

LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**January 23, 2020**

The Board of Commissioners of Lower Pottsgrove Township held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at the Lower Pottsgrove Township Municipal Building, 2199 Buchert Road, Pottstown, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The following were in attendance:

Board of Commissioners: Bruce L. Foltz President, Earl E. Swavely, Jr., Raymond W. Lopez, Robert Mohollen and Michael McGroarty.

Edward C. Wagner, Manager; Charles Garner, Solicitor and Kathryn Vlahos, Secretary were also in attendance.

Commissioner Foltz stated the meeting will be recorded and asked any speakers to give their name and address.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Lopez made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2020 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner McGroarty seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:

Proposed Route 422 Westbound Ramp at the Sanatoga Interchange— Mr. Wagner informed the board that he just received the information from Traffic Planning and Design regarding the 422 Proposed Westbound Ramp at the Sanatoga Interchange. The biggest problem that they have with the plan is the vertical clearance of the new ramp, there needs to be a minimum of 14 feet 6 inches. The new ramp is only going to be 14 feet 1 inch, which will make the vertical clearance too short for larger vehicles. The alternative route for vehicles that exceed 14 feet in height would use Evergreen Road toward Limerick and get on at the Limerick exit. No action was taken, township is waiting for PennDOT's approval. Mr. Wagner is going to talk to Mr. Hanney from PennDOT to discuss what can be done to correct this concern and report to the board at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item added to the agenda Keim Street and Buchert Road Intersection— Commissioner Foltz explained a concern that residents brought to his attention about the intersection at Keim Street and Buchert Road traffic lights. The residents are concerned because they have seen a number of people jumping the traffic light and emergency vehicles have to stop and wait for them to pass though before they can continue though the light. The residents were wondering why the light does not have traffic signal preemption device on it. Commissioner Foltz spoke with Lieutenant James and Chief Foltz and they informed him that a preemption device can be put on the light, but the state needs to approve it first and the township would have to pay for the

device. Mr. Wagner said that he will speak with Mr. Hanney from PennDOT and see what the process is for obtaining a preemption device for the intersection of Keim Street and Buchert Road.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Wells, Hoffman, Holloway & Medvesky— Commissioner Lopez made a motion to hire the firm Wells, Hoffman, Holloway & Medvesky as Solicitor to the Township Civil Service Commission at an hourly rate of \$150. Commissioner Mohollen seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE:

Resolution #1214-20— Commissioner Swavely made a motion to approve Resolution 1204-20 to Amend and Adopt Policies to be included in the Lower Pottsgrove Township Police Department Policies & Directives. Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

Resolution #453-R (A)— Commissioner McGroarty made a motion to approve Resolution 453-R (A) amendment for establishing certain fees, deposits and escrows payable to the Township. Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

Ordinance No. 347— Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve Ordinance 347 amending Chapter 185 Sewers & Sewage Disposals pertaining to specific pollutant limitations. Commissioner Swavely seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

Warrant #892- Commissioner Mohollen made a motion to approve Warrant #892 for the month of December 2019. Commissioner McGroarty seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

Acceptance of Treasure's Report- Commissioner Mohollen made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2019. Commissioner McGroarty seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner McGroarty – had no comments.

Commissioner Mohollen – Commissioner Mohollen stated that at the last meeting he asked for an update on the bridges in the township and the condition that they are in which was provided to him. The bridges that have not had current inspections, the township is working on getting them inspected. Further information will follow if we are successful in getting the additional 4 bridges inspected in the future.

Commissioner Mohollen complimented the township crew for their preparedness for the storm over the past weekend.

Commissioner Lopez— Commissioner Lopez welcomed the counter parts from Upper Pottsgrove Township and that they are welcomed at any time.

Commissioner Swavely – had no comments.

Commissioner Foltz— Commissioner Foltz also welcomed the Commissioners from Upper Pottsgrove Township.

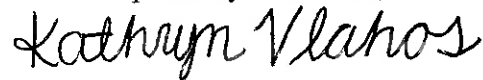
Commissioner Foltz appreciated the township crew for taking the time to go out during the holiday and weekend to take care of the roads during the storm.

Mr. Wagner— had no comments.

Solicitor Garner – Solicitor Garner stated that the Board of Commissioner will meet tonight after adjournment in a brief executive session to discuss a potential litigation and no action will be following the executive session.

There being no further business, the public meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday February 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathryn Vlahos
Township Secretary