

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP MINUTES FOR January 10, 2023 - 7:00 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

<u>Supervisors</u>: Chair, Eileen Albillar (*via Zoom*); Vice Chair Fred R. Gaines; Ruth Schemm, Member; Michael Diorka, Member; Vanessa Maurer, Member

<u>Staff present</u>: Christian Jones, Assistant Township Manager; Vicki Kushto, Esquire, Clemons Richter Reiss, Township Solicitor; Tom Zarko, P.E., CKS Engineers, Township Engineer; Jeannine Fielding, Executive Assistant to Township Manager/Board Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Albillar called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 - None**

**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. <u>Please sign in.</u>)

Ms. Albillar thanked all law enforcement officers for Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, held this week.

#### Scott Vogin, 2150 Lisa Drive

Boy Scout Troop 133, in conjunction with the Bike and Hike Committee, will host a spaghetti dinner at the Methodist Church in Chalfont, 11 Meadowbrook Lane, Chalfont on March 11. All are welcome.

## Karen Publick, 1265 Horseshoe Road

Traffic light issues at Park and Rt. 611. The light went four times before she could turn. Action: Mr. Luber will investigate with Public Works.

## Andrew McCally, 277 Harvard Dr.

Traffic increase in the township, ARLE

# Heather Schroeder, 1471 Turk Road

Traffic congestion and Police Reports for traffic on her street

# **PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment**

Ms. Albillar opened the hearing at 7:31pm.

Ms. Kushto summarized the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and SALDO Ordinance so that they would match. Two amendments were recommended.

No public comment.

Board of Supervisors no comment.

Ms. Albillar closed the hearing at 7:34pm.

Vote taken under item 1.d.

PRESENTATION Swearing in of two new police officers, Officer William Moller and Officer Easton Weaver- Chief Daniel J. Friel and Judge Wertman

#### 1. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Presentation of Traffic Calming Handbook and consider the appointment of a Traffic Calming Advisory Committee consisting of the following:
  - Member of the Board of Supervisors
  - Township Manager (or designee)
  - Chief of Police (or designee)
  - Public Works Director (or designee)
  - Township Traffic Engineer
  - 1 resident at large
  - 1 resident from the current area being considered for traffic calming (this residentmember will change with each new study area)

Mr. Chad Dixson, Traffic Engineer with McMahon Associates presented the Traffic Calming Handbook and then took questions from the Board and the public. Anyone interested in being on the Traffic Calming Advisory Committee should email the Board Secretary, Jeannine Fielding, at <a href="mailto:jfielding@warringtontownship.org">jfielding@warringtontownship.org</a>.

Mr. Diorka asked about the timeline and how long will it take to adopt the policy, as well as the bureaucracy and ability to deal with immediate issues being presented to the Board regarding speeding in specific neighborhoods.

Ms. Maurer indicated that the policy and committee is a good way to include public engagement and consensus, as well as being a part of the development of the policy. Her concern is the bureaucracy and ability to deal with immediate issues being presented to the Board regarding speeding in specific neighborhoods.

Ms. Schemm would like all immediate concerns to go directly to Chief Friel. She also shared that in the past, there were traffic calming measures provided too quickly and then the residents

were not happy with the solution. This policy and committee will enable there to be longer time to learn and discuss and then agree upon the solution.

Mr. Gaines indicated that officers are pulled in many directions with varying priorities. He also reminded the cost of hiring an officer. He agrees he would like to have the Chief and the Board review the immediate concerns within the next two meetings.

## Rich Alsdorf, 1591 Stuckert Road

Speeding and efficiency of the policy

# Mary Wuerth, 1812 Jericho Drive

Her neighborhood won't qualify under the guidelines of the draft handbook. Would like to see immediate action on the speeding in her neighborhood.

## James Wuerth, 1812 Jericho Drive

Concern the guidelines of the draft handbook are unrealistic.

<u>Action</u>: Ms. Albillar requested that staff post the draft Handbook on the website, and include the links to the PA Handbook, as well. <u>She reiterated that the Committee</u>, once chosen, will be the one to make recommendations to the Board as far as adopting it.

She further indicated that moving forward, the Board will continue to address individual issues by having the Police Department respond. This is a multi-prong approach, including the ARLE program and many different ways to utilize the new officers being hired here tonight.

Mr. Luber explained how the hiring and training timeline works for new officers.

## b. Consider authorization to advertise changing speed limit on Bradley Road

Mr. Luber presented a summary of what had already been completed on Bradley Road.

Ms. Schemm made a Motion to authorize advertising changing the speed limit on Bradley Road; Mr. Diorka seconded. All in favor, the Motion passed 5-0.

#### c. Consider authorization to advertise an Amendment to the Street Tree Ordinance

No discussion.

Mr. Diorka made a Motion to authorize to advertise an amendment to the Street Tree Ordinance; Mr. Gaines seconded. All in favor, the Motion passed 5-0.

# d. Consider adoption of amendment to Zoning Ordinance

Hearing opened/closed above.

Mr. Gaines made a Motion to approve the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance; Ms. Schemm seconded. All in favor, the Motion passed 5-0.

#### 2. NEW BUSINESS:

# a. Consider authorization to advertise an ordinance to implement a Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) program

No discussion.

Mr. Diorka made a Motion to authorize advertising an ordinance to implement an Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) program; Mr. Gaines seconded. All in favor, the Motion passed 5-0.

## 3. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

Mr. Diorka – 1) The memo from the Aquatic Design Pool Study has come back and the Pool committee will meet in the next two weeks with the first round of concepts; the surveys will be returned (300+) and expects to present final concepts at the February Board meeting; 2) Rotary Club honored Dr. Joseph Brereton at Christmastime as an Elementary Hero Award.

Ms. Schemm − 1) The Supervisors and Township Manager were part of the crow2d welcoming arrival of the new tower ladder truck to Station 29.

Mr. Gaines - none

Ms. Maurer - 1) Annual Report 2022 requests more scientific citations for the committee reports; 2) Would like a Solar Panel Update; thanked Ms. Fielding and Mr. Suffian for the update at the previous Board meeting; would like to consider a Feasibility Study for this project to see where it currently stands; Mr. Luber explained some detail and indicated that he would be meeting with an outside vendor and will report back to the Board at a future meeting.

**Ms.** Albillar - 1) Master Plan Ad Hoc committee meetings are available on the calendar; 2) January 17<sup>th</sup> the Board of Supervisors will be meeting to discuss more efficient and effective Board meetings for 2023.

#### 4. MANAGER'S REPORT:

# a. Shop-with-a-Cop video

Mr. Luber showed this video from December when the Warrington Police Department joined forces with Mr. Joseph Brereton, Principal of Barkley Elementary School to provide students with a shopping trip through Wal-Mart who donate gifts to the children during this annual event. Ofc. Dave Kozuch managed this event and 22 officers donated their time to participate.

# b. Report on Traffic Impact Fee - Mr. Chad Dixson, McMahon Associates

Mr. Dixson presented a summary of the feasibility evaluation in determining whether to pursue the completion of the necessary land use and transportation studies to adopt a transportation impact fee ordinance.

He shared that fees can be used for a variety of purposes. He highlighted the permitted and non-permitted uses of impact fees. For example, traffic impact fees may not be used to improve level of service deficiencies from existing traffic or resulting from future

conditions without new development.

Mr. Dixson is not recommending implementing traffic impact fees in Warrington Township.

#### 5. ENGINEER'S REPORT:

a. Freedoms Way bus shelter update Provided brief update.

#### 6. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

## 7. CONSENT ITEMS:

Ms. Albillar asked if anyone would like to pull any items out for discussion.

Mr. Gaines requested a full detailed list of both bill lists in the future. And, he corrected the Minutes for December 13, 2023 with a minor change. Ms. Fielding will make the change to State Senator Maria Collett.

Mr. Gaines made a Motion to approve the Consent agenda items a-g; Ms. Maurer seconded. All in favor, the Motion passed 5-0.

- a. Consider approval of the Minutes from the Board of Supervisors meeting December 13, 2022
- b. Consider approval of the Minutes from the Special meeting on December 20, 2022
- c. Consider approval of the bill list for 2022 invoices in the amount of \$545,116.12 and the bill list for January 1 to January 10, 2023 in the amount of \$48,618.02
- d. Consider for approval Young Lungs at Play Ordinance
- e. Consider authorization to approve an Eagle Scout project recommendation from the Bike and Hike via Parks and Recreation Board for Bradford Dam Trail Renovation project by Roger Tang
- f. Consider authorization to approve an Eagle Scout project recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Board for a Kicking Wall at IPW Park by Ryan Easterly
- g. Consider Release of 18-Month Maintenance Security for Public Improvements Constructed in conjunction with the Bristol House Personal Care Facility (2527 Bristol Road).

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeannine Fielding, Board Secretary