

**LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUDGET WORKSHOP
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022**

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Danielle A. Duckett, Chairman
Michael Twersky, Vice Chair
Janine Martin
Kathleen Hunsicker
Tessie McNeely

STAFF:

Mimi Gleason, Interim Township Manager
Jamie Worman, Assistant Township Manager
Michelle Farzetta, Assistant Secretary -Via Zoom
Paul Kenny, Police Chief
Jim Hersh, Gilmore Associates Township Engineer
Chad Dixon, McMahan Traffic Engineer- Via Zoom
Fred Zollers, Director Public Works
Chuck Wilson, Finance Director
Mary Trocino, Assistant Finance Director
Sandi Feight, Parks and Recreation Director

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at the Lower Gwynedd Township Building and led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Capital Project Plan 2023-2027

Ms. Gleason started by reviewing the Capital Project Plan for 2023-2027. She stated that this spreadsheet will show projects that are currently being completed as well as future projects. Tonight, we need to make decisions and prioritize these capital projects. The costs on this form are based on estimates for the next few years. The projects were organized into categories as listed below and discussed.

Buildings

Future Public Works Building-it was agreed that pursuing an architect to work on an analysis and design was important along with getting an appraisal done on a potential location.

EMS Sub-Station-Remodel substation at Foulkeways for NPVFC & CAAA - The BOS discussed the needs of the NPVFC related to housing a new fire truck. Ms. Hunsicker reported the subcommittee would be meeting with members of the NPVFC next week and would report back but that some type of investigative work on what can be done with what we have should be considered.

New fire alarms will be added to Township owned properties and the heater will be replaced at the McCormick House.

Infrastructure/Roads/Traffic

Old Bethlehem Pike Bridge – The bridge is in need of replacement. A Local Shares Grant application was submitted in March and we are waiting on a response. In the meantime, the BOS agreed to posting a weight limit sign.

Other projects include the Spring House Intersection widening, signal modernization at Norristown Road and Tennis Avenue, and possibly, if grant funding is received, signal upgrades at Trewellyn Avenue and Old Penllyn Pike.

Stormwater Management – The projects included in this category are a Stormwater Management Strategic Plan, Old Bethlehem Pike Streambank Restoration, Brookside Avenue Flood Study Project, and participation in the Wissahickon Clean Watershed Partnership. There is \$1.2 million in ARPA Funds for the township. There was discussion regarding using some of the ARPA funds to help fund the repairs on the Old Bethlehem Pike Bridge, should requested funding fall through.

Park Improvements – Park improvements included a master planning study for Pen-Ambler Park and Oxford Park. The BOS agreed it would be worthwhile to pursue a planning study for Ingersoll Park as well since there are issues, they would like to address at this park. The overall Park strategic plan shows the basketball courts at Oxford Park being striped for pickleball. Ms. McNeely and Mr. Twersky both feel that there needs to be a separate pickleball court, restriping a basketball court will just cause issues and confusion. Ms. Feight stated that basketball is typically utilized in the late afternoon/evening and pickleball in the early morning. She does not believe there should be a major issue. Ms. Gleason stated that we will need to look into additional grants for the park projects.

Trail/Pedestrian Improvements – Projects in this category include a pedestrian crossing from the Penllyn Pike Trail at Dager Road, Bethlehem Pike Pedestrian Improvements and the Oxford Park Trail Spur. The BOS agreed that they were not interested in pursuing a trail along Welsh Road.

Planning Studies – The BOS will pursue three planning studies next year. These include the comprehensive plan revision that has already begun, the Act 209 traffic study, and the McKean Road Traffic Study.

2023 Capital Equipment. The Administration, Police and Public Works went through the equipment they will need to purchase in 2023. The equipment included items such as computers, vehicles, body cameras, and base radios among others.

Sewer Capital Projects- The sewer capital projects include upgrading the Open-Door Pump Station, adding a back-up pump to the Forrest Manor Pump Station and continuing the infiltration and inflow work throughout the Township.

Ms. Duckett made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Hunsicker. Meeting was adjourned at 9:36 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Farzetta
Assistant Secretary