



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 01 2021

The Regular Meeting took place via an Authorized Telecommunication Device (GoToWebinar). Supervisors present included Betsy Fadem (Vice Chair), Michael Wacey, Beth D'Antonio and Jim Oram. Marc Heppe (Chair) joined the meeting at 7:06 PM. Also attending were Eugene Briggs (Interim Township Manager and Zoning Officer), Dave Obzud (Chief of Police), Don Curley (Director of Public Works), Bill DeFeo (Finance Director), Sharon Norris (Administrative Assistant to the Township Manager), Andrew Rau (Township Solicitor), and Rob Schnorr (Emergency Management Coordinator).

1. **Call to Order** – Vice Chair Fadem called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – resident Jay Jennings recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Emergency Management Coordinator COVID-19 Update** – Mr. Schnorr gave an update on Township and County COVID-19 cases. He noted that the Chester County Health Department website has up-to-date information regarding COVID testing and vaccinations. Mrs. Fadem asked the staff to add the new link to the Health Department on the Township website. Mrs. Fadem called for public comment. There was no public comment. Mrs. Fadem turned the meeting over to Chairman Heppe.
4. **Board Motions, Presentations, and Resolutions**
 - A. **Consideration of a Community Development Block Grant Application** – Mr. Curley summarized that the Township has applied for this Grant for the last 3 years to pave streets in the Village of Berwyn and has been denied each year. Mr. Curley pointed out that not securing the grant does not mean that streets in the Village do not get re-paved as the Township continues to use Liquid Fuels monies to pave several streets each year in the Village. Mr. Heppe called for a motion. Mrs. Fadem made a motion that the Township move forward and prepare the necessary documentation to apply for a Community Development Block Grant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Oram. The Board discussed the grant and what projects are eligible for grant monies. Mr. Curley will complete the appropriate items before returning to the Board with the associated grant Resolution. Mr. Heppe called for public comment. There was none. Mr. Heppe called for a vote. The motion passed 5-0. Mr. Heppe thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work during the storm.
 - B. **Consideration of the Installation of a Sand Box at Johnson Park** – Mr. Curley summarized this project. Mr. Tom Toscani, of the Parks and Recreation Board,

(PRB), was present to assist with the discussion. The sandbox project was conceived by the Parks and Recreation Board and designed by an Eagle Scout Candidate. The need for a sandbox came to light when the volleyball courts at the Park became the practice spot for the Conestoga High School Volleyball team. Mr. Curley noted that this project does not require a stormwater engineering review. Mr. Walton, the father of the Scout, explained the cost of the sand and the thinking behind who would provide the sand. Mr. Curley gave an update on the Eagle Scout Trail which is completed and turned out great. Mr. Oram made a motion to proceed with the installation of the sandbox at Johnson Park. Mrs. D'Antonio seconded the motion. Mr. Heppe called for public comment. Ms. Susan Audrain, 2176 Buttonwood Road, asked how the Township proposes to keep animals from using the sandbox as a litterbox. Mr. Curley noted they have not received complaints of animals using the volleyball courts as a litterbox, but if he does receive complaints, he will act upon them. The Board requested that Mr. Curley contact other Townships to see what measures they have in place to avoid this. Since members of the Public Works Department are in the Park frequently, they will check the sand when they are there. Elizabeth Zachai, 327 Highland Avenue, asked that the Township not use insecticide in the sand. Mr. Curley said he would only use insecticide if there is a danger to the public (such as a hornets' nest) and assured Ms. Zachai that the Township doesn't use insecticide as a matter of practice. Mr. Heppe called for the vote. The motion passed 5-0.

5. Departmental Reports

- A. Interim Manager Report** – Mr. Briggs summarized the key elements of his report and the Board discussed some of those elements. Mr. Heppe called for public comment. There was none.
- B. Public Works Report** – Mr. Curley summarized the details of his report and the Board discussed some of those elements. Mr. Heppe called for public comment. There was none.

6. Regular Township Business

- A. Consideration of the January 19, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes** – Mr. Heppe called for a motion. Mr. Oram made a motion to approve the minutes and Mrs. D'Antonio seconded it. Mr. Heppe asked if the Board had any comments or prospective edits for the minutes. Mrs. Fadem had one comment and Mr. Wacey had one correction. Mr. Heppe called for public comment. There was none. Mr. Heppe called for the vote with the correction stated. The motion passed 5-0.
- B. Authorize the Payment of Bills: \$617,978.16; a total of Warrants (\$467,713.48), and Payroll (\$150,264.68) for date ending February 01, 2021** – Mr. Heppe called for a motion. Mr. Oram made a motion to authorize the payment of bills in the amount of \$617,978.16; a total of Warrants of \$467,713.48 and Payroll in the amount of \$150,264.68 for date ending February 01, 2021. Mrs. Fadem seconded the motion. Mr. DeFeo led the discussion and answered questions as the Board reviewed the bills page by page. Mr. Heppe called for

public comment. There was none. Mr. Heppe called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.

7. Other Business

A. 2021 Summer Camp Program – the consensus of the Board is they would like to try to hold a summer camp if it can be done safely. They directed the staff to gather information as to whether or not the Township can make this happen. The Board directed the staff to research what other Townships are doing and gather as many details as possible before returning to the Board by early March with a more complete picture. Mr. Heppe called for public comment. John Murphy, 1132 S. Leopard Road, commented on camp and suggested contacting the Upper Main Line YMCA (UMLY) regarding the camp they held last year. Mike Baskin, 700 block of Berwyn Avenue, suggested contacting the Chester County Health Department for protocol guidelines.

B. Next Board of Supervisors Special Meeting Date – the next Special Meeting to discuss the Devon Center District Zoning Amendments is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

8. Announcements

Mr. Heppe made the following announcements: The Township building is open weekdays to the general public by appointment only and exclusively accommodates access by high risk members of the public between the hours of 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM.

The following virtual meetings are scheduled:

- Planning Commission, February 2nd at 7:00 PM
- Easttown Citizens Advisory Committee, February 8th at 6:15 PM
- Easttown Municipal Authority, February 9th at 7:00 PM
- Historical Commission, February 10th at 7:00 PM
- Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00 PM

Please visit the Township website at www.easttown.org to find information on how to view and participate in each of the meetings. We also encourage you to visit the website for up-to-date information on all Township activities.

9. Public Comment

There was no additional public comment. Mr. Heppe announced that if anyone wants to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, to please let him know or contact Sharon Norris.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Norris
Administrative Assistant to the Township Manager