



**WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES FOR JUNE 25, 2019**

The written minutes are a summary of the June 25, 2019 Board of Supervisors meeting. For a complete dialog visit the Township's website, www.warringtontownship.org.

ATTENDANCE

Fred R. Gaines, Chairman; Ruth L. Schemm, Vice Chair; Shirley A. Yannich, member; Carol T. Baker, member and Eileen Albillar, Member.

Staff present was Barry P. Luber, Township Manager; Terry W. Clemons, Esq., Clemons Richter and Reiss, Township Solicitor; Thomas Zarko, P.E., CKS Engineers, Township Engineer and Barbara J. Livrone, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager/Board Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Gaines called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

Mr. Gaines stated an executive session was held to discuss potential litigation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Albillar announced the Historic Commission/Historical Society held an Open House on June 22 for the Old Schoolhouse located at 10 Folly Road.

Ms. Albillar also announced that Doylestown Borough held a Pride Festival over the weekend.

Ms. Yannich reported that Canine Murphy and Handler, Officer Plum assisted the Philadelphia Police in a drug bust.

Ms. Yannich stated that she and Supervisor Albillar attended the BAPS Charity Green Event Walk at the Shops at Valley Square. The walk raised \$1,000 for Warrington Cares Employee Charity.

Mr. Luber reported that site work for the new police station will begin Monday, July 1. Proposed completion date is July 2020.

RECOGNITION OF DEPUTY CHIEF RICHARD H. BRADBURY, SR., UPON HIS RETIREMENT.

Chief Dan Friel recognized Deputy Chief Richard H. Bradbury, Sr., for his forty two years of service to the Warrington Township Police force. Chief Friel gave background information on Deputy Chief Bradbury. The Board of Supervisors commended and thanked Deputy Chief Bradbury for many years of dedicated law enforcement, professionalism, dedication and positive contributions to the police department. The Board of Supervisors presented him with Resolution 2019-R-36 honoring the Deputy Chief on his retirement.

Bucks County Law Enforcement Training Director, Richard L. Vona presented a Proclamation Resolution to Deputy Chief Bradbury on behalf of the Bucks County Commissioners.

PRESENTATION OF 2018 ANNUAL REPORT FROM WARRINGTON FIRE COMPANY #1.

Chief Mike Bean, Warrington Fire Company #1 presented their 2018 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors. Also present was President Steve Illg. Chief Bean noted their accomplishments for 2018 and stated that the fire company is starting renovations on Station # 29. Ms. Yannich went over the power point presentation. Ms. Albillar asked for an explanation of good intent calls; Ms. Baker questioned special incidents and Ms. Schemm asked for an explanation of mutual aid calls.

Mr. Gaines inquired about the number of hours needed for training. Chief Bean responded and said for Basic 1 training, a firefighter needs 208 hours of training.

Ms. Albillar thanked all EMS for their service.

PRESENTATION OF JOHNNY PLUNZYK.

Ms. Baker read Resolution 2019-R-35 recognizing the heroic efforts of Johnny Plunzyk. Lifeguard Plunzyk, on May 26th, saved an adult from drowning at the Mary Barness Tennis and Swim Club.

PRESENTATION OF 2018 ANNUAL REPORT FROM COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY BOARD.

Chair of the Communications Advisory Board, Jim Calore presented their 2018 Annual Report. Also present was Vice Chair Curt Wise. Mr. Calore noted that cable franchise fees, from Verizon and Comcast go into the township's revenue fund. As more population uses on-line services, there will be a reduction in these fees to the Township.

Ms. Baker questioned the slowdown of 5G equipment.

Ms. Albillar, as liaison to the Communications Advisory Board thanked the Board for their expertise and advice.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Patrice Tisdale (620 Meehan Drive) spoke about the potential sale of the water and sewer department. Ms. Tisdale asked for a referendum for this sale to be on the November ballot. Ms. Tisdale referenced a Lehigh County court case.

Mr. Clemons stated according to the latest Commonwealth Court decision for a Second Class Township, the potential sale of the water and sewer systems cannot appear on the ballot. Bucks County Board of Elections will not accept this issue on the ballot.

The Board of Supervisors does not want to wait until the November election is over to make a decision, even if they were allowed to place the sale on the ballot.

Ms. Baker stated all meetings are broadcasted live through the township's website. The Board has been receiving emails from residents expressing their opinion.

Ms. Schemm has been going house to house to get the word out and obtain residents opinion.

Ms. Yannich noted that only 45 people spoke, out of a population of 25,000, during all of the public meetings held on the potential sale of the water and sewer systems.

Connie Act (1067 Folly Road) commented on the malfunctioning flashing warning light on Folly Road.

Mr. Zarko stated that the contractor has been to the site to make adjustments and CKS will continue to monitor the light.

Jennifer Lamond (829 Philadelphia Avenue) expressed concern over a drainage issue in her area.

Mr. Zarko stated CKS will review the drainage issue.

Ivy Ross, Chair of the Open Space and Land Preservation Committee commented on the 25 acre conservation easement. Ms. Ross recommended for the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission to discuss open space and work together for parcels under 25 acres.

Mr. Gaines suggested for all volunteer committees to present their recommendations to the Board of Supervisors in writing.

Mark Guertler (406 Millcreek Drive) requested that the residents be notified when the quarry is blasting. He also stated that the road is crumbling from the blasting.

Mr. Gaines suggested contacting Morrissey's Safety Officer regarding these issues.

1. APPROVAL OF BILL LIST:

a. 2019 Invoices for the Period June 12, 2019 to June 25, 2019 in the amount of \$787,955.68.

Ms. Yannich motioned, seconded by Ms. Albillar to approve the 2019 invoices paid for the period June 12, 2019 to June 25, 2019 in the amount of \$787,955.68. All were in favor 5-0.

2. CONSENT ITEMS:

Mr. Gaines asked if any clarification was needed for the consent items as presented. Mr. Gaines requested clarification of items F and I.

Ms. Yannich motioned, seconded by Ms. Albillar to approve Consent Items A through D, G and H; excluding F and I. Ms. Schemm motioned on Item E. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0. (Attachment "A")

- a. May 28, 2019 to Approve Minutes for Board of Supervisors meeting.
- b. June 11, 2019 to Post Minutes for Board of Supervisors meeting 2:00 PM for Water and Sewer.
- c. June 11, 2019 to Post Minutes for Board of Supervisors meeting.
- d. Consider authorization to award bid for DGLVRM Grant Program: Oil & Chip Surface Treatment Project (advertised May 14 & May 28, 2019).
- e. Consider appointment of James Pu to volunteer for Bike and Hike Trails Committee.

Ms. Schemm motioned, seconded by Ms. Albillar to appoint James Pu to the Bike and Hike Trails Committee. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

- f. Consider Award for Fire Alarm System for new Police Station.

Mr. Gaines inquired as to why the fire alarm system was not included in the original bid. Mr. Luber stated this system was not part of the design process.

- g. Consider Maintenance Bond Release for Bound Beverage, 308 Easton Road.
- h. Consider Resolution closing out Community Conservation Partnerships Grant project – Trail Design for Route 202 to Bradford Dam Connector Trail.
- i. Consider Post Dedication Punch List Escrow Release in the amount of \$5,000 for Greenbrier Preserve (Lingo Subdivision).

Mr. Gaines asked if there any remaining funds left in the budget for further improvements. Mr. Zarko stated that \$5000 was held in an escrow account to complete the punch list items.

Mr. Gaines requested that CKS review all escrow funds on an annual basis. If additional funds are required, this amount will be requested to the developer.

Ms. Baker motioned, seconded by Ms. Schemm to approve items F and I. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

3. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Update on potential Sale of the Water and/or Sewer Departments of Warrington Township and PFOS Update.**

Mr. Gaines stated the Township Manager is working the Director of the Water and Sewer Department on the review of an asset purchasing agreement from North Wales Water Authority.

- b. **Consider Preliminary Major Subdivision Plan for Eble Tract, 926 Stump Road, TMP # 50-004-021.**

A. Victor Meitner, Jr., Esquire; John Hibbeln, P.E., Hibbeln Engineering Company, LLC and Dr. Dennis Eble, owner were present. Mr. Meitner submitted the engineers estimated cost of improvements regarding the Pickertown Road widening. Mr. Meitner also presented a four foot and six foot proposed trail. Mr. Hibbeln stated the cost is approximately \$212,000 for the Pickertown Road improvements and \$37,000 for a six foot wide trail. Both fees should be charged to two lots. The subdivision will consist of one existing home and three new homes. Mr. Hibbeln requested that the \$212,000 be waived.

Mr. Zarko reviewed the estimates and noted that the cost should be assessed to all the lots in the development. CKS estimates for the Pickertown Road improvements are approximately \$136,000 and the six foot trail is approximately \$10,000.

Dr. Eble agreed to the installation of a six foot trail and connection to the existing four foot sidewalk. Dr. Eble reported there is a parking situation on Stump Road. Mr. Luber said an Ordinance would be needed so that the Police can enforce it.

Ms. Yannich stated the Planning Commission recommended that the Board of Supervisors grant the waivers and approve the subdivision. Dr. Eble has already granted historic and conservation easements.

Mr. Zarko suggested for the applicant to implement improvements and reduce the scope of work or place the money in an escrow account to be used for future improvements.

Mr. Gaines requested an extension for the Eble subdivision to be brought back for further review at the next Board meeting.

Dr. Eble and Mr. Meitner agreed to extend the time for action until the July 9, 2019 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Mr. Clemons will prepare a draft Resolution and leave the contribution blank.

Ms. Baker motioned, seconded by Ms. Yannich to table the consideration of a preliminary major subdivision plan for the Eble Tract, 926 Stump Road, TMP # 50-004-021 to July 9, 2019. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

5. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS):

a. Consider ban on Plastic Bags and Styrofoam Containers.

Mr. Gaines reported that the average life span of Styrofoam containers in a landfill is 500 years or forever. Mr. Gaines suggested for the Environmental Advisory Council to prepare a plan and present the plan to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Gaines also proposed notifying businesses in Warrington to establish a program to eliminate the single use of plastic bags and Styrofoam containers.

Ms. Schemm motioned, seconded by Ms. Yannich to request the Environmental Advisory Council and Park and Recreation Board to consider a plan to eliminate the use of plastic bags and Styrofoam containers. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

b. Consider contribution to Bucks County Tour of Honor.

The Board discussed the Bucks County Tour of Honor for WWI and Koren War Veterans scheduled for October 7, 2019. Ms. Yannich noted that the Board of Supervisors made a monetary contribution towards the Tour of Honor for the past 7 years. Last year, the contribution was \$100 and in years past \$500.

Mr. Gaines motioned, seconded by Ms. Baker to contribute \$100 to the Bucks County Tour of Honor. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

c. Request for waiver of discount amount on a tax bill.

Mr. Luber gave background information on a request from a taxpayer who claimed to mail the tax bill during the discount period; however, the tax collector did not receive the payment.

The Board discussed the request and elected not to waive the discount amount on the tax bill.

Ms. Albillar motioned, seconded by Ms. Baker not to waive the discount fee. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT:

a. Consider proposal for added security measures at Township Administration Building.

Mr. Luber reported that Leslie Frescatore, Human Resources Manager, and a member of the Safety Committee have researched security measures for the front counter at the administration building. Four proposals were received and the lowest proposal was from Clear Security Systems at a cost of \$18,900.

Ms. Albillar questioned the audio and customer service ability. Clear Security Systems have installed security measures in various County Courthouses and banks.

Ms. Yannich motioned, seconded by Ms. Baker to award the security measures contract for the Administration Building to Clear Security Systems in the amount of \$18,900. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

7. DEDICATION REQUEST: None.

8. ENGINEER'S REPORT:

a. **General Update:**

Mr. Zarko prepared an updated Subdivision, Land Development, Public Improvement projects and general engineering activities status reports along with a status report for the water and sewer department for the month of June 2019.

Mr. Zarko reported that he and Mr. Clemons are requesting a quote from the contractor who was awarded the 2019 Road Improvement Program, to complete the work at the Oak Creek development.

9. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

a. **Police Station Update "Contingency for unexpected costs".**

The Board discussed the process for approving unexpected expenses relating to internal change orders for the construction of the new police station.

Ms. Schemm motioned, seconded by Ms. Albillar that unexpected expenses should obtain the approval of the Township Manager up to \$10,000. Above \$10,000 but below \$20,600 (the public bidding threshold) approval of the liaison for the police building construction should be obtained. Expenses exceeding \$20,600 would require approval from the Board of Supervisors. All were in favor and the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Clemons commented on the following items:


- A letter was mailed to the developer of Valley Gate stating the detention basin at Warrington Pointe is not functioning.
- A letter was mailed to the legal counsel for the homeowners' stormwater issue.
- A tentative court date has been scheduled for Victory Gardens.
- Mr. Lubber will follow up with the Police Chief regarding the enforcement of truck traffic to Pickertown and Folly Roads.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Schemm motioned, seconded by Ms. Baker to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:


Barbara J. Livrone, Board Secretary

Attachment "A"

Consent Agenda – June 25, 2019

Attached to the agenda and on the Township's website is a supplement to the agenda which contains a heading and brief description for each item listed under the Consent agenda. As in the past, any Board member can ask to remove an item from consent and have it discussed independently.

- a. **May 28, 2019 to Approve Minutes for Board of Supervisors meeting.**
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- c. **June 11, 2019 to Post Minutes for Board of Supervisors meeting.**
- d. **Consider authorization to award bid for DGLVRM Grant Program: Oil & Chip Surface Treatment Project (advertised May 14 & May 28, 2019).**

This is to award an oil and chip project to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC at the bid price of \$40,095.

- e. **Consider appointment of James Pu to volunteer for Bike and Hike Trails Committee.**

- f. **Consider Award for Fire Alarm System for new Police Station.**

This is to award a Fire Alarm System project for the new Police Station to CSI at the COSTARS contract price of \$41,500.

- g. **Consider Maintenance Bond Release for Bound Beverage, 308 Easton Road.**

This is to release the Maintenance Bond for Bound Beverage at 308 Easton Road.

- h. **Consider Resolution closing out Community Conservation Partnerships Grant project – Trail Design for Route 202 to Bradford Dam Connector Trail.**

This is to close out the CCP Grant Project which encompassed a trail design for a Route 202 to Bradford Dam Connector Trail.

- i. **Consider Post Dedication Punch List Escrow Release in the amount of \$5,000 for Greenbrier Preserve (Lingo Subdivision).**

This is to release \$5,000 ESCROW to MDG #3, LLC based upon a report from Township Engineers indicating the post-dedication punch list items have been completed by the developer.

I would now ask for a motion to approve items **A through I** on the Consent agenda.