



**WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING**

MINUTES FOR MARCH 18, 2020 – Noon

The written minutes are a summary of the March 18, 2020 Board of Supervisors Special meeting. For a complete dialog visit the Township's website, www.warringtontownship.org.

ATTENDANCE

Fred R. Gaines, Chair; Ruth L. Schemm, Vice Chair; Carol T. Baker, Member; Eileen Albillar, Member and Mark E. Lomax, Member.

Staff present was Barry P. Luber, Township Manager; Terry W. Clemons, Esquire; Clemons Richter and Reiss, Township Solicitor; and Barbara J. Livrone, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager/Board Secretary. Also present was Lee Greenberg, Director of Emergency Services and Police Department, Lt. Rob Meditz.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Gaines called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Gaines followed the Call to Order with a pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Gaines reported an executive session was held before the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

DISCUSSION ON DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP:

Director of Emergency Services, Lee Greenberg recommended that the Township record a declaration of emergency and for the Township to apply for reimbursement of funds. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania proclaimed a disaster emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak and it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of residents of the Township and its employees to suspend certain statutes and regulations.

Ms. Schemm questioned the supply of personal equipment.

Mr. Greenberg stated the Township has enough for now and has placed an order for more supplies.

Mr. Lomax motioned, seconded by Ms. Albillar to approve a Resolution to declare a disaster emergency. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH WARRINGTON POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Gaines reported the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Warrington Police Benevolent Association (PBA) conforms to Act 111 and provides benefits to the PBA. The agreement confirms that Warrington Township Police Department is performing an excellent job for the citizens of Warrington Township.

Ms. Baker questioned the one time salary adjustment. Mr. Luber stated year one is an adjustment to the base salary. There is an adjustment for 0 to 48 months for new hires.

Ms. Albillar requested confirmation that the salaries are retroactive to January 1, 2020.

Ms. Albillar motioned, seconded by Ms. Baker to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Warrington Police Benevolent Association. By roll call vote, the motion passed 5-0.

CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION EXTENDING TIME PERIODS AND DEADLINES APPLICABLE TO LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES.

Mr. Clemons stated Governor Wolf's Proclamation is broad enough to suspend deadlines relating to developments and construction projects. For example, WAWA conditional use hearing scheduled for March 24, 2020 has been removed from the agenda and a letter from the applicant was received extending the deadline.

Ms. Schemm questioned building permits. Mr. Clemons stated building permits can be accepted, however, inspections will be terminated until the declaration of emergency has been lifted.

Mr. Lomax motioned, seconded by Ms. Albillar to approve the Resolution supporting legislation extending time periods and deadlines applicable to local municipalities. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

Mr. Luber stated the conditional use hearing for WAWA has been extended and the Oak Creek landscaping project will not be ready for the March 24th meeting. The bill list for the March 24th meeting can be ratified at a future meeting. The Board agreed to cancel the March 24, 2020 meeting.

Mr. Gaines stated the Board can continue to communicate electronically on a one-to-one basis for general business.

Mr. Clemons stated in the case of an emergency, the Board can make a decision without advertisement of a meeting.

Mr. Gaines suggested meetings will be held on an "as needed" basis and asked Mr. Luber to set up meetings electronically.

Mr. Lomax asked Mr. Greenberg to give the residents an overview of COVID-19. Mr. Greenberg said there is no impact to Warrington Township, so far. Businesses within Warrington Township have closed in accordance with guidelines set by Governor Wolf. FEMA is working on giving loans to businesses.

Mr. Gaines asked Lt. Rob Meditz to give the residents an overview from the police department. Lt. Meditz stated the police are trying to limit contact with the public. Information from the police department is being sent from a platform called CRIMEWATCH. This information is on-line through the township website and the application can be downloaded.

Mr. Gaines stated the Township's website and social media will be kept updated to inform the public.

Mr. Gaines said some township employees will be working in the office, while others will be working from home.

Ms. Albillar reported the primary election is scheduled for June 2nd. In addition to an absentee ballot, the residents can mail in their ballot. This information will be added to the township website.


Ms. Albillar is pleased that families are using the township parks and keeping with social distancing.

Ms. Albillar and Mr. Lomax commended Mr. Greenberg for this service to the township.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board of Supervisors special meeting ended at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:


Barbara J. Livrone, Board Secretary