LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

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

STAFF:

Craig T. McAnally, Township Manager Carole Culbreth, Assistant Secretary Ken Amey, Zoning Officer Michael Savona, Esq., Township Solicitor Jim Hersh, Gilmore Engineers, Township Engineer 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 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 a Real Estate matter.

BUSINESS & FINANCIAL

Receipt of Meeting Minutes: October 10, 2017

October 17, 2017 October 24, 2017

The Board of Supervisors received the minutes of the October 10, 2017 Regular Meeting, October 17, 2017 Budget Workshop Meeting and the October 24, 2017 Regular Meeting. The Chair asked if there were any questions or corrections on the above minutes. There were none. Dr. Booth made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsicker to approve the minutes of October 10, 2017 Regular Meeting, October 17, 2017 Budget Workshop Meeting and the October 24, 2017 Regular Meeting. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Receipt of Invoice History by General Ledger Account for September, 2017/October, 2017

The Board of Supervisors received the Invoice History for the months of September, 2017 in the amount of \$987,111.16 and October, 2017 in the amount of \$393,251.26. The Chairman asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. Dr. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grey to approve the Invoice History for September, 2017 in the amount of \$987,111.16 and October, 2017 in the amount of \$393,251.26. The motion carried 5 - 0.

Receipt of Year-to-Date Budget Report, September, 2017

The Board of Supervisors received the Year-to-Date Budget Report for September, 2017. The Chairman asked if there were any questions. There were none. Ms. Hunsicker made a motion, seconded by Dr. Booth to accept the Year-to-Date Budget Report for September, 2017. The motion carried 5 – 0

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Receipt of Balance Sheet, September, 2017

The Board of Supervisors received the Balance Sheet for September, 2017. The Chairman asked if there were any questions. There were none. Ms. Hunsicker made a motion, seconded by Dr. Booth to approve the Balance Sheet, September, 2017. The motion carried 5 – 0.

North Penn Volunteer Fire Co. Receipt of 2017 Contribution

The Board presented Dave Quinn, President of the North Penn Volunteer Fire Company, the Township's 2017 Contribution in the amount of \$27,000.00. Mr. Quinn thanked the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Frank Lochetto, 1128 Old Bethlehem Pike, stated he is concerned with the tremendous traffic and speed on Rt. 309. He asked for a blinking light at the nursery and reduce the speed limit to 25 mph. Mr. Paccione asked him to meet with staff, however, it is a state road. Mr. Grey commented that the amount of accidents in the Township are going down. Mr. Lochetto stated after the new shopping center opens it will be worse. Mr. Grey stated more traffic at a slower rate will cause congestion. Mr. Lochetto commented you don't live in Wyndom Woods and see the traffic flying by.

Michael Piranti congratulated Ms. Hunsicker on her re-election. He offered to volunteer at the Township.

There were no other comments.

BUILDING AND ZONING

Resolution No. 2017-25: Gwynedd Walk (Penna)

Preliminary/Final Land Development Approval

Mr. Amey gave an overview of the Gwynedd Walk project which is three parcels and has been through the Conditional Use Approval, the Zoning Hearing Board, Township Planning Commission, and County Planning Commission. Mr. Paccione stated the Township has followed this project from the beginning and the final plan is the vision we had for the site. Mr. Grey stated it looks great, and asked that Mr. Penna makes sure to pay attention to all the details. Dr. Booth suggested using old stone from older buildings. Mr. Grey stated they must follow the native species ordinance. Mr. Penna stated the landscape review was thorough. Mr. Brandt asked if the rear porches were at the maximum. Mr. Warren asked where the water was going. Mr. Penna replied four basins, natural filtration underground. The Chairman asked if there were any further comments. There were none. Ms. Hunsicker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt to adopt Resolution No. 2017 -25 Preliminary/Final Land Development Approval Gwynedd Walk. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Ordinance No. 516: Rezoning of 604 DeKalb Pike (Parcel #39-00-00838-00-5)

Mr. Amey stated the Township received a rezoning request from W. B. Homes for a 9 ½ acre tract formerly Lynch Homes and currently split zoned E-1 and A. He stated W. B. Homes requests the entire property be rezoned E-1. Carl Weiner, Esq. representing W. B. Homes, reviewed the plan which will construct 17 townhomes leaving a substantial 6 ½ acre conservation easement and 69% of the property as open space. Mr. Savona stated this public hearing was duly advertised on October 23 and October 30, 2017. He asked for questions and comments. Warren Lewis, 500 DeKalb Pike, stated he lives next to 604 DeKalb Pike and waited his entire life to buy his property. Mr. Weiner stated only the front area of the property will be used for townhomes. Mr. Warren asked about the driveways. Mr. Savona stated PennDOT will determine the driveways. Mr. Grey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt to adopt Ordinance No. 516: Rezoning of 604 DeKalb Pike (Parcel #39-00-00838-00-5). The motion carried 5 – 0.

Declaration of Extinguishment & Release of Easement (901 Sumneytown Pk Parcel #39-00-03937-00-2)

Mr. Savona stated the above Declaration of Extinguishment and Release of Easement at 901 Sumneytown Pike is a remnant parcel formerly owned by the Lower Gwynedd Municipal Authority. He stated the Township conveyed a portion of the Remnant Parcel to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for the purpose of constructing highway improvements permitted by PADOT Highway Occupancy Permit #06089932. Ms. Hunsicker made a motion, seconded by Dr. Booth to approve the Declaration of extinguishment & Release of Easement (901 Sumneytown Pike Parcel #39-00-03937-00-2). The motion carried 5 – 0.

Resolution No. 2017 - 26: Signee for Amendment to Traffic Signal

Mr. McAnally stated it was recommended that the Traffic Signal at Evans Road and Welsh Road be changed to No Turn on Red. Resolution No. 2017 – 26 will allow the Township Manager to sign any related documents. Ms. Hunsicker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt to adopt Resolution No. 2017-26: Signee for Amendment to Traffic Signal. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Resolution No. 2017 – 27: Prohibiting the Location of a Category 4 Licensed Facility within the <u>Township.</u>

Mr. McAnally stated this Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Gwynedd Township prohibits the location of a category 4 licensed facility within Lower Gwynedd Township. He stated this document must be sent to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board no later than December 31, 2017. Mr. Grey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsicker to adopt Resolution No. 2017 – 27: Prohibiting the Location of a Category 4 Licensed Facility within the Township.

Authorize Advertisement of the 2018 Draft Budget

Mr. McAnally stated the 2018 Draft Budget must be advertised and available to the public for 20 days before adoption. He stated it will be on the Boards agenda on December 12, 2017 and asked for authorization to advertise for public review. Mr. Grey made a motion, seconded by Dr. Booth. The motion carried 5 - 0.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Report from the Manager - Municipal activities, projects

Mr. McAnally thanked the staff for budget preparation.

Mr. McAnally stated the Crossway Trail Award will be awarded on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 4 p.m. at the Elmwood Zoo.

Mr. McAnally stated the Volunteer Banquet will be held at the William Penn Inn on November 16, 2017. He stated 90 attendees have replied and this year we are donating \$20 per person to the American Red Cross. He asked for authorization to donate up to \$2,000 to the American Red Cross. Mr. Grey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsicker. The motion carried 5 – 0.

He stated Township Offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday of next week for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Mr. McAnally stated the Veterans Day Ceremony was well attended on November 11th.

SUPERVISORS/STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Brandt stated Lower Gwynedd Township participates in the Northern Montgomery Recycling Commission (NMRC). He explained the Governor has budgetary discretions and can take the NMRC balance for the state's budget. He stated a resolution is being developed that will state the Governor cannot touch NMRC monies. This resolution will be submitted to NMRC members and then PSATS. Mr. Paccione asked if he needs authorization now. Ms. Hunsicker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grey to proceed with the resolution that will be submitted to PSATS and the Governor pending approval. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Dr. Booth congratulated Ms. Hunsicker for her re-election and wished her opponent well.

Mr. Paccione stated the Veteran's Day Ceremony was well attended. He congratulated Ms. Hunsicker on her win.

There being no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting scheduled on November 28, 2017 at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Culbreth Assistant Secretary