

The regular meeting of the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** for January 2022 was held this evening via web-conference, Commissioner Daniel B. Norris presiding. Members present were Commissioners Areman, Rappoport, Pransky, Zygmund-Felt, and Brockington. Commissioner Holland was absent.

Staff present were Robert Zienkowski, Township Manager; Alyson Elliott, Assistant Township Manager; Danielle Pearson, Assistant Director of Fiscal Affairs; Scott Lynch, Fire Marshal; Christopher Clewell, Public Works Director; John Slavin, Acting Chief of Police; Allen Brown, Property Maintenance Supervisor; and Joseph Stuckert, Street Lighting and Traffic Signal Superintendent. Also present was Edward Diasio, Esq.

1. The meeting was commenced by Mr. Norris at 7:36 p.m.
2. Ms. Rappoport led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Swearing-in of two new Cheltenham Township Police Officers: Timothy Grey and Sean Maguire by Magisterial District Judge Elizabeth A. McHugh-Casey.
4. Acting Chief John Slavin introduced our new Recruit Officer Marques Duprey.
5. Each member having received a copy of the Commissioners' Regular Meeting Minutes dated December 15, 2021 and the Reorganization Meeting Minutes dated January 3, 2022, upon motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Brockington, the minutes were unanimously approved by the Board of Commissioners.
6. Each member having received a copy of the Executive Summary Financial Report of the Manager/Secretary for the month of December 2021, upon motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Areman, the report was unanimously approved by the Board of Commissioners.
7. Each member having received a copy of the Accounts Paid Report for the month of December 2021, upon motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Areman, the report was unanimously approved by the Board of Commissioners.
8. Approval of Expenditures over \$2,500
 - a. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Pransky, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved all expenditures recommended for approval at the January Public Safety Committee and Public Affairs Committee meetings.
 - b. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Pransky, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a purchase order for C&C Ford/Chrysler in the amount of \$3,412.29 for the rebuild of the transmission in Police Car No. 2631.
 - c. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Pransky, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved an emergency purchase order for Foley Inc. in the amount of \$11,626.46 to break down and replace the turbo and all associated parts on the Public Works Large Loader No. 930H.
 - d. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Pransky, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a purchase order for Galls in the amount of \$16,937.61 for the purchase of seventeen ballistic vests.
 - e. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Pransky, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a purchase order for Witmer Public Safety Group in the amount of \$9,826.50 for the purchase of 9mm ammunition.
 - f. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Brockington, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the following blanket purchase orders for 2022:
 - 1) Covanta Energy in the amount of \$582,000 for the annual trash disposal fees.
 - 2) J.P. Mascaro in the amount of \$70,000 for the recycling process fees through April 21, 2022.Mr. Norris asked Acting Chief Slavin to provide the Board with a summary of the Asset and Forfeiture funds for 2021 and if there are any plans for using those funds in 2022. Acting Chief Slavin said he will gather the requested information and send it to the Board.

9. Consider approval of the recommendations of the Public Works Committee and acceptance of its Regular Meeting Minutes dated January 5, 2022:

Upon motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Board of Commissioners unanimously accepted the Public Works Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2022.

10. Mr. Diasio announced that the Board of Commissioners met in an executive session last Wednesday evening to discuss personnel matters, potential litigation and matters which if discussed in public would violate a lawful privilege.

11. Consider approval of the recommendations of the Building and Zoning Committee and acceptance of its Regular Meeting Minutes dated January 5, 2022.

a. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Brockington, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a proposed Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement between Cheltenham Township and Sunrise Community of Pennsylvania, Inc. for the property located at 2 Edgemoor Road, Cheltenham, PA 19012.

Mr. Diasio briefly explained that a PILOT is a payment to the taxing entities in lieu of real estate taxes. The financial impact is the same and this covers both the School District and Township Real Estate taxes. Ms. Rappoport asked if the Sunrise Community of Philadelphia were to sell, would this PILOT carry over to the new owner. Mr. Diasio stated that in order to have a legally binding contract with a new entity, the Township would have to enter into a new contract. Mr. Brockington asked Mr. Lynch if he was able to do an inspection of the property to determine if they needed to put in a sprinkler system. Mr. Lynch said that they do need a sprinkler system and he is working with Mr. Sekawungu to make sure this is done.

b. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Pransky, the Board of Commissioners unanimously authorized advertisement of a Public Hearing on March 16, 2022 to consider public comment on an Ordinance amending Chapter 295, Section 295-1804 Entitled "Board of Historical Architectural Review (BHAR)" and Section 295-1805 Entitled "Public Works Committee of the Board of Commissioners."

Ms. Rappoport asked that her questions regarding S.P.I.N. Inc. be inserted into the minutes in lieu of the summary that was written in the minutes. Ms. Rappoport will forward her questions to staff to insert into the minutes.

Upon motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Pransky, the Board of Commissioners unanimously accepted the Building and Zoning Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2022, *contingent upon making the requested change from Ms. Rappoport.*

12. Consider approval of the recommendations of the Public Safety Committee and acceptance of its Regular Meeting Minutes dated January 12, 2022:

a. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Brockington, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a purchase order for the purchase/replacement of five (5) Ford Interceptor Utility police vehicles through COSTARS in the amount of \$177,750.

b. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Brockington, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a purchase order for CODY Systems in the amount of \$17,570.52 for the annual support from January 1, 2022-December 31, 2022.

c. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Brockington, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a purchase order to New Holland Auto Group in the amount of \$34,660 for the purchase of a 2022 Dodge Ram 1500 for the new EMA vehicle.

Upon motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Brockington, the Board of Commissioners unanimously accepted the Public Safety Regular Meeting Minutes dated January 12, 2022.

13. Consider approval of the recommendations of the Public Affairs Committee and acceptance of its Regular Meeting Minutes dated January 12, 2022.

- a. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Ms. Rappoport, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a Change Order in the amount of \$4,375.00 to H&K Group, Inc. for emergency streambank stabilization and sediment relocation work on Tookany Creek Parkway near Melrose Country Club for a total expenditure of \$81,384.00.
- b. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Ms. Rappoport, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the recommendation from MSW Consultants to enter into an agreement with Republic Services for seven years at \$105/ton, with 100% revenue sharing, for processing of recyclable materials and self-hauling recyclables to Republic's King of Prussia Facility and reject the proposals for transfer operations and transportation services proposed by J.P. Mascaro & Sons.
- c. Upon motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Ms. Rappoport, the Board of Commissioners unanimously authorized completion of a draft and sending a letter opposing the elimination of Magisterial District No. 38-1-02.
Ms. Rappoport briefly explained the reason for this letter and that a draft was circulated to the entire Board for their review and feedback. The board set a deadline for comments to be submitted by Friday, January 21 to adjust the letter as necessary.

Upon motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Ms. Rappoport, the Board of Commissioners unanimously accepted the Public Affairs Committee Regular Meeting Minutes dated January 12, 2022.

14. Old Business:

- a. Mr. Areman announced that the Limekiln Pike Bridge will be closed beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 29, 2022 until 8:00 a.m. Sunday, January 30, 2022 and asked that this information be posted on all social media outlets.

15. New Business:

- a. Acting Chief Slavin announced that the County will be introducing a new Pre-Trial Service Program for arraignments and discussed the potential impact it could have on the Police Department. Mr. Norris asked if other Departments and Townships are having the same concerns. Acting Chief Slavin confirmed they all have the same concerns. Acting Chief Slavin also said that he has a meeting scheduled for next Tuesday and he will gather more information to develop an action plan, which he will share with the Board.

16. Citizens Forum:

Theresa Camerota, 1112 Church Road, Wyncote, PA, asked about the recycling contract with J.P. Mascaro and if it had been approved. Mr. Norris stated that the Township's contract with J.P. Mascaro will expire in April. Then the Township will take its recyclable materials to the transfer facility operated by Republic Services. Ms. Camerota was happy to hear that the Township is moving to Republic Services, as residents have expressed many concerns with J.P. Mascaro and their processing standards and environmental violations.

17. There being no further business, Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Pransky, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.



Robert Zienkowski
Township Manager

per Ashley Lupino