

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Regular Business Meeting
Monday, July 5, 2022

Vice-Chairman Davis called the regular business meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 6:00 p.m. Supervisors Davis and Lee were present, as were Solicitor Wachter, Zoning Administrator Cass, Engineer Jonas, and Secretary Vallimont and three interested persons. Supervisor Welka was absent.	CALL TO ORDER
Motion by Lee, second by Davis, to approve the June 20, 2022 minutes as presented. Vote: 2/0	MINUTES
Motion by Lee, second by Davis to add 8. B. PHHC MOU 6-month Extension to tonight's agenda. Vote: 2/0	AGENDA AMENDMENTS
Secretary Vallimont reported that we received notice and payment for the approval of the Municipal GAP Funding Grant. This grant is for broadband expansion.	CORRESPONDENCE Re: GAP FUNDING
Motion by Lee, second by Davis, to approve the June 2022 expenses. Vote: 2/0	APRIL EXPENSES
Motion by Lee, second by Davis, to approve expenses for L. Vallimont and M. Nesselhauf's attendance at the PAMA Conference. Vote: 2/0	PAMA CONFERENCE
Solicitor Wachter presented the following information regarding the PHHC MOU Extension:	PHHC MOU EXTENSION
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Township entered into an MOU with PHHC in 2019 and it expired on June 30, 2022. The agreement was for the funding of emergency services, and provided that the Township fund PHHC through the Local Services Tax and ECGRA funding. Through the MOU, in 2021-2022, Summit was paying PHHC \$72,225.66 a month, which is \$866,708 a year. In 2018, the Township was funding PHHC \$500,000 a year.2. PHHC requested an immediate 54% increase in funding from the \$866,708 a year to \$1,337,150 a year starting on July 1, 2022.3. Summit has seen a decrease in LST and ECGRA revenues, and between 2017-2020, Summit saw a net decrease in local tax revenue.4. In 2021-2022, the funding provided to PHHC represented 19% of the Summit Township General Fund Budget. The requested increase represents 29% of the Summit Township Budget.5. The Supervisors appreciate the work of PHHC and its volunteers, but the finances do not exist today that can fund PHHC's request, and the Township would have to investigate a new line of funding, such as through fire and emergency services taxes, to fund PHHC at the level requested.6. The Supervisors sent a proposed extension of the current MOU to PHHC to guaranty funding at current levels through December 2022. That plan would give the Supervisors the ability to contemplate how to fund the PHHC on the same schedule as the annual budget.7. PHHC rejected the extension, and sent a proposal back which allowed for the extension of the current funding amount to December 2022, but then allowed for the increase through December 2025. The Supervisors rejected that proposal as they need to identify where the revenue would come from first, and they cannot do that except through the budgeting and taxing process.	

8. The Supervisors again requested the 6-month extension, and PHHC has come back with a request for a one-month extension at the current level.
9. As the last MOU expired, there was no authorization for a payment to be made in July of 2022, and no such payment has been made.
10. The Supervisors are committed to working out a solution with PHHC to the funding problem, but it must be on a budget cycle, and it must be affordable for the Township.

Motion by Lee, second by Davis, to approve the PHHC MOU Amendment extending current funding through December 31, 2022.

Vote: 2/0

Solicitor Wachter reported that he has reviewed the Developer's Agreement and sent recommendations and has sent changes for the PSU lease agreement.

SOLICITOR

Engineer Jonas reported the STSA has received the permit for the New Road encroachment.

ENGINEER

Supervisor Lee thanked those in attendance tonight.

SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Davis mentioned that the volleyball court at Picnicana is getting resurfaced and it will be painted to also be able to be used as a pickleball court. The handicap swing is in and we are waiting for the matting to place under it. Poison ivy around Picnicana has been sprayed and the road crew did swale to keep water off the playground.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion by Lee, second by Davis, to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Vote: 2/0

Respectfully submitted

Lisa A. Vallimont, Secretary

