

MINUTES

SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP WORKSHOP MEETING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MARCH 23, 2017

President LYNCH called to order the Workshop Meeting of the Susquehanna Township Board of Commissioners on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 1900 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA. All Commissioners were present except Vice President JOHNSON and Commissioner ENGLE.

President LYNCH stated an Executive Session Meeting was held at 5:30 P.M. to discuss matters permitted by law regarding litigation, personnel and real estate.

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONERS

Jody Rebarchak
Michael Schubert
Mona Johnson – Excused
Frank Lynch
Tom Pyne
Sean Sanderson
Fred Engle – Excused
Justin Fleming
Steven Napper

TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL:

David W. Kratzer, Jr. – Township Manager
Bruce D. Foreman, P.C. – Solicitor
Robert C. Grubic, P.E. – Township Engineer
Robert Martin – Public Safety Director
George Drees – Fire Marshal
Betsy Logan – Community & Economic Development Director
Jonniene Urban – Administrative Assistant

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Gary Rothrock, Jesse Rawls, Sr., Earl Wilbourn, Sr., John Dietrich, Brian Emberg and Sandy Nevius.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner SCHUBERT followed by a moment of silence.

PUBLIC COMMENT: FAIR DISTRICTING IN PA

Sandy Nevius of 1025 Miller Lane spoke to the Board about Fair Districting in Pennsylvania.

Ms. Nevius informed the Board a commission has been formed which consists of 11 people and so far there are 13 municipalities in Pennsylvania who are participating.

Ms. Nevius remarked she has a petition signed by 15 citizens of the Township in support of Fair Districting in Pennsylvania.

Ms. Nevius encouraged the Board to pass a Resolution on Fair Districting in Pennsylvania.

DISCUSSION REGARDING A POTENTIAL LOCAL ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LERTA) IN SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP

Commissioner SANDERSON explained to the Board the details of the tax abatement program (LERTA).

Commissioner SANDERSON reported there are two types of LERTA which are commercial and residential.

Commissioner SANDERSON reported the program is available Township wide for all existing real estate improvements except for new construction.

Commissioner SANDERSON remarked property owners can apply for the program when they apply for a building permit.

Commissioner SANDERSON commented perhaps the Township could work jointly with the School District regarding the program.

School Board President John Dietrich stated he is in favor of the program for a short term span of maybe 5 or 10 years.

School Board President Dietrich stated he would present the information to the School Board for a vote at either their June or July School Board meeting.

Solicitor FOREMAN informed the Board a joint Public Hearing will be needed if the Township and School District decide to participate in the program.

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ONE SEAGRAVE MARAUDER FIRE TRUCK

Commissioner FLEMING motioned to move up on the Agenda the approval to purchase the aerial fire truck; Seconded by Commissioner SCHUBERT and unanimously approved.

Fire Marshal DREES reviewed with the Board the contract for the purchase of the new aerial fire apparatus which is a replacement of the same one now used by the Township.

Fire Marshal DREES reported the new aerial fire apparatus will be housed at Progress Fire Company and it will service all Township Wards.

Fire Marshal DREES informed the Board it will take about 365 days for delivery of the new apparatus and then the old apparatus can be sold for approximately \$250,000.00 to \$350,000.00.

Commissioner FLEMING moved to authorize the purchase of one Seagrave Marauder II 95 foot Aerial Scope II fire apparatus at a cost NOT to exceed \$1,442,746.00 via Co-Stars Contract #013-140; Seconded by Commissioner SANDERSON and unanimously approved.

PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP – HRG

Brian Emberg, Senior Vice President for HRG gave a presentation to the Board on the 15-year Pavement Management Plan of HRG which contained the following highlights:

- 1) Miles Covered
- 2) Pavement Crack Inspection
- 3) International Roughness Index (IRI) Map
- 4) Images
- 5) Pavement Condition Index (PCI)
- 6) PCI Map
- 7) Pavement Surface Distress Map
- 8) Traffic Volumes
- 9) Pavement Degradation Analysis

Mr. Emberg then explained to the Board the Optional Data of the Pavement Management Plan which contained the following:

- 1) Sign Assets
- 2) Utility Assets

- 3) Linear Assets
- 4) Sidewalk Attributes
- 5) Pavement Cross Slope Map
- 6) Survey Data

The Board discussed in detail the Pavement Management Plan from HRG.

Commissioner SANDERSON moved to approve the Pavement Management Plan from HRG including the following options: Sign Assets, Linear Assets and Survey Data in the amount of \$97,100.00; Seconded by Commissioner NAPPER and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION 17-R-05

Adopting the Restated Susquehanna Township 457 Plan

Manager KRATZER reported this is a voluntary option for employees who want to participate in the 457 Plan with NO cost to the Township.

Commissioner PYNE moved to approve Resolution 17-R-05 adopting the Restated Susquehanna Township 457 Plan; Seconded by Commissioner NAPPER and unanimously approved.

BEIRNE WEALTH CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC

Commissioner FLEMING moved to approve the agreement of Beirne Wealth Consulting Services, LLC for the Susquehanna Township 457 Plan as an alternative to the Met Life 457 Plan; Seconded by Commissioner SCHUBERT and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP CHANGE

Board members discussed the proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to add definitions for restaurant types, increase the height of buildings in the CH, Commercial Highway District, exclude retaining walls from Special Exception requirements, add requirements for roof top mounted equipment and revise regulations related to parking requirements.

The Board also discussed the proposed Amendment to the Zoning Map to change the zoning of properties from BOR, Business-Office-Residential District to CH, Commercial Highway District including Tax Parcel #62-023-074 and Tax Parcel #62-023-075.

Solicitor FOREMAN reminded the Board a Public Hearing will need to be held within 90 days.

NO Action was taken by the Board on either proposed Amendment.

PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF PATROL OFFICER CHARLES RHOADS

Commissioner SCHUBERT moved to approve the transition of Patrol Officer Charles Rhoads from probationary employment status to permanent employment status; Seconded by Commissioner NAPPER and unanimously approved.

TRAFFIC STUDY – RAISED SPEED HUMP CROSSWALK ON AILANTHUS LANE

Commissioner SCHUBERT moved to approve 2-speed humps be installed on either side of the crosswalk on Ailanthus Lane; Seconded by Commissioner PYNE and unanimously approved.

DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT & SETTLEMENT BETWEEN SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP AND TRIPLE CROWN CORPORATION, INC.

Manager KRATZER stated there is a 5-year extension of the Stray Winds Farm Project Preliminary approval.

Commissioner FLEMING moved to approve the Developer's Agreement & Settlement between Susquehanna Township and Triple Crown Corporation, Inc.; Seconded by Commissioner SCHUBERT and unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner FLEMING moved the Workshop Meeting be adjourned at 9:20 P.M.; Seconded by Commissioner SANDERSON and unanimously approved.

Signed: _____
David W. Kratzer, Jr.
Secretary-Manager