

**LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP/SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020**

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Mark Grey, Chair
Danielle Duckett, Vice-Chair
Edward Brandt
Kathleen Hunsicker
Tessie McNeely

STAFF:

Craig T. McAnally, Township Manager
Jamie Worman, Assistant Township Manager
Carole Culbreth, Assistant Secretary
Paul Kenny, Police Chief
Fred Zollers, Public Works Director
Chuck Wilson, Finance Director
Sandi Feight-Hicks, Recreation Director

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. held virtually on ZOOM and led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

BUSINESS & FINANCIALS

Review Capital Projects 2020

Mr. McAnally reviewed the Capital Projects for 2020. He stated the Capital Reserve Fund for 2020 is projected to be \$3,888,072 with 9 completed projects and 6 which will be completed in 2020. He reviewed a PowerPoint presentation which included the following:

Budgeted Capital Projects completed in 2020:

- Document Management
- Workstation Replacement Project
- 30" Stand on Aerator Purchased
- Expansion of Park Land
- Playground Chips
- Tree Removal
- Police Vehicle Purchased
- Police Drone Purchased
- 2020 Road Program Completed w/ manhole replacement

Budgeted Capital Projects to be completed yet in 2020:

- A/V Equipment Upgrade in Main Boardroom
- Bottle Filler Water Fountain Upgrade
- LED Street Light Replacement Project
- New Park Signs-Oxford, Penllyn, Pen-Ambler
- Welsh Road Pedestrian Bridge & Trail Project
- Old Bethlehem Pike Culvert Project-Engineering

Sewer Capital Projects completed in 2020:

- Ambler Treatment Plant Improvements
- Manhole Adjustments
- SCADA Upgrade: Software/Hardware Upgrade & Traisr Integration

Mr. McAnally reviewed Capital Projects 2021

- Document Management
- Comprehensive Plan Revision – Revision/ update of the Comprehensive Plan. Montgomery County Planning Commission to assist in project on a 3-year contract. \$15,000 per year \$45,000 total or hire independent agency for around \$75,000 (estimate 12 – 18 months)
- Computer Workstation & Network Switch Upgrade
- A/V Equipment Upgrade Caucus Room
- Upgrade Fuel Management System
- Remodel Public Restrooms
- Penllyn Woods Park Building HVAC
- Garage Doors Replacement
- Penllyn Park Basketball Court-a portion of this is a carryover from 2020; replace court surface, add area to make existing ½ court basketball a full court; replace backboards, nets, and convert tennis court to two pickle ball courts. *The Chair asked Jim Hersh to take a look at the courts. Ms. Duckett suggested the cost be separated. Mr. Brandt asked Mr. McAnally to pass on the information as Ms. Duckett requested and send a diagram of the Pickle Ball Courts. Mr. Zollers said the courts need to remain smooth, not like a road. He said it is costly but needs to be done right. He stated the Public Works Department can do demolition work; take recommendations from Jim Hersh.*
- Water Fountain Replacement-4 parks Oxford Park, Penllyn Park, Penllyn Woods, and Pen-Ambler Park
- New Park Signs: Remaining parks to have signs updated – Ingersoll Park, Penllyn Woods, Treweryn Farm Trail
- Cedar Hill Trail Restoration *Ms. Duckett asked if it is concrete only. Mr. Zollers said paving is the long term solution, we will use compacted stone.*
- Pen-Ambler Park Parking Lot Paving – *Jim Hersh will get more information*

- Pen-Ambler Amphitheater Removal – *Mr. McAnally stated the amphitheater wall is failing. Public Works may be able to help remove the blockwork. Ms. McNeely asked if we can recycle the stone. Ms. Duckett stated she does not want to waste money.*
- Electronic Signs – will replace manual signs at Veteran’s Memorial Park with two electronic signs
- Ford Police Interceptor w/fit-out
- Police Chevy Tahoe w/fit-out
- 2 Radar Speed Display Signs *The Chair suggested purchasing 4 Radar Speed Display Signs instead of 2. He asked the Chief to get together with Mr. Dixon, Traffic Engineer.*
- Township Services Building-Fire, Ambulance & Township Public Works planning and design
- 2021 Road Program with 25 manhole replacements *Ms. McNeely asked if the culvert on Latchstring Lane will be widened.*
- Act 209 Traffic Impact Study
- Old Bethlehem Pike Culvert Project
- Multi-Modal Phase 1: Spring House Intersection culvert extension to be completed 1st quarter 2021. *The Chair asked for an update on the extension.*
- Multi-Modal Phase 2: Spring House Intersection engineering for intersection widening
- Bethlehem Pike Pedestrian Improvement Project
- Traffic Signal Compliance Review
- McKean Road Traffic Calming Study: Study of McKean Road to evaluate various roadway improvements to assist in calming traffic on McKean Road between Norristown Road and Welsh Road. Funding will be a joint effort among stakeholders along McKean Road.
- Lazer Z Mower
- Z-Spray
- Streambank Restoration Project
- Water Filter Replacements

Sewer Capital Projects for 2021

- Ambler Treatment Plant
- Sanitary Sewer Televising & Repairs
- Upgrade SCADA System
- Backhoe Loader

Mr. McAnally stated he did not add funding for 409 Penllyn Pike. Ms. McNeely asked to form a task force for input ideas on the building. Ms. Duckett agrees. Mr. McAnally stated the brine tank could be moved there.

Mr. Brandt asked for a future picture of a new Public Works Building. Ms. Duckett suggested a consultant for the Bethlehem Pike businesses. Mr. McAnally stated we can use the County or a consultant for the Comprehensive Plan. The Chair said the County is great but there is a wait of a few years. Ms. Duckett stated the Comprehensive Plan would prioritize our money. Ms. McNeely said the

County is an excellent way to go, but would like to start sooner. The Chair said he would like to add \$75,000 in the budget for the Comprehensive Plan.

Pedro Geraldino, resident, agreed with the others regarding a strategic plan, and you do not want to overspend and not have sufficient funds. Mr. McAnally stated the budget is not the final say. He stated any expenditure is brought back to the Board at a public meeting before it is spent. Mr. Geraldino suggested Pen-Ambler Park as an option for a Pickleball Court.

Mr. McAnally stated we will now start working on the Operating Budget.

There being no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting scheduled on October 27, 2020 which will be held virtually on ZOOM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Culbreth
Assistant Secretary