes, and correct some typographical errors. Vote: 3/0	AD AUTHORIZED STM. WTR. ORD. AMENDMENTS
Motion by Davis, seconded by Lee, to authorize advertisement to receive public comment for proposed amendments to the Summit Township Sidewalk Ordinance immediately following the public hearing for the Stormwater Ordinance on June 3, 2019 at 6 p.m. Engineer Jonas explained that the proposed change updates the bonding schedule to reflecting current costs. Vote: 3/0	AD AUTHORIZED SIDEWALK ORD. AMENDMENTS
Zoning Administrator Miller had nothing to report.	LAND DEV.
Solicitor Sennett reported that the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District will not be affected by the sale of Lord Corporation. All financial obligations will be unchanged.	SOLICITOR: • TIF
Engineer Jonas reported that the bid documents for the paving project on Keystone Drive will be opened on May 31, 2019 with a possible award on June 3, 2019. The work is primarily a patching and overlay job.	ENGINEER: • Keystone Drive

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Supervisor Lee reminded the residents to vote tomorrow.

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Supervisor Welka reported that the Township Road Crew is working on crack sealing on various roads, adding that we rented a “crack sealer” unit. The Dorn Road stormwater project will start in a week or two.

Gretchen Hayford, 762 Robison Road W., a member of the Perry Hi-Way Hose Company (PHHC) requested the Board explain why \$125,000 funding received by PHHC due to the Gaming Revenue stopped in 2017.

PUBLIC INPUT

Solicitor Sennett responded that the Board had forwarded a draft funding agreement to PHHC and recommended that it not be negotiated in a public setting.

Supervisor Welka requested the Board adjourn with representatives of PHHC to an executive session.

Jon Spaulding, 7212 Starflower Drive, angrily expressed his objection to an executive session, wanting to keep lawyers out of the negotiation. Solicitor Chris Sennett advised Mr. Spaulding that he should express himself in a more respectful manner.

Mike Wokulich, 8610 Perry Highway, expressed his support for PHHC and its excellent services to our community. Mr. Wokulich also expressed his opinion that the Board should not need a lawyer to speak for them. Solicitor Sennett also advised Mr. Wokulich that cursing will not be tolerated.

Solicitor Bob Ward, the attorney for PHHC stated that he did respond to Atty. Tim Sennett regarding the original draft agreement and expressed their concern to him about the \$125,000. Solicitor Ward thought he received an uncooperative response from Attorney Tim Sennett. Atty. Ward talked at length about PHHC, its successful administration, its services to Summit Township and surrounding communities, and the consequences if it would dissolve. He stressed the importance of proper funding in order to maintain the excellent service. He listed funding amounts requested totaling from \$950,000 - \$975,000 per year.

John Spaulding, Sr. 175 Marchmont Road, as former President of PHHC provided some history of PHHC and its growth. Mr. Spaulding also expressed concern for why \$125,000 was withheld.

Bill First, 705 Langdon Road, supports additional funding for PHHC. As a PHHC Board member he confirmed that all expenses are documented properly. The hybrid volunteer/paid system is working and if it needs more funding to continue, it should be provided.

Supervisor Davis responded that Atty. Ward's financial numbers were the first he had heard of any counter offer to the Board's original Agreement and offer.

Supervisor Welka confirmed that PHHC is now requesting \$1 million.

Atty. Ward noted that there are multiple options to discuss.

Brenda Wunch, 5201 Fairlawn Street, was emotional as she described her family history with PHHC.

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Drew Himes, 8451 Oliver Road, noted that the PHHC Insurance Services Organization (ISO) current rating is a "4". If emergency services diminish and the ISO rate increases, insurance costs for everything will also increase, possibly driving out development. Mr. Himes added that the \$1 million is an investment in the life, safety, and health of all the residents.

Atty. Ward disagreed with the draft agreement's (5) year term, and the clause that prevents PHHC from requesting more funds.

Supervisor Lee stated that PHHC is one of the best volunteer fire companies in Northwest PA, but added that he thinks it is being abused by mutual aid within Erie County.

Solicitor Sennett responded that now that the Board has received PHHC's detailed response to the original offer, he confirmed that PHHC will receive a response in a timely manner.

Jon Spaulding, Jr. requested Board consideration regarding other terms of the contract. Spaulding further requested discussion without the need for an attorney. Discussion ensued regarding an executive session and the Sunshine Law.

Josh Lydic, 7820 Perry Highway, expressed frustration that this discussion is about negotiating the price of saving lives. The level of service PHHC current provides costs "x" amount of money. If this Board decides it is too much, then the level of service would have to decrease.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion by Davis, seconded by Lee, to adjourn the regular business meeting and convene an Executive Session with members of the PHHC at 5:43 p.m.

Vote: 3/0

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Christene Yeast
Municipal Secretary
05/24/2019