

**LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
FOULKEWAYS' COMMUNITY ROOM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017**

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Edward J. Brandt

STAFF:

Craig T. McAnally, Township Manager
Jamie Worman, Assistant Township Manager
Carole Culbreth, Assistant Secretary
Michael Savona, Esq., Solicitor
Kenneth Amey, Zoning Officer
Mike DeStefano, Public Works Director
Paul Kenny, Police Chief

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Foulkeways' Community Room 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 a Personnel and Real Estate matter.

BUSINESS & FINANCIAL

Receipt of Invoice History by General Ledger Account for August, 2017

The Board of Supervisors received the Invoice History for the month of August, 2017 in the amount of \$2,601,305.93. The Chair asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. Mr. Grey made motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsicker to approve the Invoice History by General Ledger Account for August, 2017 in the amount of \$2,601,305.93. The motion carried 4 - 0.

Receipt of Year-to-Date Budget Report for August, 2017

The Board of Supervisors received the Year-to-Date Budget Report for August, 2017. The Chair asked if there were any questions. There were none. Mr. Grey made a motion, seconded by Dr. Booth to approve the Year-to-Date Budget Report for August, 2017. The motion carried 4 - 0.

Presentation from the Board of Supervisors' Chair, Stephen Paccione

Mr. Paccione gave a presentation on the new Spring House Village Shopping Center, DOW site and Merck property. He explained that the CVS, Starbucks and Arpeggios are completed and open to the public, and Whole Foods exterior is complete and they are working on the interior shell. Mr. Paccione stated Berkshire Hathaway Realtors will occupy a stand-alone building. He stated the DOW site has been purchased and is a pressing issue. Mr. Paccione asked for public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Chair opened the meeting for public comment for items not on the agenda.

The following questions were asked:

- Connection to the existing Giant Shopping Center
- Left hand turn signal at Norristown Road
- Restrictions on the DOW Chemical site - (DOW site uses: University research, retail, hotel. Township is working with MRA. There are deed restrictions)
- Beautification of Bethlehem Pike
- Asked for Foulkeway signs at Rt. 202 and Meetinghouse
- Fiscal Projections of the new Shopping Center (approximately \$450,000 for Wissahickon School District/\$100,000 for Lower Gwynedd Township in tax revenue)
- Historic records for the Polio Hospital (Township has photos)
- Natural buffer at Roberts and Bethlehem Pike

Mr. Paccione thanked Foulkeways for inviting the Township out tonight and stated we look forward to this event every year.

There were no other comments.

BUILDING AND ZONING

Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 514: Lower Pike Overlay District and Zoning Map Amendment

Mr. Savona opened a Public Hearing on an Ordinance No. 514: Lower Pike Overlay District and Zoning Map Amendment which was advertised on September 12 and 19, 2017 in the Reporter. He stated Ordinance No. 514 provides for certain permitted and prohibited uses and certain yard requirements; further amending the zoning map of Lower Gwynedd township to classify certain parcels as included within the Lower Pike Overlay district; repealing any inconsistent ordinances or parts of ordinances. He asked the Board or public for comments. There were none. Mr. Savona closed the hearing. Ms. Hunsicker made a motion, seconded by Dr. Booth to adopt Ordinance No. 514: Lower Pike Overlay District and Zoning Map Amendment. The motion carried 4 - 0.

Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 515: Transit Overlay District Ordinance

Mr. Savona opened a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 515: Transit Overlay District which was advertised on September 12 and 19, 2017 in the Reporter. He stated Ordinance No. 515 amends the Codified Ordinances of Lower Gwynedd Township, to add a new chapter 1274 entitled "Mass Transit Overlay District" setting forth: the application of the chapter; permitted uses; prohibited uses, lot area and width; yard; lot coverage; building heights, and special requirements. Mr. Savona stated the mass transit rezones the corridor around two train stations. He asked the Board or public for comments. There were none. Mr. Grey made a motion, seconded by Dr. Booth to adopt Ordinance No. 514: Lower Pike Overlay District and Zoning Map Amendment. The motion carried 4 - 0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Certification of the Township’s Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension Plan’s 2018 MMO

Mr. McAnally stated the Township must budget the following contributions for 2018:

Policemen	\$741,647
Non-Uniformed Employees	<u>163,365</u>
Total	\$905,012

This amount certifies that the Township is going to participate and meet the Minimum Municipal Obligation. Dr. Booth made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsicker to approve the certification of the Township’s Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension Plan’s 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation. The motion carried 4 – 0.

Resolution No. 2017-23: 2017 Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Submission

Mr. McAnally stated in May the Township applied for a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for improvements to the Norristown Road, Bethlehem Pike and Sumneytown Pike intersection. He stated the Commonwealth Financing Authority asked the Township to change the grant amount to \$1,899,615.00. Dr. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grey to adopt Resolution No. 2017 -23: 2017 Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Submission. The motion carried 4 – 0.

Sale of Surplus Equipment

Mr. McAnally stated the Public Works Department asked for permission to accept the following bids for old or surplus equipment:

- 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe – \$2,700.00
- 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe - \$8,600.00
- 2009 Challenger Automotive Lift - \$1,550.00
- The Weather Guard Tool Box did not meet the minimum reserve set price.

Dr. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grey to accept the above bids. The motion carried 4 – 0.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Report from the Manager – Municipal activities, projects

Mr. McAnally thanked Foulkeways for hosting the Township Board meeting tonight.

He stated Township Offices will be closed on October 9, 2017 in observance of Columbus Day.

SUPERVISORS/STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Grey thanked Foulkeways for providing dinner tonight. He stated the Pension Plan is managed by the Township and is doing very well.

Ms. Hunsicker thanked Foulkeways for hosting tonight. She stated the Lower Pike Overlay District and Zoning Map Amendment will make redevelopment more attractive and easier to sell properties. Ms. Hunsicker stated the Lower Gwynedd Business Association is looking for funding and grants for their Beautification Committee.

Dr. Booth stated Ms. Hunsicker and Mr. Grey covered it all.

Mr. Paccione announced the Annual Veterans Day Memorial on November 11th at Veterans Park. He stated the Township has a proactive staff and Board bringing creative ideas to the Township.

There being no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting scheduled on October 10, 2017 at the Lower Gwynedd Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Culbreth
Assistant Secretary