



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP  
MINUTES FOR February 14, 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](http://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](http://www.warringtontownship.org)**

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

Staff present: Barry Luber, Township Manager; Christian Jones, Assistant Township Manager; Vicki Kushto, Esquire, Clemons Richter Reiss, Township Solicitor; Lee Greenberg, Director of Emergency Services and Code Enforcement; Chief Daniel J. Friel, Warrington Police Department; Jeannine Fielding, Executive Assistant to Township Manager/Board Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER** Ms. Albillar called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

There were a total of 21 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.

**3. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Ms. Albillar reported that there was an Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss a police personnel matter.

**4. 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.)*

**Andrew McCally – 2727 Harvard Dr.**  
Co-Responder Program

**5. PROCLAMATION: Thanking State Senator Maria Collett for her service to Warrington Township**

Ms. Albillar read the Proclamation thanking State Senator Maria Collett for her service to Warrington Township. Ms. Collett said a few words of thanks to the Supervisors and staff.

**6. PRESENTATION: Thanking Roy Rieder for his 15+ years of service to the Township**

Mr. Luber thanked Mr. Rieder for his years of service and presented him with a plaque.

**7. OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. Continued discussion regarding Co-Responder program and consider adoption of Co-Responder program for a two-year trial period**

Chief Friel summarized the remarks up to this meeting regarding the Co-Responder program and then took questions from the Board. Topics included: morale of officers regarding change; funding of the program in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year; 911 calls and how they are directed and addressed; collaboration of social service providers and officers with regard to mental health.

Mr. Gaines made a Motion to adopt the Co-Responder program for a two-year trial period with the condition that Warwick and Warminster Townships both agree to participate; Ms. Schemm seconded. Ms. Schemm voted in favor; Mr. Gaines voted in favor; Ms. Albillar voted in favor. Mr. Diorka voted against; Ms. Maurer voted against. The Motion passed 3-2.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Gaines made a Motion to amend the agenda to add consideration of the Powell Minor Subdivision Resolution for Revision of New Land Development; Ms. Maurer seconded. All in favor, the Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Jones explained the reason for the amended agenda regarding the on-lot sewage system.

Ms. Schemm made a Motion to approve the Powell Minor Subdivision Resolution for Revision of New Land Development; Ms. Maurer seconded. Mr. Diorka voted in favor; Ms. Schemm voted in favor; Ms. Albillar voted in favor; Ms. Maurer voted in favor. Mr. Gaines abstained for the reason that this parcel could use public sewer. The Motion passed 4-0 with one abstention.

**a. Report on Year One of Inspection Program – Lee Greenberg, Director of Code Enforcement and Emergency Services**

Mr. Greenberg summarized the first year of the Inspection Program, providing statistics for the number of inspections; number of re-inspections and the overall reception of the program by residents and landlords. He gave credit to his staff, especially Matt Cruz and Jackie Wilson for educating the public about the program and implementing a brand new program.

1338 inspections were conducted; 53% passed; 47% required follow up – mostly Mr. Cruz had to return several times and in doing so, created relationships with the landlords and the maintenance staff and/or the residents themselves.

He would recommend continuing the program as it stands with no modifications for 2023. This will allow his team to continue to evaluate and gather data. One area of growth was the team learned that they should start the billing process in mid-October.

**b. Consideration of approval process to replace Fire Rescue Engine – Lee Greenberg, Director of Code Enforcement and Emergency Services**

Mr. Greenberg explained the goals of the apparatus committee would be due to the estimated 24-48 build time for a new engine.

Mr. Gaines made a Motion to approve the process of creating an apparatus committee to replace Fire Rescue Engine 78; Ms. Maurer seconded. All in favor, the Motion passed 5-0. The committee will include two volunteer fire company members.

**c. Consideration of approval of Level 2.a of protection for list of Township Open Space which have no improvements**

Mr. Gaines made a Motion to approve execution of the “Declaration of Trust for level 2.a Properties on each of the Level 2.a properties; Ms. Schemm seconded. All in favor, the Motion passed 5-0.

**d. Consideration of approval of Level 2.b of protection for list of Township Open Space parcels which have improvements such as tot lots, detention basins and other improvements.**

Mr. Gaines made a Motion to approve execution of the “Declaration of Trust for level 2.b Properties on each of the Level 2.b properties; Ms. Maurer seconded. All in favor, the Motion passed 5-0.

**e. Consider for approval the Naming Rights for the Pond-to-Wetland Conversion Project at Lions Pride Park**

Mr. Luber explained that these Naming Rights would be similar to his description at the January 24, 2023, Board of Supervisors meeting for the Community Room at Lions Pride Park and provided financial options in his memo.

Ms. Schemm made a Motion to approve the Naming Rights for the Pond-to-Wetland Conversion Project at Lions Pride Park; Mr. Gaines seconded. All in favor, the Motion passed 5-0.

**f. Discussion of settlement agreement and authorization to allow Township Manager to execute settlement agreements for Opioid lawsuits, as recommended by counsel (5-10 min)**

Mr. Jones provided a summary of the settlement agreement and indicated that by approving this, the Board will enable the township to participate in additional lawsuits. Money received will be put into opioid education. Ms. Albillar asked if this money could be used

to fund the Co-Responder program in its third year. Mr. Luber indicated that yes, if the work being done by the Co-Responders was opioid related, it could be used.

Ms. Maurer made a Motion to authorize the Township Manager to execute settlement agreements for Opioid lawsuits, as recommended by counsel; Mr. Gaines seconded. All in favor, the Motion passed 5-0.

## 9. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

**Mr. Diorka** – 1) Feasibility study for the pool is ready and the consulting firm has narrowed it down to five concepts; they came back with two concepts, including project costs, which will be presented at two public meetings; 2) School Resource Officer – reached out to Officer Bell to find out how the program is doing and reported that it is going well and read a quote from a student who was impacted by the positivity of the program. Mr. Diorka thanked Mr. Luber for moving this program forward.

**Ms. Schemm** – 1) EAC Fish Program with Penn State University will be coming soon; 2) Open Space and Land Development Committee will be providing free workshops on how to do live staking; 3) Gave Mr. Luber a shout out as the new President of the Bucks County Consortium and his support of BCATO during the water/sewer discussions last fall.

**Mr. Gaines** – 1) Bike and Hike Committee will be working on the trail etiquette program; 2) The Warrington Police Department has acquired a new K9 dog, Abby, who will be starting her training soon with Officer Fox; 3) Officer Stephen C. Plum, Jr. will be memorialized on a National Police Officers Monument in Washington DC in mid-May. A contingent from Warrington Police Department, along with the family, will be in attendance.

**Ms. Maurer** – 1) Through her employer, Heart of Heffernan, she was able to provide a donation to Special Equestrians in the amount of \$5,000.

**Ms. Albillar** – 1) More time for speeding Committee and this will be reported at the next Board of Supervisors meeting. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please reach out to Ms. Fielding.

## 10. MANAGER'S REPORT:

- a. **2022 Annual Reports** are being compiled. If you have not yet submitted yours, please send to Ms. Fielding.

## 11. SOLICITOR'S REPORT: None at this time

## 12. CONSENT ITEMS:

**Mr. Diorka requested an amendment to the January 24, 2023 Minutes. Ms. Fielding will make the change. He also pulled out item g to request that we keep the speed the same until the work begins.**

Mr. Gaines made a Motion to accept items a-m, except g and the correction to a; Ms. Maurer seconded. All in favor, the Motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Maurer made a Motion to accept item g; Mr. Gaines seconded. All in favor, the Motion passed 5-0.

- a. **Consider approval of Minutes from Board of Supervisors meeting on January 24, 2023**
- b. **Consider Bill List from January 24, 2023 to February 14, 2023 for 2022 in the amount of \$178,763.90 and for 2023 in the amount of \$593,750.76**
- c. **Consider expenditure in the amount of \$5,800 to Charles G. Keller, Inc. for utility pole relocation at the Community Room at Lions Pride Park**
- d. **Consider Honorable Discharge of a police officer**
- e. **Consider approval of Conditional Use Decision for McAllister's Deli**
- f. **Consider approval of Resolution for Final Land Development Plan for McAllister's Deli**
- g. **Consider Ordinance setting the speed limit on Bradley Road at 25 MPH**
- h. **Consider for approval appointing Bonnie Stetson as a full member of the Open Space and Land Preservation Committee**
- i. **Consider Authorization to Advertise for Bids; 2023 Roadway Improvement Program**
- j. **Consider approval of destruction of records in conformance with State Act 428**
- k. **Consider approval of changing depository bank for earned income taxes and local services taxes from Fulton Bank to Huntingdon Valley Bank**
- l. **Consider approval of Escrow Release No. 4 for the Warrington Place in the amount of \$84,801.14**
- m. **Consider approval of a change order to Hirschberg Mechanical for the HVAC project to band and seal ductwork throughout the Township building in the amount of \$22,827.50**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Jeannine Fielding, Board Secretary