







Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

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Tuesday, March 15, 2022

7:00 PM

Community Meeting Room

Members of the Board of Supervisors in attendance included Chairperson Barbara N. Lyons, Vice Chairperson Ryan Manion, Nancy Santacecilia, Jennifer Herring, and Dan Wood.

Township Staff in attendance included Township Manager Stephanie Mason, Director of Operations Dave Tomko, Township Solicitor Jeffrey Garton, Chief of Police Dean Logan, and Township Engineer Sean Torpey.

Ms. Lyons reported the Board held interviews for the Veterans Advisory Committee prior to the meeting.

7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

A. Pledge to the flag

B. Presentations

1. Chief Logan

a. Community Service Award – Recipient: Sgt. Jessica Whiteside

Chief Logan presented Sargent Whiteside with the Community Service Award for successfully coordinating police, administrative, and local participation for the first National Night Out in Doylestown in the summer of 2021.

b. PLEAC Accreditation Certificate – Recipient: Doylestown Township Police, Director of Public Safety

Chief Logan introduced the entire police department. He thanked each member of the department for embracing the many changes required for the certification. He stated on February 18, 2022 the Doylestown Township Police received the PLEAC Accreditation Certificate.

c. Department Commendation Award – Recipient: Lt. Charles Zeigler

Chief Logan presented Lieutenant Zeigler with the Department Commendation Award for coordinating the PLEAC Accreditation.

Chief Logan wished Sergeant Rose the best with his health issues.

Ms. Lyons thanked the entire Police department on behalf of the Board.

2. Park & Recreation Building Proposed Site Plan and Parking

Ms. Goldstein presented the proposed site plan and parking for the Park and Recreation/Community Center building. She displayed the plan for two new basketball, three tennis and six pickleball courts on field, including additional parking for the complex and sports courts. She noted parking would expand to 203 spaces. Ms. Santacecilia inquired about the existing five tennis courts. Ms. Sweeney noted the blurred lines caused conflict and as the fastest growing sport they opted to convert to additional pickleball courts. Ms. Herring inquired if porous paving could be used. Ms. Goldstein stated that with high intensity use the courts would become clogged.

3. Proposed Road Program – S. Mason

Ms. Mason reminded the board of discussions at the fall budget work sessions regarding the additional road work to be completed. She stated that due to infrastructure aging there is an opportunity to complete a road surge. Mr. Tomko presented the 2018 road report analysis and noted work completed since the assessment along with reviewing the overall five-year plan. Mr. Ebenbach reviewed the maintenance financial plan over the next five years. The board agreed to discuss the topic further at their upcoming budget meeting. Mr. Lipos asked the board to fix the road in his neighborhood so he may visit his friends in his wheelchair. Ms. Ford, Briarwood Court, stated that due to financial limitations her road was taken off the list to repair in 2021 and wanted to bring the neighborhood to the attention of the Board.

C. Visitors/Public Comment

Former Police Chief Stephen White recognized Chief Logan and the Board for their forward-thinking approach to get to the point of accreditation.

Former Board member Ken Snyder congratulated Chief Logan, the Board, and the Police Department for the accreditation.

Mr. Cox stated he is a colonel and stated the board is in violation of the constitution for disagreeing with a board member, stating she exercised her freedom of speech. He stated it was misconstrued and noted the board should be more concerned about the school district. He suggested a recall.

Ms. Dixon, resident, thanked the board and officers for their service. She noted the flier distributed by Ms. Santacecilia was fact checked by the newspaper noting three ways the flier was incorrect.

Mr. Callahan, resident, noted he emailed the supervisors regarding ongoings in the community and school district. He thanked Ms. Santacecilia for bringing up the topic.

Ms. Gallo, CBSD employee, stated she has known Ms. Santacecilia for over twenty years. She noted she is a good person and does not deserve what she is receiving.

Ms. Shannon, of Steeplechase Drive, noted she has an architecture degree and loves geothermal. She asked the board to review if it would do well in this area, consider solar panels, and the roof design. She asked for the designs for the building to review. Ms. Lyons noted only a rendering was displayed.

Mr. Gillen, resident, stated a recall is not possible and he proposed removing the supervisor via the people.

Mr. Williamson, resident, inquired if paving estimates were done recently due to the oil price increasing. Mr. Tomko identified the upward trend and stated estimates are being completed. Mr. Williamson also noted he supports Ms. Santacecilia and asked the board to publish what protected groups that cannot be criticized.

Mr. Mackouse stated the Rainbow Room should have more cooperation with parents. He also noted the teacher's union spending more money on democrats than republicans. He stated the flier was constructive.

Mr. Sullivan, a borough resident, stated the school board members talked about did not receive funds from the teacher's union and are separate from union dues. He addressed further facts about the school board.

Mr. Larson, resident, stated the Anti-Defamation League does not have a place in the community.

Mr. Wood inquired why ADL is involved? Mr. Larson stated organized crime is occurring.

Ms. Manion clarified the meeting is for Township business.

Ms. Leyer, resident, stated Ms. Santacecilia has ignored the call of residents to resign. She recommended anyone who has questions about the Rainbow Room to reach out. She called for Ms. Santacecilia's resignation.

Reverend Jago, resident, stated Ms. Santacecilia's actions have divided the community. He stated there is evidence of her distributing the flyers. He called for Ms. Santacecilia's resignation.

Ms. Manion clarified that the problem is black and white. She noted she was unaware of the Rainbow Room but did the research. She asked the members of the community, who spoke on Ms. Santacecilia's behalf, if one of the democrats abused their power through the school district if they would believe that was okay. She stated she will never defend someone who did something wrong based on politics. She stated the lack of accountability is a lack of trust. She noted school board issues should not be addressed at this meeting.

Ms. Santacecilia stated her supporters attended tonight's meeting and asked why some of her supporters' time was limited?

Mr. Cox spoke to Ms. Manion regarding her comments. Mr. Wood interjected. Ms. Lyons ended the conversation.

Ms. Lyons stated too much time has been spent on this issue and the conduct that occurred was wrong. She noted Ms. Santacecilia is no longer a part of committees due to residents not wanting to work with her. She echoed Ms. Manion's call to speak only about Township business.

Ms. Herring stated the Board members have received copy/paste emails regarding a political drive, she noted many republicans who spoke against Ms. Santacecilia. She also clarified the flier does not discuss children.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 7:00PM
- B. The Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors and the Ways and Means Committee will have a Budget Work Session on Tuesday April 19, 2022, at 5:00 PM. The Public is welcome to attend.
- C. Got Pot Holes??? For State Roads call 1-800-FIXROAD - For Township Roads, call 215-348-9915. A list of all state roads can be found on our website.

III. MINUTES APPROVAL:

Regular Meeting - February 15, 2022

Ms. Herring noted a correction to the spelling of Mr. Mackouse's name. Mr. Wood MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Herring to approve the February 15, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes with correction. MOTION passed 5-0.

Special Meeting – March 10, 2022

Ms. Manion MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Herring to approve the March 10, 2022 Board of Supervisors special meeting minutes. MOTION passed 5-0-1.

IV. CORRESPONDENCES – None

V. REPORTS

A. Solicitor - No Comment

B. Township Engineer - Mr. Torpey noted the Bridgepoint park roof project was completed.

C. Police Chief - No Comment

D. Dir. of Operations

1. 2022 Turf Maintenance Bid – Recommendation to Reject Bids
See attached:

Ms. Manion MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Herring to reject the bid submission from DeAngelo Contracting Service, LLC of Hazelton, PA for the 2022 Turf Maintenance contract. MOTION passed 5-0.

2. 2022-23 Roadway Materials Bid

Ms. Manion MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Herring to authorize the purchase of roadway materials from Eureka Stone Quarry, Inc., Chalfont, PA, Chalfont Materials, Division of Naceville Materials, Doylestown PA, Hanson Aggregates BMC INC, Newtown, PA, and Hei-Way, LLC Sarver, PA in accordance Bucks County Consortium 2022-23 Crushed Stone Aggregate and Paving Materials bids. MOTION passed 5-0.

3. 2022 Lawn Maintenance – 1-Year Extension

Ms. Manion MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Herring to authorize the execution of a one-year contract extension for 2022 Lawn Maintenance with to M&M Landscaping, LLC, for the Base Bid amount of \$94,675.10, and Parks. MOTION passed 5-0.

E. Township Manager

1. Acknowledge Retirement of Executive Assistant J. Rowand

Ms. Mason reviewed the retirement of Ms. Rowand. The Board acknowledged and wished her well.

F. Supervisors

- a. B. Lyons - Recognize K. Sweeney Winner of the Distinguished Member Award in Honor of Robert D. Griffith

Ms. Lyons congratulated Ms. Sweeney for receiving the 2022 PRPS Distinguished Member Award and thanked her for all her work in the Township. Ms. Sweeney stated she is humbled and privileged to serve.

Mr. Wood thanked the police department for their work to receive the accreditation. He stated many residents and volunteers expressing they do not want to work with Ms. Santacecilia, and it hurts the Township. He thanked those who spoke at the meeting. He added the meeting is for Township business.

Ms. Manion stated the Dog Park Board meeting went well with future plans and encouraged dog owners to learn more.

Ms. Santacecilia thanked the police department for their hard work. She stated Ms. Manion will do well as liaison to the VAC.

Ms. Herring stated the EAC has been busy and directed residents to the website. She thanked the police department for their hard work. She congratulated Ms. Sweeney on her award.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Amendment to Zoning Ordinance - Ancillary Uses, Facilities and Events permitted on College and University Properties

Mr. Garton reviewed the ordinance.

Mr. Larson asked for the ancillary uses. Ms. Goldstein reviewed them.

Ms. Manion MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Herring to approve the amendments to the ordinance. MOTION passed 5-0.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Tax Collection Committee Representative Delegates – Resolution

Ms. Manion MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Herring to approve Resolution # 2387 appointing the delegates to the Bucks County Tax Collection Committee in order: Ms. Mason, Mr. Wallace, and Ms. Herring. MOTION passed 5-0.

- B. 1K/3K Saree Run, 3/27/22 in Central Park – Request Waiver of Twp. Fees

Ms. Herring MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Manion to approve the waiver of Township fees for the K/3K Saree Run. MOTION passed 5-0.

- C. 457 Deferred Compensation Plans – Beirne Wealth

The Board acknowledged receipt of the notice and authorized online execution of documents by Ms. Mason.

- D. Pebble Ridge/Woodridge and Vicinity – BCWSA payment request No. 34

Ms. Manion MOTIONED; seconded by Mr. Wood to approve BCWSA Payment Request No. 34. MOTION passed 5-0

- E. Zoning Hearing Board Applications
Ms. Mason suggested leaving the matters below to the Zoning Hearing Board. The Board agreed.
1. J. Edelen -317 Bunker Hollow Rd. – Requests a Variance
 2. T. Nolt – 95 Rickert Rd. – Requests a Variance
 3. R. Haring – 500 N. Shady Retreat Rd. – Requests a Special Exception and a Variance
 4. C. Scott – 91 Rogers Rd. – Requests a Special Exception and a Variance
- F. Bills List – March 15, 2022

Ms. Manion MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Herring to approve the March 15, 2022 Bills List in the amount of \$537,970.09. MOTION passed 5-0.

- G. Treasurers Report – March 15, 2022

Ms. Herring MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Manion to approve the Treasurer's Report. MOTION passed 5-0.

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X. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm by Ms. Lyons.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie J. Mason
Secretary