



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP
MINUTES FOR October 11, 2022 - 6:00 PM**

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

This meeting was held hybrid both in person at the Township building and via Zoom link. The recorded meeting can be viewed the day after through the Township's website, www.warringtontownship.org

Supervisors: Chair Fred R. Gaines; Vice Chair Eileen Albillar; Ruth Schemm, Member; Michael Diorka, Member; Vanessa Maurer, Member

Staff present: Barry P. Luber, Township Manager; Terry Clemons, Esquire, Clemons Richter Reiss, Township Solicitor; Tom Zarko, P.E., CKS Engineers, Township Engineer; Christian Jones, Assistant Township Manager; Lee Greenberg, Director of Emergency Services; Andrew Oles, Parks and Recreation Director; Jen Fielding, Executive Assistant to Township Manager/Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Gaines called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

There were a total of 45 people who attended both in person and via Zoom. The meeting is also "streamed" on the Warrington Township TV channel, so other interested parties are always welcome to watch the meeting using this option.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) - (2023-2027)

Mr. Luber provided highlights from his CIP PowerPoint, including the fact that in previous years the CIP was \$2-3 million and is now \$9 million.

Road improvements used to be \$1.2 million and will be budgeted for \$1 million.

Electric vehicles he is being told are not a good idea right now for a variety of reasons.

The Supervisors reviewed the CIP line-by-line to establish what were wants vs. needs.

Mr. Oles answered some questions regarding the Feasibility Study for the pool.

Mr. Greenberg gave a PowerPoint regarding the expansion of the fire house. He explained that while Covid-19 was not the cause of the need, it helped to identify their areas of improvement needed in order to run a more efficient and safe emergency department.

The design work will cost \$175,000. Up to now, GKO has donated their time for concept ideas, shown. The total of the project is anticipated at \$3.5 million without furnishings. There are grant opportunities for this project, which he and Ms. Ross are pursuing.

Prior to the start of the regular meeting, Mr. Gaines took the opportunity to explain a recent PSATS Regional Conference that he, Ms. Albillar, Mr. Diorka and Mr. Luber attended. This included a class on streamlining Public meetings. The Board will continue to use the 3-minute limit for public comment. Please sign in to the sheet with any concern “on” the agenda or “not” on the agenda and you will be called up in turn.

PUBLIC COMMENT *(The Board will hear from any interested resident or taxpayer who would like to comment on an item not on this evening’s agenda. Respondents are asked to keep their comments to 3 minutes. Please sign in.)*

All comments can be reviewed in their entirety on the website at www.warringtontownship.org under the Government Tab/Board Meeting Video.

Brian Monroe, County Clerk of Courts

Mr. Monroe shared information about the Victim’s Restitution Program. Ms. Schemm thanked him and shared that she was also a victim.

Melissa Conti, 3482 Pond View Dr.

Reforestation Grant – item 2.c. - against

Steve Conti, 3482 Pond View Dr.

Reforestation Grant – item 2.c. - against

Mike Kelly, 135 Muirfield Lane

Reforestation Grant – item 2.c. - against

Charles Rubin, Sr., 1279 School Lane

Speeding complaint.

1. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion on speeding complaints throughout the Township/consider authorization for McMahan Associates to develop Traffic Calming Policy Handbook at a cost not to exceed \$4,000**

Mr. Luber briefly summarized the discussion from the September 27, 2022, Board of Supervisors meeting. He met with Mr. Chad Dixson with McMahan Associates, Traffic Engineer, to explore options.

Mr. Dixson explained the Traffic Calming Handbook would be a process to evaluate the complaints regarding speeding.

Ms. Maurer asked about PennDOT's role. Ms. Schemm supported including the community in the decision-making process. Mr. Dixon indicated that the Township could experiment with temporary measures. Ms. Maurer asked about other Townships and their residents being satisfied. Mr. Dixon reported that while they don't always agree, they appreciate being included. Mr. Diorka commented on the last 10 years and reduced police officers with highway duties. Would like to see more police on the roads.

Ms. Schemm made a Motion to authorize McMahon Associates to develop a Traffic Calming Policy Handbook at a cost not to exceed \$4,000; Ms. Albillar seconded. Roll Call vote: Mr. Diorka – yes; Ms. Schemm – yes; Ms. Albillar – yes; Ms. Maurer – yes; Mr. Gaines – yes. The Motion passed 5-0.

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Lindi Giacomelli, 724 S. Settlers Circle
Speeding complaint

Susan Riebman, 721 S. Settlers Circle
Speeding complaint

Michael Simone, 744 Settlers Way
Speeding complaint

Debra Tallarico, 647 N. Settlers Circle
Speeding complaint

Richard Alsdorf, 1591 Stuckert Road
Speeding complaint

Jeri Chiodetti, 1804 Jericho Drive
Speeding complaint

Ms. Mary Worth, 1812 Jericho Drive
Speeding complaint

Mr. Thomas Messina, 1815 Jericho Drive
Speeding complaint

2. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Consider a Resolution Proclaiming October Dysautonomia Awareness Month

Ms. Albillar read the Proclamation and thanked XXXX.

b. Consider approval of Resolution to apply for a grant for King Park – Tennis and Basketball Court Rehabilitation and Improvements

Ms. Ivy Ross explained the series of grant rounds available from DCNR. There is usually only one round, but there will be two rounds available this year. She explained that King Park is in disrepair.

Ms. Maurer would like to see the Township less grant-driven and more project-driven. With a \$9 million budget, there are some areas where we have to put the brakes on, she said. She visited other Township meetings and learned that they have Ways and Means/Finance Committees to assist with vetting all projects and how they are funded. While this year, there will most likely be a tax increase and in a few years will need to borrow money, she said it is a matter of precedent to review all requests more critically.

Ms. Albillar asked for a clarification regarding the matching. Mr. Gaines asked the group if there were no match, would the Board fund this project. Ms. Schemm raised safety issues regarding the park.

Mr. Gaines made a Motion to approve the Resolution to apply for a grant for King Park – Tennis and Basketball Court Rehabilitation and Improvements; Ms. Albillar seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Diorka – yes; Ms. Schemm – yes; Ms. Albillar – yes; Ms. Maurer – no; Mr. Gaines – yes. The Motion passed 4-1.

c. Consider approval of Resolution to apply for a grant for Mill Creek Preserve Meadow Reforestation

Mr. Luber raised the fact that the Master Plan Committee hasn't met yet and recommends that the Township wait to move forward with grant requests until they meet. Ms. Schemm supports reforestation. Ms. Maurer indicated that the Board heard from the community on this issue, and they would like to be included in this decision and that this could also be considered a luxury item at this time. Mr. Diorka supports Mr. Luber's recommendation and would like to see what is being planned specifically, and a visual representation.

Ms. Schemm made a Motion to approve the Resolution to apply for a grant for Mill Creek Preserve Meadow Reforestation. There was no second. The Motion failed.

d. Consider approval of Resolution for PECO Green Region Grant Program

Clarification regarding if we receive this grant and don't build the building, can we use it for something else. Ms. Ross indicated the answer is yes.

Ms. Maurer made a Motion to approve the Resolution for PECO Green Region Grant Program; Ms. Albillar seconded. All in favor, the Motion passed 5-0.

3. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

Mr. Gaines – 1) Mr. Gaines reported that the Volunteer Luncheon will be held this Saturday, October 15th at Guiseppe's restaurant in Warminster, PA from Noon to 2pm. All volunteers have been invited. He expects 40 attendees. 2) He thanked Mr. Kelly and the Civil Air Patrol for their assistance at Warrington Day.

Mr. Diorka – 1) Will be working with Ms. Fielding to write an article for the Spring LINK newsletter about the Igoe Porter Wellings Memorial Field.

Ms. Schemm – None at this time

Ms. Albillar - 1) 1st meeting of the Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee will be held on October 20th at 5:45pm in the Township building and also via Zoom. You can sign up on the Township calendar for the link.

Ms. Maurer – 1) Further information about the Ways and Means/Finance Committee and how it could be beneficial to the Township. Would like to look into this further. Ms. Schemm would like to learn more information and asked Ms. Maurer if she would include it on a future agenda for more discussion.

4. **MANAGER'S REPORT:** None
5. **ENGINEER'S REPORT:** None
6. **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** None
7. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

Mr. Gaines asked if anyone would like to pull an agenda item out of Consent. Ms. Albillar would like to pull out d.i.; Mr. Gaines would like to amend item b. to include average COLA non-uniform employees for item 2 under the Fund Balance item from the September 27, 2022, Minutes. Ms. Fielding will make that amendment.

Ms. Albillar made a Motion to approve items a,b,c,dii, iii, iv, v, e, f, g; Ms. Maurer seconded. All in favor, the Motion passed 5-0.

- a. **Consider approval of the Minutes from the Board of Supervisors meeting September 27, 2022**
- b. **Consider approval of the Minutes from the special meeting of the Board of Supervisors on September 28, 2022**
- c. **Consider approval of invoices for the period from September 27, 2022 to October 10, 2022 in the amount of \$2,162,806.01**
- d. **Consider approving a neutral position on all items from the Zoning Hearing Board below:**
 - i. **22-10 (Crestwald Group, LLC) NW corner of Easton Road and Oakfield Road, TMP 54-024-001.001 (BZ Zoning District). Staff recommendation is a neutral position**
 - ii. **22-13 (Trusevich) 828 Princeton Drive (R1-OD18 Zoning District) Staff recommendation is a neutral position**
 - iii. **22-14 (Elite Plaza, LLC) 1248 Easton Road, TMP 50 022 036 (BZ Zoning District). Staff recommendation is a neutral position**

- iv. **22-15 (Shivaramaiah) 624 Meehan Drive, TMP 50 010 062 020 (RA-OD2d Zoning District) Staff recommendation is a neutral position**
- v. **22-16 (Cianelli) Staff recommendation is a neutral position**

- e. **Consider approval of contractor bid proposal Greensward North Storm Drainage Modifications**

- f. **Consider authorizing the pre-order of a police sedan patrol cruiser for patrol operations in 2023 in the amount of \$37,381.00**

- g. **Consider authorizing bid awards for 2022-23 salt application and snow removal contract to**
 - **BP Paving & Excavating LLC**
 - **Carp Excavating, Inc.**
 - **Jenny's Flowers, LLC**
 - **Land-Tech Enterprises, Inc.**
 - **MA Landscapes & Lawncare, LLC**
 - **T. Schiefer Contractors, Inc.**
 - **T.W. Smith**

Item d.i. – Ms. Albillar asked for clarification regarding the vegetation removed prior to the decision. Discussion ensued. The Board chose to take no action on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Jeannine Fielding, Board Secretary