

**LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
FOULKEWAYS COMMUNITY ROOM  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**

**SUPERVISORS PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF:**

Craig T. McAnally, Township Manager  
Jamie Worman, Assistant Township Manager  
Carole Culbreth, Assistant Secretary  
James J. Garrity, Esq., Solicitor  
Ken Amey, Zoning Officer  
Paul Kenny, Police Chief

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. in the Foulkeways Community Room 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.

**Friends of the Wissahickon Award by Jack Kelly**

Jack Kelly, Friends of the Wissahickon Board Member, presented Mr. McAnally an award thanking Lower Gwynedd Township for their work to improve the water quality of the Wissahickon Creek. He stated Lower Gwynedd has partnered with other municipalities to address the quality of the Wissahickon Creek. Mr. Kelly stated this partnership may become a national model for other watersheds.

**Presentation by Russ Bellavance, President, Wissahickon Valley Historical Society - Capital Campaign**

Mr. Bellavance thanked Lower Gwynedd Township for participating with the Wissahickon Valley Historical Society (WVHS). He gave a brief update on their Capital Campaign for the Renovation of the 1895 Public School. Mr. Bellavance noted there will be an Open House on Sunday, December 2, 2018, and a Grand Reopening on Sunday, April 14, 2019. He stated Representative Harper helped WVHS acquire a grant for air conditioning in the amount of \$6,300, and WVHS is asking Lower Gwynedd Township to match the grant in the amount of \$6,300. Ms. Hunsicker stated the Board of Supervisors will discuss this at a later time.

**Pike Fest Review by Larry Altman**

Larry Altman, Chair of the Pike Fest Committee, thanked the sponsors, the LGT Police Department, the Public Works Department and Board of Supervisors for their help in making Pike Fest a success. He stated 128 vendors participated with approximately 4,000 to 5,000 attendees. Mr. Altman stated the day started with a 5K run organized by Born to Run. A four minute video depicted the day's activities at Pike Fest. He acknowledged the importance of Pike Fest for the Lower Gwynedd community and looks forward to a bigger and better Pike Fest in 2019.

Mr. Brandt stated you just heard from a modest individual. He stated the Chair of Pike Fest puts in countless hours. Mr. Brandt challenges Foulkeways to put a booth out next year. He also stated that Larry Altman received the Citizen of the Year Award last year. He stated that the Community Ambulance Association of Ambler, the North Penn Fire Company and the Wissahickon Fire Company were also present at the Pike Fest.

**BUSINESS & FINANCE**

**Receipt of Invoice History Report, August, 2018**

The Board of Supervisors received the Invoice History Report for August, 2018 in the amount of \$1,662,835.48. The Chair asked if there were any comments. There were none. Dr. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt to approve the Invoice History Report for August 28, 2018 in the amount of \$1,662,835.48. The motion carried 5 - 0.

**Receipt of Year-to-Date Budget Report and Balance Sheet, August, 2018**

The Board of Supervisors received the Year-to-Date Budget Report and Balance Sheet for August 2018. The Chair asked if there were any comments. There were none. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grey to approve the Year-to-Date Budget Report and Balance Sheet for August, 2018. The motion carried 5 - 0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

Residents of Foulkeways had the following questions:

When will the widening of Sunneytown Pike take place? Mr. McAnally stated it is a County Road; however, there is a grant for the widening of the culvert scheduled for next year.

When will Route 202 near Foulkeways be widened? Mr. McAnally stated it is going to bid next year.

An update on the Siemens Property? Ms. Hunsicker stated it is under agreement, but due to the confidentiality the parties involved have not been announced.

There were no further questions.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### **Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership: Proposal for Additional Funding**

Ms. Hunsicker stated Lower Gwynedd Township entered into an intergovernmental agreement with thirteen municipalities and four wastewater treatment plants (Partnership) to achieve an alternative plan for the reduction of pollutants in the Wissahickon Creek Watershed mandated by the EPA and DEP. She stated the partnership hired consultants for measurements and advocacy. She stated it is funded in part by a grant from the William Penn Foundation and in part from the partnership. Ms. Hunsicker stated the Co-Chairs of the partnership Mark Grey, Lower Gwynedd and Paul Leonard, Upper Dublin are asking for additional funding because of unexpected legal fees along with the initial shortage of \$37,500 resulting in the depletion of all funds (originally estimated to last through December 2018) in October 2018. She stated an additional \$5,000 for 2018 and \$10,000 for 2019 from each participant is requested.

### **Resolution No. 2018 - 29: Extension of the Intergovernmental Agreement**

Mr. McAnally stated this resolution extends the term of the intergovernmental agreement between thirteen municipalities and four wastewater treatment plants authorizing the preparation of the Wissahickon Watershed Alternative TMDL Plan, and providing for the commitment of additional funding related to the same. Mr. Grey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt to adopt Resolution No. 2018-29: Extension of the Intergovernmental Agreement. The motion carried 5 - 0.

### **Presentation: Ken Amey, Zoning Officer - Land Development Process**

Mr. Amey presented a brief summary on the land development process to the Foulkeways' residents.

## MANAGER'S REPORT

Report from the Manager - Municipal activities, projects

Mr. McAnally stated the MCATO Convention will be held on Friday, September 28, 2018 at Presidential Caterers.

## SUPERVISORS/STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Paccione thanked Foulkeways for welcoming the Township tonight, and he stated Foulkeways is a great asset to the Township.

Dr. Booth said it is a pleasure to join the folks at Foulkeways for dinner and hopes to be back next year.

Mr. Grey stated we had two motions on the Wissahickon Clean Water Partnership. He explained the Wissahickon Watershed is an impaired waterway and EPA wants it fixed or else. He stated it will cost millions to the surrounding townships. Mr. Grey stated Temple and Drexel Universities are preparing studies and will meet with the EPA and ask for another year's extension. He stated it is complex and the model may be used for the State or even the Country. Mr. Grey said he and Paul Leonard are the Co-Chairs. He stated it is a big ticket item and tonight we voted on an extension of the partnership.

Mr. Grey also stated the Eagle Scouts may be a resource for the Historical Society to help with its archiving of historical artifacts.

Mr. Brandt stated the Wissahickon Watershed Clean Water Partnership was created because of an unfunded mandate. He stated he appreciates the time and effort Mr. Grey has spent representing Lower Gwynedd Township. He is hoping the Historical Society puts together a plan for students to actually be able to look up local history. He also suggested a subcommittee at Foulkeways for residents to record their histories for the next generation. He thanked Foulkeways for hosting tonight's dinner.

Ms. Hunsicker recognized Paul Kenny, LGT Police Chief, in the audience tonight. She also congratulated Jim Garrity, Township Solicitor who was included as one of *The Best Lawyers in America* for 2019 and Municipal Law "Lawyer of the Year" for Philadelphia.

There being no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting scheduled on October 9, 2018 at the Lower Gwynedd Township Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Culbreth  
Assistant Secretary