

WORKSHOP MINUTES

November 13, 2018

* Items are scheduled to be voted on at the November 19, 2018, Public Meeting.

The November 13, 2018, Workshop Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. In attendance:

Kenneth E. Kroberger	President
James A. Santi	Vice-President
Thomas A. Duffy	Commissioner
Denise M. Hull	Commissioner
Liz K. McNaney	Commissioner
Alex J. Kaker	Assistant Township Manager
David Brill	Finance Director
David W. Duffy	Police Chief
David C. Onorato	Township Solicitor
Russ Benner	Township Engineer

1. **Presentation of Public Comments and Concerns:** (Limit of five minutes per individual)
Due to Items #2 and #3

There were none

- * 2. **Authorization to advertise Ordinance No. 2018-013:** Tax Rate for 2019
(Being approved at Public Workshop due to the 30-day public notification required by law)

The ordinance will be voted on in December for the 2019 Tax Rate.

Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion by Mr. Santi, seconded by Mrs. Hull the motion was unanimously approved.

- * 3. **Authorization to Advertise Ordinance No. 2018-014:** Budget Appropriations for 2019
(Being approved at Public Workshop due to the 30-day public notification required by law)

The ordinance will be voted on in December for the Budget Appropriations for 2019.

Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mrs. McNaney the motion was unanimously approved.

CONSULTANTS**PLANNING/ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT**

4. **Report by E. Van Rieker (Updates):**

As reported by Alex Kaker in Van Rieker's absence

- Newbury Phase I Punchlist –
The punchlist was completed and the maintenance bond was returned.
- ZHB #18-07 – LoPiccolo, 700 S. Broad St.
The Zoning Hearing Board denied the applicant's request. Mr. Onorato said the ZHB didn't think the applicant presented enough evidence for a hardship.
- ZHB #18-10 – Norwitz – Rear Deck Variance
This was approved.
- ZHB #18-12 – Fabo, rear yard patio variance
This was approved
- ZHB #18-13 – Fisher, rear yard variance
This is to be heard at ZHB meeting on 11/27/18
- ZHB #18-14 – Kroeger, variance to permit extension into side yard
This will be heard at the ZHB meeting in December

5. **Code Enforcement Activity Report**

Mr. Kaker reported that 626 S. Sumneytown Pike has a potential buyer. The buyer's met with Dan Quimby to review the outstanding issues. The potential buyers will get back to us if they want to pursue the property further.

* 6. **Hartford Properties Conditional Use Application**
Decision

This will be discussed in Executive Session and a decision will be made at Monday's Public Meeting.

* 7. **Ordinance No. 2018-012:** Sumneytown Pike In-fill and Traffic Management Overlay District
Hearing at Public Meeting

Mr. Rieker will make a presentation during the hearing at Monday's meeting regarding this Ordinance. Mr. Onorato said the next step will be a zoning map amendment if this ordinance is approved.

* 8. **Resolution No 31-2018, Newbury II Subdivision:** Final Plan Approval
Decision

Mr. Benner said the review is completed for the final plan for Newbury II. Mr. Benner added that most of the engineering issues have been addressed. Documents have to be prepared and submitted by the applicant. Some minor comments need to be addressed and anything else will be part of the conditions of the Resolution for compliance.

9. **Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee:**
Update

Mr. Kaker said the committee met with the County in October. He reviewed some of the broad ideas that were discussed during the meeting. There is a core committee, category members and team members involved in the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. The first public open house will be held on February 20, 2019.

ENGINEERING**10. Report by T&M Associates (Updates)**

As reported by Russ Benner

- Ivy / Grannery MS-4 Project – Update
Mr. Benner said we still haven't heard from NFWF regarding the grant transfer.
- Pennbrook Basins Status – Update
Trees were replaced at the basins. All plantings have been completed with 100 plugs and 75 trees.
- Swedesford Rd. SEPTA Bridge Inspection – Status
The bridge inspection has been completed. T&M issued a draft report and said the underside of the bridge work is not that serious but should be addressed in the next 3 - 5 years. T&M recommends the Township look at the deck (roadway) of the bridge as it is in need of approximately \$100,000 in repair. This can be coordinated with roadway repair and some of the cost can be split with Lower Gwynedd.
- West Prospect Avenue Bridge
This is also a SEPTA involved bridge but can be deferred to the future.
- Sumneytown Pike Bridge
This bridge has some serious issues that need to be addressed soon.
- Sweetbriar Basin Restoration and Retrofit
The plans are complete and have been sent to the contractor for pricing. The breach is a priority over the water quality aspect of the project. This may be a good project for the winter as it is currently too wet to begin the project. The plan is for the NFWF grant to cover the water quality part of the project.
- GIS Database Project
T&M is starting to work on this project and should have something for the Board by the end of the year.

11. TMDL update

Mr. Benner introduced Dave Petrik from T&M Associates. Mr. Benner said DEP visited the Township and confirmed updated criteria and guidance for our TMDL permit. Mr. Petrik reviewed the TMDL report with the Board. The update includes more enhanced mapping which may reduce the Township's TMDL obligation and decrease the amount of area and sediment the Township is responsible for. Acceptable methods of calculating how the projects can reduce the sediment load have changed. PennDOT and Montgomery County now have their own permits and will not be included in ours. DEP said our permit will be approved soon. The next yearly report is due in September 2019.

FINANCE/PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION

12. **Committee Vacancies:** ZHB and Planning Commission
Update

Mr. Kaker has posted the committee vacancies on the website and social media. The Board of Commissioners will review the resumes as they are received.

- * 13. **Recognition of John Chabala for 35 years of service to the Township**
(Will not attend)
- * 14. **Recognition of Mike Morabito for 10 years of service to the Township**
(Will attend)
- * 15. **Recognition of Dave Richard for 45 years of service to the Township**
(Will attend)
- * 16. **Authorization to advertise the 2019 Holiday and Meeting Schedule**
Decision
- * 17. **Resolution No. 29-2018:** Authorizing the auditors to conduct an audit
Decision

This is a procedural process that is done each year.

- * 18. **Resolution No. 30-2018:** Homestead exemption for 2019
Decision

The Homestead Exemption remains at \$30,000.

PUBLIC SAFETY**PUBLIC WORKS/PARKS/RECREATION**

19. **Dickerson Road request for name change**
Update/Discussion

Mr. Kaker said staff reached out to the post office and they said it is a Township issue. Mr. Kaker stated it is up to the Board to decide what to do. Some suggestions were offered. Staff will research signs and pricing.

- * 20. **Payment # 3 to Harris Blacktopping in the amount of \$93,248.76**
Decision

The PennDOT mandated upcharge for the blacktop was included in this invoice. Final payment will be approved once the punchlist is completed.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT

- * 21. **2019 DelPAC Aluminum Chloride Basic Bid Award:** To USALCO in the amount of \$.17 per lb.
Decision

The next three items are for the standard chemicals needed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

- * 22. **2019 Dense Soda Ash Bid Award:** To Brenntag Northeast Inc. in the amount of \$12.50 per 50 lb. bag
Decision

- * 23. **2019 Magnetite Bid Award:** To Evoqua Water Technologies in the amount of \$628.00 per ton
Decision

The Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm to Executive Session for legal and personnel issues.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alex J. Kaker
Assistant Secretary

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Approved December 17, 2018