

**LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018**

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

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

STAFF:

Craig T. McAnally, Township Manager
Jamie P. Worman, Assistant Manager
James J. Garrity, Esq., Solicitor
Paul Kenny, Police Chief
Michael DeStefano, Public Works Director
Steve Wiesner, Finance Director

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:35 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 personnel matters.

Donations to Wissahickon Fire Company, North Penn Fire Company, Ambler Ambulance

Dr. Booth and Mr. Brandt presented donation checks to Jay Leadbeater of the Wissahickon Fire Company, Don Holt of the North Penn Fire Company, and Dan Azeff of the Community Ambulance Association of Ambler. Mr. Brandt had the individuals introduce themselves to the people in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Grey explained to the audience that these emergency responders are volunteers. They receive monies from the fire tax, fundraising, and donations like this from the Township. However, the members are all volunteers and do not receive a pay check for their services. Mr. Brandt added that they are trained and educated and we cannot be thankful enough for their services. Mr. Brandt noted that the Fire Marshal and President of the Wissahickon Fire Company, Al Comly, was also present at this meeting and he commended him for his service.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Receipt of Meeting Minutes: July 24, 2018

The Board of Supervisors received the July 24, 2018 Meeting minutes. Dr. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grey to approve the July 24, 2018 Meeting minutes. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Receipt of Invoice History by General Ledger for July, 2018

The Board of Supervisors received the Invoice History by General Ledger for July, 2018. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grey to approve Invoice History by General Ledger for July, 2018 in the amount of \$2,222,160.10. The motion carried 5 – 0.

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

The Board of Supervisors received the Year-to-Date Budget Report and Balance Sheet for July, 2018. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Booth to accept the Year-to-Date Budget Report and Balance Sheet for July, 2018. The motion carried 5 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Chairman opened the meeting for public comment for items not on the agenda. There were no comments.

BUILDING AND ZONING

Authorization to Advertise: Impact Fee Ordinance

Mr. McAnally explained that staff was seeking authorization to advertise an ordinance that will create a fee in lieu of dedicated open space or a recreational impact fee for open space during land development and subdivision. He explained that this requirement is currently on the books but this ordinance would revise the language in the existing ordinance and repeal certain items that are irrelevant. Dr. Booth made a motion to authorize advertisement and Mr. Grey seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Authorization to Advertise: Weed and Grass Ordinance

Mr. McAnally explained that staff was seeking authorization to advertise a maintenance ordinance that will allow the Township to lien properties that have tall grass, weeds, and bamboo. Barbara Schwarzenbach, 345 Old Penllyn Pike, questioned whether the ordinance promoted the use of Round Up to get rid of bamboo. Lauren Mazzoli, 354 Old Penllyn Pike, questioned when the ordinance would be discussed and where the public can view the ordinance. Ms. Hunsicker replied that the public hearing would be held at the meeting on September 25th, 2018. However, after additional consideration the Board decided that a hearing on October 9th, 2018 would be more appropriate because of the venue change on the 25th to Foulkeways. Mr. Garrity added that the ordinance would be available for review at the Township building and made no reference to Round Up. He reminded everyone that tonight's request was just for authorization to advertise the proposed ordinance. Ms. Hunsicker requested a motion to authorize advertisement and confirmed that both ordinances would be heard on October 9th, 2018. Mr. Brandt made the motion, and Dr. Booth seconded it. The motion carried 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 519: Pershing Road and Kyle Lane Parking Restrictions (Public Hearing)

Ms. Hunsicker opened the hearing by asking the Chief of Police to explain the content of the proposed ordinance. Mr. Kenny explained that Ordinance No. 519 will restrict parking on Kyle Lane to two-hour parking Monday through Friday during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. not including holidays. Mr. Brandt suggested Mr. Kenny explain why the kids are parking on this road. Mr. Kenny replied that it is his opinion that they are avoiding the \$50 parking fee at the school.

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Mr. Kenny then moved onto the parking restriction proposed for Old Penllyn Pike near the train station. Parking will be restricted Monday through Friday during the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on the northbound side of Old Penllyn Pike. Except for holidays.

The following comments were received during the public hearing on this ordinance. Ms. Barbara Schwarzenbach, 345 Old Penllyn Pike, suggested that the problem may be better solved by adding striping to the four spaces where parking is permitted. She added that the problem is Pershing Road. Mr. Kenny replied that the ordinance also provides for a parking restriction on Pershing Road. No parking is permitted on Pershing Road Monday through Friday except for holidays. He added that they believe with the Pershing Road restriction all bases are covered.

Lauren Mazzoli, 354 Old Penllyn Pike, requested the restriction be repeated and she questioned how far down the restriction goes. Mr. Kenny repeated the restriction and confirmed that the restriction length of the restricted area is unchanged.

Rose Obey, 908 Pershing Road, explained that right now people park too close to her driveway making it really difficult to see in order to pull out. Mr. Kenny replied that the ordinance will resolve that issue.

Diane Cunningham, 700 Kyle Lane, commented that the residents on her street did reach out to the school district and they were unhelpful. Kyle Lane is the overflow parking for the school district. Mr. Kenny replied that the ordinance will resolve this issue by only permitting two-hour parking. Ms. Cunningham questioned what will happen if the residents of Kyle Lane have to park on the lane for more than two hours. Mr. Garrity replied that they would be subject to a ticket. Mr. Kenny replied that he was confident the calls will cease if the ordinance is adopted and it won't be an issue. Mr. Garrity added that there won't be any stickers designating who lives there and a car parked there beyond the restriction could be ticketed. Mr. Brandt added that if you notify the police in advance of an event you might be hosting during the restricted hours they will work with you. Ms. Cunningham commented that it is a shame they had to band together like this. Mr. Kenny added that the school district did try to address the issue. Ms. Cunningham questioned what the next step was if the ordinance passed. Mr. Kenny replied that signs would be ordered. Mr. DeStefano gave a time frame of 1-2 weeks once ordered for the signs to come in and be installed. Ms. Cunningham questioned where the signs would be placed. Mr. DeStefano replied that they will be placed so that they are noticeable but not a nuisance. He added that they will follow the state guidelines on sign placement.

Lauren Mazzoli, 354 Old Penllyn Pike, questioned if there was a law restricting how close a person can park to someone's driveway. Mr. Kenny said he would look it up and get back to her.

Donna Westley, 707 Kyle Lane, questioned how the parking restriction will be enforced. Mr. Kenny replied that people will need to call the non-emergency police line and report it. He added that an officer will patrol the area when the signs first go up and issue warnings in the beginning.

Phil Dubois, 916 Pershing Road, questioned how far apart the signs will be placed. Mr. DeStefano replied that they will place them so not to litter the area with signs but to make sure there are enough that it is enforceable. He added that they will do a utility mark-out prior to placing the signs so that will have some influence over where the signs are placed as well.

Sara Coar, 347 Old Penllyn Pike, commented that even allowing only four cars to park in those spots for two hours is a hazard to traffic. Mr. Kenny replied that the restriction is for no parking at all in that location. She asked how people will know that this has been put into effect and they can't park there. Mr. Kenny replied that they will know when the signs go up or they receive a ticket.

Ms. Barbara Schwarzenbach, 345 Old Penllyn Pike, pointed out that Creek View Road is also a problem with people running the stop sign. It needs to be enforced.

Ms. Hunsicker closed the hearing and asked if the Board wanted to move forward with a vote this evening. Mr. Paccione made a motion to approve Ordinance 519 and Mr. Brandt seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Leola Hubbard, 920 Pershing, added a suggestion that the Township reach out to SEPTA and request that they meter the parking at the Penllyn Station. People may be coming to this station in order to avoid paying. Mr. Garrity agreed to add it to his discussion points at his upcoming meeting with SEPTA.

Request for Waiver of Open Containers for Pike Fest

Ms. Hunsicker requested a motion to waive the prohibition of the open consumption of alcohol for Pike Fest, which is scheduled for September 15, 2018. Dr. Booth made a motion and Mr. Paccione seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Woodbridge Culvert Bids

Mr. DeStefano explained that the Township accepted bids for the culvert replacement project at the entrance way of Woodbridge Meadows. The corroded culvert pipe needs to be replaced as the bottom is all rotted. The culvert is located beneath the main roadway which is the only access to the development. The project will replace the culvert with a slip liner and that will then be grouted into place. Staff is recommending the project be awarded to the lowest bidder, CMR Construction, which came in with a price of \$258,850.00 for the project. The Township had budgeted \$457,000.00 for this project so the bids came in far below the budgeted amount. Mr. Grey questioned the life expectancy of the replacement. Mr. DeStefano replied that the life span is 50-75 years, the location dictated the option chosen to remedy the problem. Mr. Brandt questioned if the references for CMR Construction had been checked. Mr. McAnally confirmed. Mr. Leadbeater questioned how long the replacement would take. Mr. McAnally replied that it won't begin for approximately 6-8 weeks as it will take that long for the materials to arrive. Mr. DeStefano added that it will be one lane traffic during the project. Dr. Booth made a motion to accept and approve the Woodbridge Culvert bid in the amount of \$258,850.00 to CMR Construction. Mr. Grey seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

LGT/MTMSA 1050 Bethlehem Pike Sewer Agreement

Mr. McAnally explained that there are currently a few properties in Montgomery Township whose sewer comes through Lower Gwynedd Township to the Ambler Wastewater Treatment Plant. The agreement between Lower Gwynedd Township and the Montgomery Township Sewer Authority prohibits pumps. The owners of the property located at 1050 Bethlehem Pike, Montgomery Township, are requesting a waiver of this requirement to permit a pump as gravity sewer is not feasible. The Municipal Solicitor, Jim Jaquette, is okay with the request for a waiver pending board approval. Dr. Booth questioned why pumps are not permitted. Mr. McAnally replied that we didn't want all different

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pumps coming into the system. Dr. Booth questioned if it sets a precedent. Ms. Hunsicker replied it did not as it was an agreement between two individual parties. Mr. Paccione made a motion to approve the sewer agreement. Mr. Grey seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Flooring for Penllyn Woods Building

Mr. DeStefano requested approval to move forward with replacing the flooring in the Penllyn Woods Building and the lower level of the Police Department. He explained that he is recommending an upgraded flooring for both areas, in the amount of \$27,332.77 which is slightly over the budgeted amount. The Co-Stars vendor for the project is Commercial Flooring Professionals out of Mechanicsburg. Mr. Grey made a motion to approve the flooring project. Mr. Brandt seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2018 - 25: Authorization to Submit Traffic Signal Application Permit #64-0961

Resolution No. 2018 - 26: Authorization to Submit Traffic Signal Application Permit #64-2694

Mr. McAnally stated Resolution No. 2018 - 25 and Resolution No. 2018 - 26 were in relation to the Route 202 widening project through Lower Gwynedd Township. The project is scheduled to go out to bid in early 2019. These applications are for the replacement and upgrade of the traffic signals at Route 202 and Sunneytown Pike and Route 202 and School House Lane and the associated maintenance agreement. Dr. Booth made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018 - 25 and Resolution No. 2018 - 26. Mr. Paccione seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 - 0.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. McAnally announced that the Board of Supervisors Meeting scheduled for September 25, 2018 will be held at Foulkeways at 7:00 p.m. He also announced that the Township building will be closed on Monday, September 3rd, 2018 for Labor Day. He reminded everyone that Pike Fest will be held Saturday, September 15, 2018.

Mr. Brandt thanked everyone for coming out and staying for the entire meeting. Ms. Hunsicker added that she believes the parking issues will all be resolved with the approved ordinance.

There being no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting scheduled on September 11, 2018 at the Lower Gwynedd Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Worman
Assistant Township Manager