

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 2019

KENNETH E. KROBERGER, PRESIDENT
Finance/Personnel/Administration

1. Call to order.

The September 23, 2019, Public Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:30 PM by President of the Board, Kenneth E. Kroberger. The following individuals were in attendance.

Kenneth E. Kroberger	President
James A. Santi	Vice President
Thomas A. Duffy	Commissioner
Denise M. Hull	Commissioner
Liz K. McNaney	Commissioner
Sandra Brookley Zadell	Township Manager
Megan Weaver	Assistant Township Manager
David W. Duffy	Police Chief
Russ Benner	Township Engineer
David Onorato	Township Solicitor

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Recognition of Steve Gillen for 30 years of service to the Township (will attend)

Mr. Santi recognized Steve Gillen for 30 years of service. Chief Duffy said Sergeant Gillen has served as Patrol officer, Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, Field Training Officer, Mission Kids Forensic Interviewer, County Drug Task Force Officer, North Penn SWAT team member, Motorcycle Officer and Public Information Officer. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and has received numerous commendations and medals including the 2017 Officer of the Year.

4. Recognition of Ted Caiola for 20 years of service to the Township (will attend)

Mr. Santi recognized Ted Caiola for 20 years of service to the Township. Chief Duffy said he has served as Patrol officer, Detective, Patrol Sergeant, Detective Sergeant and most recently Deputy Chief of Police. Deputy Chief Caiola has significant training and experience in investigations and is a Class A certified wiretap operator. He has received numerous commendations and medals and was the 2016 Officer of the Year.

5. Recognition of Rodger Smith for 35 years of service to the Township (unable to attend)

6. Recognition of Liam Lynch for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout (will attend)

Mr. Kroberger invited Liam Lynch and his family to the front of the meeting room. Liam has achieved 44 merit badges in leadership, citizenship, camping, first aid and many other areas. Mr. Kroberger thanked Liam, and his parents Fred and Lori Lynch for helping him reach the rank of Eagle Scout. Mr. Kroberger said Liam's Eagle

Scout project was the construction of a Gaga Pit at Garfield Park. Liam was responsible for the entire project from start to finish. He was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Kroberger and the Board wished him continued success.

7. Motion to approve the Minutes of the Workshop Meeting held August 20, 2019

Mr. Kroberger noted that everyone received copies of the Workshop Meeting Minutes with the Agenda packet. Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion of Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mrs. Hull, the Minutes of the August 20, 2019 Workshop Meeting were approved as presented.

8. Motion to approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting held August 26, 2019

Mr. Kroberger also noted that the Public Meeting Minutes were received with the Agenda packet. Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion of Mr. Santi seconded by Mrs. McNaney the Minutes of the August 26, 2019 Public Meeting were approved as presented.

9. Motion to approve the Department Reports filed by Township Staff.

Mr. Kroberger asked for comments or questions. Hearing none, upon motion of Mr. Santi, seconded by Mrs. Hull, the Departmental Reports were approved as submitted.

10. Presentation of public comments and concerns (limit of five minutes per individual).

There were none.

11. 2019 MMO presentation

Mr. Kroberger said this is our annual Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension Plan and Non-uniform Pension Plan. In 2019 the MMO for the Police Pension was \$697,043 and for 2020 it is \$718,175. The MMO for Non-uniform in 2019 was \$197,909 and for 2020 is \$196,770. The total for 2020 is \$914,945. We receive \$404,519 from the state to fund the pensions. The cost to fund these pensions from the General Fund is \$510,426. Mr. Kroberger said the Township's pension funds are well positioned. Mr. Brill said the evaluation funding ratio was just shy of 90% which is outstanding for a municipal government.

12. Motion to approve Resolution 13-2019 – Police Pension Plan Contribution for 2017

Mr. Kroberger said this is for some record-keeping for the police pension plan. The contribution to the plan was 0% for 2017.

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

13. Motion to approve Resolution 14-2019 – Police Pension Plan Contribution for 2018

Mr. Kroberger said the police pension contribution for 2018 was 1%.

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

14. Motion to approve Resolution 15-2019 – Police Pension Plan Contribution for 2019

Mr. Kroberger said the police pension plan contribution for 2019 is 1 ½%.

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

15. Motion to approve Resolution 16-2019 accepting Benjamin Townsend into DROP

Mr. Kroberger said DROP is a program in which an officer can enter and will retire in no more than 4 years. Their pension is frozen and goes into a separate account. Mr. Kroberger said participants need to be 50 years or older and have at least 25 years of service. He said two (2) other officers are currently part of DROP.

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

JAMES A. SANTI, VICE PRESIDENT

Public Safety

16. Motion to approve the Ainsley's Angels 6K & 12K Run on Saturday, May 9, 2020 at 8:30 am

Mr. Santi said the Police Department vetted this application and recommended approval. There will be approximately 350 participants. The police will assist at the crossing of Church Road.

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

17. Motion to approve the Wissahickon Watershed Green Ribbon 5 Mile Trail Race on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 9:00 am

Mr. Santi noted the Police Department accepted this application and recommended approval. This race follows the Green Ribbon Trail and through the Township. 300 participants are expected at this race.

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

18. Motion to approve the Wissahickon Watershed Green Ribbon Trail "Walk the Wissahickon" on Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 7:00 am

Mr. Santi said the police department has endorsed this walk and about 200 participants are expected. This walk begins at Parkside Place and through the Green Ribbon Trail.

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

19. Motion to approve the Emergency Refueling Services Agreement regarding large incidents

Mr. Santi explained if Upper Gwynedd experiences a major disaster and needs additional fuel, the county will provide it to us through this agreement. This is something new that was offered through the county and the Commissioners feel it is good to have an alternative plan in place if it is ever needed.

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

20. Motion to approve Resolution 12-2019 designating October 6 – 12, 2019 as Fire Prevention Week

Mr. Santi read the entire resolution designating October 6-12 as Fire Prevention Week. Mr. Santi introduced Deputy Chief Eric Geiger and Assistant Chief Greg Rosato from the Upper Gwynedd Fire Department.

DC Geiger said the Fire Department will be doing fire demonstrations at the schools as well as fire alarm testing. There will be an Open House that week at the Fire Department and a date will be announced soon.

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

20A. Motion to ratify the Work Authorization for Lewis Environmental

Mr. Santi said we had a spill of roofing tar onto Dickerson Road last week. A truck was transporting this chemical and had an accident which spilled the contents onto the road. It was cleaned up quickly through the rapid responses of Township staff including Public Works, Wastewater Treatment, Administration, Police and Fire Department. Mr. Onorato said the invoice for the clean-up should be reimbursable from the trucking company and insurance company. He added the trucking company was slow to respond so the Township authorized the clean-up from Lewis Environmental. Through this quick response and emergency management efforts by Mrs. Zadell, no long-term damage was sustained by the spill.

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

THOMAS A. DUFFY

Public Works/Parks/Recreation

21. Statement by Mr. Duffy: Carnival Thank you's

Mr. Duffy said the carnival is done to give back to the community and not as a fundraiser. He thanked the companies, sponsors and volunteers that participated in making the carnival a success.

22. Motion to approve Payment #1 to Harris Blacktopping for the 2019 Roads Program in the amount of \$42,210

Mr. Duffy said we are in the middle of milling and repaving our roads. This is for the first payment of \$42,210 based on a total cost of the contract is \$778,871.

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

DENISE M. HULL**Zoning/Planning/Code Enforcement**

23. Motion to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance 2019-12: Wireless Communications Facility (WCF) Amendment

Mrs. Hull said the FCC recently changed some regulations and took away some of the power of municipalities with regards to Wireless Communications Facilities.

Mr. Onorato said the concern is about new technology coming out which allows for many smaller facilities on smaller poles throughout a township. This Ordinance attempts to regulate and control them as best we can based on the new FCC regulations.

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

24. Motion to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance 2019-13: WCF Design Manual

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

LIZ K. MCNANEY**Wastewater Treatment**

25. Motion to approve Payment #8 to Blooming Glen Contractors for WWTP Hydraulic Expansion Project in the amount of \$524,397.56

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

26. Motion to approve Payment #2 to Eastern Environmental for the WWTP Hydraulic Expansion Project in the amount of \$39,015

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

27. Motion to prepare and advertise for the 2020 DeIPAC 1525 Bid

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

28. Motion to prepare and advertise for the 2020 Dense Soda Ash Bid

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

29. Motion to prepare and advertise for the 2020 Magnetite Bid

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

OTHER BUSINESS

30. Approval of the September 2019 bills.

Mr. Kroberger noted that the Board had received a copy of the General fund bills. Hearing no questions, upon motion by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mrs. McNaney, the General Fund bills were approved.

Mr. Kroberger said the next item is the Sewer Fund Bills and asked for questions or comments. Hearing none, upon motion by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mr. Santi, the Board unanimously approved the Sewer Fund bills.

Mr. Kroberger advised that the Board was also being asked to approve invoices from all other funds which include VEBA and the Pensions. Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion by Mr. Santi, seconded by Mrs. Hull, the Board unanimously approved these invoices as well.

Mr. Kroberger said that there were several invoices that had been prepaid due to timing. Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion by Mr. Duffy seconded by Mrs. McNaney, the Board unanimously approved the pre-paid invoices.

31. Call for Adjournment.

Mr. Kroberger said there will be an Executive Session for personnel and legal issues.

There being no further business, upon motion by Mr. Santi, seconded by Mrs. Hull the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.



Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Brookley Zadell
Township Manager

Approved October 28, 2019