

## **MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2019 VALLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

The regular monthly meeting of the Valley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at the Township Municipal Building, 890 West Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Patrice Proctor at 7:40 p.m. Those in attendance were Supervisors Christopher Lehenky, Kathy O'Doherty, Joe Sciandra, William Handy, Sr., and Patrice Proctor. Also in attendance were Carol R. Lewis, Township Manager; Ed Rasiul of Pennoni Associates, Inc. (Township Engineer); and Andrew D.H. Rau of Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees, Esquire (Township Solicitor). Ms. Proctor noted that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session prior to the meeting at 6:30 p.m. to discuss personnel issues, concerns regarding properties and matters of litigation.

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA:**

None

### **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

Wilson Lopez, 1265 Valley Road – Mr. Lopez addressed the Board of Supervisors regarding a groundwater issue at his home. He stated that he is constantly running his sump pump as his basement fills up with water. He said he was notified by the Police Department that he cannot run water out onto the street. Ms. Lewis advised that the Public Works Department will be televising that area on Friday and that they are trying to arrange a meeting with the five homeowners in that area. Mr. Sciandra noted that the water runoff onto Valley Road was creating a hazardous condition. He suggested as a temporary solution to sandbag the area to keep the water from going into the street. There was further discussion between the Board members, Mr. Rasiul and Mr. Lopez with regards to the issues with him and the surrounding properties. Mr. Sciandra also suggested doing a dye test in the pipe that is on his property. Mr. Lopez stated that he would not be home during the day this week, but gave permission to Mr. Sciandra to come on his property to inspect the situation.

Marsha London, 207 Cemetery Lane – Ms. London inquired if the Township could look into installing a street light in the area of the cemetery. She stated that it is very dark there. It was noted that there is currently no pole in that location. Mr. Lehenky stated that he would look into the possibility of PECO placing a pole there and associated costs.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Mr. Handy made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Doherty, to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting as presented.** The motion passed with Mr. Lehenky abstaining as he was not present at the January 15, 2019 meeting.

**Ms. O’Doherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sciandra, to table consideration of the January 24, 2019 special meeting.** The motion passed with Mr. Lehenky and Mr. Handy abstaining.

## **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**Mr. Lehenky made a motion, seconded by Ms. O’Doherty, to authorize payment of bills as presented.** The motion passed unanimously.

## **SOLICITOR’S REPORT:**

Mr. Rau reported that he discussed with the Board in Executive Session issues regarding contractual negotiations, personnel communications, and litigation issues.

## **ENGINEER’S REPORT:**

Mr. Rasiul submitted the engineer’s report which is on file at the Township Office.

Engineering Report Overview - Mr. Rasiul noted that there is a meeting scheduled for February 7 with DCNR to review the draft Recreation and Open Space Plan. A meeting was recently held with the Continental Soccer Club to include Dave Hatt and their newly elected Board President. It was noted that the Soccer Club is in concurrence that the Township should take the lead to secure leasing of school district property adjacent to the Township property. It was also noted that United Sports Training Center would also be interested in operating a soccer program at this location.

Mr. Rasiul noted that there will be an initial meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee on February 28.

Mr. Rasiul reported that Pennoni Associates evaluated the property owner’s proposed culvert cleaning and other corrective actions’ approach for the Irish Alley Pavement Damage and are in communication with him to obtain road repair pricing for consideration by the Township.

Mr. Rasiul reported that Pennoni Associates evaluated temporary signage alternatives to alert westbound right-turning traffic on Lincoln Highway of the new advanced left turn signal. He stated that the Township was notified that a custom sign would be needed. Mr. Sciandra stated that a “Wait For Green” sign should be sufficient. There was also discussion if a “No Turn On Red” sign should be considered. After additional discussion, Ms. Lewis stated that she would contact PennDOT for their recommendation.

Consideration to authorize Pennoni Associates to prepare the annual CCRs at an estimated cost of \$3,500 – Mr. Sciandra made a motion to authorize Pennoni Associates to prepare the annual CCRs at a cost not to exceed \$3,500. Ms. O’Doherty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/consideration to appoint a representative from the Chester County Airport Authority (CCAA) to the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee – Mr. Sciandra reported that the CCAA

had a meeting this afternoon and that this was on their agenda but he has not heard back from the CCAA who their recommended representative would be. **Mr. Sciandra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Handy, to accept the CCAA's recommended representative as a member of the Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee and to have them attend the February 28 Committee meeting.** The motion passed unanimously.

At this time, Mr. Rau and Mr. Rasiul departed the meeting.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Ms. Lewis noted that she held a meeting with the administrative staff for logo input and ideas. She hopes to have additional renderings from W.J. Strickler before the next Board of Supervisors' meeting.

Ms. Lewis reported that she is working on a thank you letter for Westwood Fire Company and EMS to present at the next meeting for their quick response on two occasion to the Township Building for concerns regarding CO2 and to check out personnel. The Board also recognized efforts of employees and asked Ms. Lewis to look into a recognition program.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion/consideration regarding extension of Hill International contract – **Mr. Sciandra made a motion to extend the services of Hill International for four-days a week to March 10, 2019. Mr. Lehenky seconded the motion.** The motion passed 3-2 with Mr. Sciandra, Mr. Handy and Mr. Lehenky voting aye and Ms. Proctor and Ms. O'Doherty voting nay.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion/consideration regarding Oliver Fire Protection & Security annual sprinkler and fire alarm inspection agreement renewal – **Ms. O'Doherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sciandra, to table the Oliver Fire Protection & Security annual sprinkler and fire alarm inspection agreement renewal.** The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/consideration to participate in the Southeast Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program 2019-2022 – **Mr. Sciandra made a motion for Valley Township to participate in the Southeast Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program for 2019-2022, administered through the Chester County Solid Waste Authority. Ms. O'Doherty seconded the motion.** The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/consideration to adopt a Resolution endorsing Chester County's Comprehensive Plan, *Landscapes3* – **Ms. O'Doherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sciandra, to adopt Resolution 2019-10, a Resolution for the endorsement of *Landscapes3*, Chester County's Comprehensive Plan.** The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/consideration to purchase a 2020 Police Interceptor for \$48,000 – **Mr. Handy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sciandra, to purchase a 2020 Police Interceptor for a price not**

**to exceed \$48,300.** Mr. Lehenky commented on purchasing a vehicle with a V6 instead of a V8 engine. After further discussion, **Mr. Handy withdrew his motion and Mr. Sciandra concurred.** It was requested that comparison pricing be obtained for the vehicle with a V8 as well as a hitch, light kid, and with a center and wrap front bumper.

Discussion/consideration to accept W.J. Strickler Signs proposal #33473/thl2 in the amount of \$7,585 for ADA sign package for the New Township Building – Mr. Sciandra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lehenky, to authorize approval of the proposal from W.J. Strickler Signs in the amount \$7,585.00 to furnish and install 97 ADA interior non-illuminated signs for the New Township Building. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board briefly reviewed the Special Meeting of January 24, 2019, with regards to the questions asked and the comments made by the residents that attended the meeting. The Board noted that they would review the notes taken at the meeting, the recommendation of the Township Engineer, and the previous records of the Round Hill development with regards to action taken during approval of the subdivision and land development plan in order to prepare for a decision.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENT:**

None

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There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Janis A. Rambo  
Township Secretary