

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**

OCTOBER 3, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

John J. Merhottein, President
Malissa K. Davis, Vice President
Jan Beatty, Commissioner
Dale A. Sourbeck, Commissioner
John K. Gallagher, Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT

James Broughal, Township Solicitor
Doug Bruce, Township Manager
Bruce Hulshizer, HRG, Township Stormwater Engineer

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Merhottein called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATION
FROM STORMWATER
ENGINEER**

Bruce Hulshizer of HRG, the township's stormwater engineer, addressed all three of the motions related to stormwater.

MOTION

A MOTION ADOPTING AN UPDATED STORMWATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

Mr. Hulshizer said the original plan was adopted earlier this spring. Current updates were made to the plan in order to submit it to Pennvest for stormwater funding programs.

Upon motion (Davis-Sourbeck) the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve a motion adopting an updated stormwater capital improvements plan.

MOTION

A MOTION ADOPTING A REVISED POLLUTANT REDUCTION PLAN (PRP) AND PROVIDING FOR A 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Hulshizer said this is required by the Department of Environmental Protection under the MS4 permit for pollutant reduction projects.

Upon motion (Sourbeck-Gallagher) the Board of Commissioners voted by voice vote to approve a motion adopting a revised pollutant reduction plan (PRP) and providing for a 30-day public comment period

MOTION

A MOTION APPROVING A LETTER OF INTEREST TO THE FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE EASTON AVENUE PHASE 1 FLOODING MITIGATION PROJECT

Mr. Hulshizer said this is a grant application for the Easton Avenue Phase 1 project. The project cost is \$4.1 million and if awarded, FEMA would contribute 70 percent towards the cost. Ms. Davis said the scope of the project is the detention basins and the swale upstream of Santee Road. Mr. Merhottein asked what the chances were of receiving the grant. Mr. Hulshizer said last year the township was fourth among applicants and believes the chances are better this year. He said that it's a tough program but worth pursuing.

Upon motion (Gallagher-Sourbeck) the Board of Commissioners voted by voice vote to approve a motion approving a letter of interest to the FEMA hazard mitigation grant program for the Easton Avenue Phase 1 Flooding Mitigation Project.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

**DAVID WONG
4108 GINGER LANE**

Mr. Wong distributed a handout to the commissioners detailing his concerns about stormwater at the proposed Wawa on Freemansburg Avenue in the Wagner Farms area. He said the stormwater system in the area cannot handle the current volume of water and asked that improvements be made to handle the volume. Mr. Merhottein asked Mr. Wong to contact Ms. Raudenbush to report any clogged drainpipes so that she may inform those responsible to clean them. Mr. Sourbeck thanked Mr. Wong for the information.

**MICHAEL IPOLITI
5686 FREEDOM DR.**

Mr. Ipoliti asked how Traditions of America was able to get significant reductions in the improvements bond when they still have unfinished work. He also asked when the sidewalks were deferred to. Ms. Davis said the board can call in the deferrals at any time.

Solicitor Broughal explained the process: The township is required to identify significant improvements as part of the approved plan. The developer chose to enter into a Developers Agreement and posted security in the form of a letter of credit for the amount of the improvements estimated and approved. The Municipal Planning Code states that a developer may receive a reduction in the letter of credit on a monthly basis. The developer submits a report to the township engineer who has to inspect within 30 days. If the improvements are done to his satisfaction, he then submits a letter to the township and the board votes on approving the security release

Ms. Davis said the improvements cited are for stormwater and roads. Solicitor Broughal said a list of improvements it is noted in the Developer's Agreement.

Mr. Ipoliti said the clubhouse was not issued a Certificate of Occupancy. Mr. Merhottein said the clubhouse was not on the list in the Developer's Agreement. Mr. Merhottein said the township will meet with representatives from Traditions of America on October 18th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion (Davis-Sourbeck) the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve of the minutes of the September 19, 2022, regular public meeting as amended.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION R082-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ATTENDANCE OF SERGEANT DARYL LAPOINTE AT THE PENNSYLVANIA DUI ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING NOVEMBER 16-18, 2022, IN CHAMPION, PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Merhottein said this was standard training for the police department.

Upon motion (Sourbeck-Beatty) the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Resolution R082-22, authorizing the attendance Sergeant Daryl Lapointe at the Pennsylvania DUI Association's annual meeting November 16-18, 2022, in Champion, Pennsylvania.

RESOLUTION R083-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATIONS TO THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAM OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY

Mr. Bruce said this is a new grant program of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and the deadline is mid-October. The grant is for the following items: police software upgrades; body camera and related technology purchases; license plate reader upgrades and purchases; firearms simulator purchase; support for evidence technician position. Mr. Bruce said Representative Samuelson reached out to him and strongly encouraged the township to apply. Ms. Davis asked if they are applying individually or together for the items. Mr. Bruce said they are applying individually for each item. Ms. Beatty asked if the list was prioritized. Mr. Bruce said the list was not prioritized.

Upon motion (Sourbeck-Beatty) the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approved Resolution R083-22 authorizing applications to the Local Law Enforcement Support Grant Program of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

MOTIONS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MOTION

A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BID SNOW PLOWING/REMOVAL AT MADISON FARMS

Upon motion (Sourbeck-Gallagher) the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve a motion authorizing the township manager to advertise for bid snow plowing/removal at Madison Farms.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS

PO 20222174 – ARBOR FENCE CO. – PPIS – \$8,800.00
PO 20222177 – GERBER COLLISION & GLASS – BTPD – \$3,934.51
PO 20222178 – MKSD LLC – PPIS – \$14,825.90
PO 20222206 – C.M. HIGH INC. – PPIS – \$3,556.22
PO 20222207 – A-PLUS FIRE PROTECTION – PPIS – \$2,626.25
PO 20222208 – JOAO & BRADLEY CONST. – PPIS – \$47,781.09
PO 20222239 – CONRAD M. SIEGEL INC. – FINANCE – \$4,000.00
PO 20222241 – BRODHEAD INVESTMENT – FINANCE – \$2,105.28

Upon motion (Sourbeck-Davis), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice to approve Purchase Orders 20222174, 20222177, 20222178, 20222206, 20222207, 20222208, 20222239 and 20222241 as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Merhottein adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura G. Zapata
Recording Secretary