SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

Regular Business Meeting Monday, January 6, 2020

The regular business meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:22 p.m. immediately following a Public Hearing.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Lee, seconded by Welka, to award a 3% wage increase for Township employees.

WAGES

Vote: 3/0

Motion by Lee, seconded by Welka, to approve all employee paid time off according to the current Personnel Code.

PAID TIME OFF

Joe Kuzma, 8550 Old French Road, confirmed with the Board that there were no changes to the Summit Township Personnel Code.

Vote: 3/0

Motion by Lee, seconded by Welka, to adopt Resolution #2020-07 that all eligible employees are entitled to pension and insurance benefits according to the Township Pension and Insurance Plans. Pension to be increased to an \$8,500 amount per employee for 2020. Pension payments to be made quarterly to the pension trustee.

PENSION INCREASED to \$8,500 RES. #2020-07

Vote: 3/0

Motion by Lee, seconded by Davis, to adopt Resolution #2020-08 to continue to provide Supplemental Insurance for eligible employees in 2020, at \$2,000 per employee per year, per the Personnel Code. Solicitor Sennett further explained that two revisions have been incorporated into Supplemental Plan, one an increase of annual allocation from \$1,600 to \$2,000, and the second will limit the submission of reimbursement receipts to no older than (2) years from the date of submission.

SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE

Vote: 3/0

Motion by Welka, seconded by Lee, to set the 2020 mileage reimbursement at the recommended IRS rate, currently 57.5¢ per mile.

MILEAGE RATE

Vote: 3/0

Motion by Welka, seconded by Lee, to approve expenses for attendance to the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) Annual Convention on May 3-6, 2020.

PSATS CONVENTION

Jim Chojnacki, 9481 Old French Road, asked if all (3) Board members attend this convention. Supervisor Welka responded; no, typically at least one stays behind.

Vote: 3/0

Motion by Welka, seconded by Lee, to use the 2020 County Liquid Fuels funds for Road Maintenance Materials.

2020 CO. LIQUID

FUELS

Vote: 3/0

Motion by Lee, seconded by Welka, to approve the rezoning request for approximately 100' x 520' portion of property located at 9090 Peach St., Parcel ID No. 40-019-083.0-011 from A-1 (Agriculture) to B-1 (Business).

9090 PEACH ST. REZONED

Vote: 3/0

Motion by Lee, seconded by Welka, to provide a blanket authorization for the Secretary, the Zoning Officer, and the Township Engineer to advertise throughout the 2020 year in accordance with all legal requirements for Ordinance, special meetings, hearings, and other matters requiring legal advertisement under Pennsylvania Law.

BLANKET ADVERTISEMENT AUTHORIZATION

Vote: 3/0

Motion by Welka, seconded by Lee, to adopt Resolution 2020-09 approving the Financial

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Statements and Independent Auditors Report of the Erie Area Council of Governments (EACOG) for the calendar year ending December 31, 2018

Vote: 3/0

RES. 2020-09 EACOG AUDIT

Engineer Jonas reported that the Askins Enterprises, LLC Stormwater pond was inspected in 2019, but pond vegetation was not yet established. A follow-up inspection on December 30, 2019 determined that the pond vegetation is now established. Engineer Jonas recommends the remaining Stormwater Bond in the amount of \$3,995 be released.

ASKINS ENTER. STORMWATER BOND

Motion by Lee, seconded by Welka, to release the Stormwater Bond for Askins Enterprises, LLC at 8900 Peach Street, Parcel ID No. 40-019-083.0-010.03 in the amount of \$3,995. Vote: 3/0

Solicitor Sennett reported that a draft Repeal of Plinking Ordinance was provided for Board review and will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Solicitor Sennett reported that negotiations for the Armstrong Cable Franchise Agreement are complete and the proposed Ordinance will also be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Solicitor Sennett reported that he had responded to resident questions regarding the Summit Township Tax Collector. i.e., her compensation, and whether or not the Board can mandate that she be required to have an office in the municipal building.

Solicitor Sennett thanked the Board for the appointment of the Knox Law Firm as Township Solicitor.

Larry Jones, 2540 Laurie Drive expressed dissatisfaction with Board response regarding questions he posed about the Township Tax Collector. Solicitor Sennett and the Board responded that Tax Collector Cameron receives \$3.75/taxable parcel as compensation, and any problems with her office situation would need to be addressed with her.

Engineer Jonas reported that 2020 Capital Improvements Paving Projects will include Rotunda Drive from Peach Street to the curve where it becomes Commons Drive to Douglas Parkway, and a PennDOT funded project for Cherry St. Extension from South Hill Road to the I-90 Overpass

Engineer Jonas reported that in compliance with the Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) MS-4 requirements, (2) stormwater BMPs will be constructed at Community Park, a detention basin and a rain garden.

Supervisor Lee reported that the Township new security cameras captured a vehicle taking out a telephone pole on the south side of Townhall Road.

Supervisor Welka reported that in response to a complaint about lighting in the new salt building, they are working on a "trip switch" so the light will only come on when tripped.

Supervisor Welka reported that the mild winter so far has saved us salt and anti-skid.

Supervisor Davis wished everyone a 'good year".

SOLICITOR:

- Repeal of Plinking Ord.
- Armstrong Franchise Agreement Ord.
- Tax Collector Questions

ENGINEER:

- 2020 Paving Projects
- BMPs for Community Park

SUPERVISORS

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Steve Sample, 1130 Townhall expressed concern that the Board is funding the Perry Hi-Way Hose Company (PHHC) at such a high level. The Board responded that PHHC approached the Board multiple times for increased funding, after a lengthy negotiation period the Board agreed to the 2020 budgeted figure. Discussion ensued regarding documentation required from PHHC and that ultimately the responsibility to ensure adequate emergency services is borne by the Township, but the Township has no authority over how the PHHC runs their services.

PUBLIC INPUT

With no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Welka, seconded by Lee, to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Vote: 3/0

Respectfully submitted,

Christene S. Yeast Recording Secretary 01/08/2020