

**LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018**

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Kathleen Hunsicker, Chair
Dr. J. Richard Booth, Vice-Chair
Edward J. Brandt
Stephen Paccione
Mark Grey

STAFF:

Craig T. McAnally, Township Manager
Jamie Worman, Assistant Township Manager
Carole Culbreth, Assistant Secretary
James J. Garrity, Esq., Solicitor
Paul Kenny, Police Chief
Steve Wiesner, Finance Director
Ken Amey, Zoning Officer

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Gwynedd Township Municipal Building and led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance. The Chair stated the Board of Supervisors met in an Executive Session before the meeting on real estate matters.

McMahon Presentation: Spring House Intersection Multi-Modal Grant Update

Ken O'Brien and Stephanie Butler presented the Spring House Roadway Improvement Project to the Board of Supervisors. The presentation highlighted a Project Overview; Funding Sources for the Multimodal Transportation Funds; Phase 1 and Phase 2 Project Descriptions; and the Project Schedule for Phase 1 (Construction Anticipated in 2019 pending final approvals) and Phase 2 (Construction Anticipated in 2020). Mr. O'Brien asked if there were any questions. Dr. Booth questioned the ultimate widening of the culvert and a pedestrian sidewalk across the culvert. Mr. Grey asked if there will be sidewalks on both sides of the culvert and questioned if the improvement project will make the problem worse by adding more impervious surface and pushing the water and sediment into the stream. Ms. Butler stated we aren't adding impervious in this phase and the culvert widening will be authorized through a general permit from DEP. She stated only the culvert will be widened; sidewalks stay and the easements are being obtained; and the NPDES Permit will be obtained in Phase 2. Mr. Paccione asked when the project will start. Ms. Butler answered they anticipated Spring 2019 pending final approvals. He questioned if there will be traffic interference. Ms. Butler answered in the negative. Mr. Paccione questioned the placement of telephone poles and if trees will be over trimmed? Mr. Amey stated PennDOT makes that decision. Mr. Brandt asked if underground utilities are possible. Ms. Butler stated that's very costly. He asked if PennDOT or McMahon can research the cost. Mr. Amey stated the goal is for two through lanes and taper back. Mr. Grey stated on Old Bethlehem Pike there is a stone bridge with no accessibility for fire trucks which is a hazard fighting fires and requested an emergency access be considered in the design. Ms. Butler stated that is not on the project schedule. Mr. Grey also stated that Gwynedd Mercy University just bought the Merck Property and there is no trail connection and asked if the project would consider a trail in the planning.

Greg Harth, 230 Mathis Road, questioned if they thought of stormwater. Ms. Butler stated stormwater management is part of the scope of the project and will be addressed.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Receipt of Meeting Minutes: November 13, 2018 November 27, 2018

The Board of Supervisors received the November 13, 2018 and November 27, 2018 minutes. Dr. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paccione to approve the November 13, 2018 and November 27, 2018 meeting minutes. The motion carried 5 - 0.

Receipt of Year-to-Date Budget Report and Balance Sheet for November, 2018

The Board of Supervisors received the Year-to-Date Budget Report and Balance Sheet for November, 2018. The Chair asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. Mr. Paccione made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grey to approve the Year-to-Date Budget Report and Balance Sheet for November, 2018. The motion carried 5 - 0.

2019 Budget and Fiscal Plan

Resolution No. 2018-34: Budget Resolution

Resolution No. 2018-35: Tax Resolution

Ms. Hunsicker stated the proposed draft budget has been advertised for twenty days for public inspection and we are here to approve today. She stated Resolution No. 2018 - 34 Budget Resolution sets forth the budget totaling \$15,534,924 in revenues and \$16,534,778 in expenditures. She noted there is no need for a tax increase. Ms. Hunsicker stated funding to the Wissahickon and North Penn Fire Companies will increase. Mr. Brandt thanked the staff for coming in without a tax increase. Dr. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt to adopt Resolution No. 2018-34: Budget Resolution. The motion carried 5 - 0. Dr. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt to adopt Resolution No. 2018-35: Tax Resolution. The motion carried 5 - 0.

Resolution No. 2018 - 36: Appointment of Independent Accounting Firm

Mr. McAnally stated Resolution No. 2018 - 36: Appointment of Independent Accounting Firm appoints Barbacane Thornton & Company to audit all the accounts of the Township for the 2018 through 2020 fiscal years. Dr. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paccione to adopt Resolution No. 2018 - 36: Appointment of Independent Accounting Firm. The motion carried 5 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Chairman opened the meeting for public comment for items not on the agenda. There were none.

BUILDING AND ZONING

Authorization to Advertise Ordinance: Foulkeways Text and Map Amendment

Ms. Hunsicker asked Ken Amey to summarize the text and map amendment. Mr. Amey explained the Foulkeways Text and Map Amendment Ordinance will rezone parcels of ground which are currently zoned A Residential to be included in the MF-3-A Family Residential District and includes revisions to the text of the MF-3-A Multi-Family Residential District. The Chair stated we are just starting the internal process. She asked if there were any questions or comments. Steve Fairly, 720 Oakhurst Road, stated he and Pete Guidi live there. He heard how tough it is to get a zoning change in Lower Gwynedd Township; it is no hardship for Foulkeways and the high density housing will be up against our homes. Mr. Brandt stated the staff plans on meeting with Foulkeways to address concerns. Mr. Grey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paccione to authorize advertisement of the Foulkeways Text and Map Amendment Ordinance. The motion carried 5 – 0. Foulkeways' attorney, Christen Pionzio, asked the Board for a date certain for the above hearing. Mr. Garrity tentatively set the date for February 26, 2019. Mr. Paccione stated we are just starting the public process. Foulkeways agreed to pay for any additional advertising cost if the date changes. Mr. Brandt stated we never did that before. Mr. Garrity said to add that to the original motion.

Mr. Wiesner stated Resolution No. 2018 – 34: Budget Resolution had incorrect revenues and expenditures listed. He asked for a motion to correct Revenues to \$15,609,924; and Expenditures to \$16,684,778. Mr. Paccione made a motion, seconded by Dr. Booth to correct the Resolution No. 2018 – 34 Budget Resolution to read Revenues to \$15,609,924; and Expenditures to \$16,684,778. The motion carried 5 – 0.

SUPERVISORS/STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Hunsicker wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

There being no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. until the Organization Meeting scheduled on January 7, 2019 at the Lower Gwynedd Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Culbreth
Assistant Secretary