

## REVISED

The regular meeting of the **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** for October 2021 was held this evening via web-conference, Chairman Mitchell Zygmund-Felt presiding. Members present were Commissioners Areman, Brockington, Holland, Pransky, and Rappoport. Also present was Ex-Officio Member Norris.

Staff present via web-conference were: Christopher Clewell, Public Works Director; Henry Sekawungu, Director of Planning and Zoning; Roger Phillips, Interim Township Engineer; Alyson Elliott, Assistant Township Manager; and Robert Zienkowski, Township Manager. Also present via web-conference was Joseph M. Bagley, Esq., Township Solicitor.

Mr. Bagley announced that the Board met in an executive session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel and matters that which if discussed in public would violate a lawful privilege.

Mr. Zygmund-Felt called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

### 1. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

- A. Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Committee unanimously approved a purchase order for Code 3 in the amount of \$3,513.50 for the purchase of emergency equipment for the new EMS Assistant Chief's Vehicle.
- B. Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Committee unanimously approved a purchase order for Land Mobile Corporation in the amount \$2,520 for the installation of emergency equipment in the new EMS Assistant Chief's vehicle.
- C. Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Committee unanimously approved a change order for Glasgow, Inc., in the amount of \$10,586.67 for the 2021 Milling and Paving Program.
- D. Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Committee unanimously approved a purchase order for Everlasting Fence Company in the amount of \$4,008.42 for metal fencing materials to secure an open section of the Brookdale Flood Zone concrete channel in Glenside.
- E. Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Committee unanimously approved a purchase order for Signal Control Products in the amount of \$5,350.00 for two (2) Cobalt "C" Traffic Cabinet Controllers.

### 2. RECEIPT OF MONTHLY REPORTS AND CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

- A. Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Committee unanimously accepted the September 2021 Report of the Highway Department.
- B. Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Committee unanimously accepted the August 2021 Report of the Refuse and Recycling Department.
- C. Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Committee unanimously accepted the September 2021 Report of the Parks Maintenance Department.
- D. Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Committee unanimously accepted the September 2021 Report of the Code Administrator.
- E. Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Committee unanimously accepted the September 2021 Report of the Street & Traffic Light Superintendent.
- F. The Shade Tree Advisory Commission September meeting was canceled.
- G. Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Committee unanimously approved the meeting minutes for the September 20, 2021 Environmental Advisory Council.
- H. The La Mott Board of Historical & Architectural Review September meeting was canceled.
- I. Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Committee unanimously approved the meeting minutes for the September 23, 2021 Wyncote Board of Historical & Architectural Review.
  - 1) Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Committee unanimously concurred with the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for application W21-262 of Applicants Harry A. and Judith A. Lusk, property owners of 1 Greenwood Place, Wyncote, PA 19095 for the replacement of a deteriorating fence with a new wood fence of slightly different design.

3. REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

- A. Mr. Areman commented on the Wawa project on the corner of West Waverly and Easton Roads. Mr. Phillips responded that PennDOT has approved the detour and the anticipated road closure for the realignment of Waverly Road will begin October 25, 2021.
- B. Mr. Zygmund-Felt asked if there was an update on the list of stormwater management projects. Mr. Phillips said the additional site visits were completed and the final product will be ready for review in the next few weeks.

4. REPORT OF THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER

- A. Discussion of televising and GIS Mapping of the Township's Stormwater System.

Mr. Zienkowski recognized Robert "Bo" Coyle on his work managing the Road Paving Program. Mr. Zienkowski also recognized the emergency response team between Public Works, Emergency Management, the Police Department, and volunteer Firefighters during Hurricane Ida.

Mr. Clewell noted the benefits of using the GIS mapping system for the Stormwater System and explained the difficulty of not having the stormwater system in the GIS system currently. Mr. Clewell began to look into quotes for GIS system services for possible future purchase. Mr. Zygmund-Felt requested the details of the proposal so it can be incorporated in the request for Federal, State, and County funds for stormwater issues.

- B. Discussion on Municipal Lease/Purchase Financing Proposal from NCL Government Capital for a new street sweeper for Public Works.

Mr. Clewell noted the need for a new street sweeper. Mr. Zienkowski encouraged residents to write to their state representatives to support the Township's request for funds to help with Township's facilities.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion on proposed Stormwater Management Fee.

Mr. Tony Dill was present to discuss the proposed stormwater management fee and noted the following changes made to the proposed fee:

- Phasing in the Stormwater Fee over three years, followed by annual inflationary adjustments.
- Changed high-rise condos to "commercial" billing based on impervious surfaces. The revised impervious surface calculation increases the ERU to 3,593 square feet from 3,508 square feet.
- Revised the total number of ERUs for Residential and Non-Residential/Multi Family based on this change.
- General Fund Contributions revised to maintain positive net revenue and reserve fund.

Mr. Dill explained the ERUs for residential are based on a three-tier rate structure in addition to commercial ERUs, and the elimination of the ERU obligation to school district properties. Mr. Zygmund-Felt expressed that all efforts be done to help manage the stormwater issues. Ms. Rappoport suggested that the Township pursue more stringent stormwater requirements on Township codes.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review of Contract with Montgomery County for Snow and Ice Removal on Easton Road for the winter seasons of 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.

Mr. Clewell discussed the contract with Montgomery County, including problems he noted with the proposed reduction of payments for snow and ice removal going forward, due to the County's claim that they had "overpaid" previously. ~~and it was noted that there is a reduction of payment~~

~~for the upcoming years regarding snow and ice removal. Mr. Clewell requested to have more information from the County before a decision is made regarding the contract for the upcoming winter season and to have this contract reviewed by the Township Solicitor. Ms. Rappoport added her concerns about the flat fee over three years since our costs will increase over the period of three years and she asked for the intervention of our Solicitor in terms of the one-sidedness of the contract and to review the language to reflect a little more reciprocal responsibilities.~~

Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Committee unanimously approved to table the review of the Contract with Montgomery County for Snow and Ice Removal on Easton Road for the winter season of 2021-2021, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 to clarify the justification for the change of payment amount as well as the Township Solicitor's review of the contract.

B. Presentation of Deer Management Program.

Mr. Clewell discussed the benefits of having a deer management program through Abington Deer Management, which is at no cost to Township residents. The objective of the program is to reduce the number of deer to cause vehicle accidents and exposure to tick-borne diseases, such as Lyme disease. Most of the deer culled are donated to Food Banks and local families in-need. All hunters are trained professionals, insured, and safe. Signs will be posted at designated areas before any hunting takes place.

**Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners:** Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Committee unanimously recommended the Board of Commissioners adopt the Deer Management Program for 2021 for the approved locations.

7. CITIZENS' FORUM – None.

8. There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.



Robert A. Zienkowski  
Township Manager

Submitted by: Ariel Sykes