

**LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****February 21, 2019**

The Board of Commissioners of Lower Pottsgrove Township held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2019 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, Earl E. Swavely, Jr., Raymond W. Lopez, Robert Mohollen and Mike McGroarty.

Charles Garner, Solicitor, Edward C. Wagner, Manager and Sharon Colletti were also present.

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

Solicitor Garner stated that on January 24<sup>th</sup>, after the regularly scheduled meeting, the Board met in Executive Session to discuss threatened litigation. Also, tonight prior to the meeting at 6:30 p.m. the Board met in Executive Session to discuss a matter of personnel and litigation.

Commissioner Lopez made the motion to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Mohollen seconded the motion; all in favor (5-0)

Chief Foltz formally introduced Officer Christopher Vasek who was sworn in at the Judge's office on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

**INFORMATION:**

Mr. Wagner presented the Board with the information pertaining to the upcoming zoning hearing scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> requesting a special exception from Section 250-87 (n) 1-2 at 2148 E. High Street for Moove-In Storage. Mr. Wagner mention he wanted the Board to have the opportunity to review the information and discuss it further at the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Commissioner Lopez** made the motion to award the Equipment Rental Bid to Sacks & Sons of Zieglerville, PA in the amount of \$103,945.00. **Commissioner Mohollen** seconded the motion; all in favor (5-0)

**RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE:**

**Commissioner Lopez** made the motion to adopt Resolution 1184-19 to confirm Kraig R. Klass as Fire Police for Sanatoga Fire Company. **Commissioner Mohollen** seconded the motion; all in favor (5-0)

**Commissioner Swavely** made the motion to adopt Resolution 1185-19 authorizing the auction of the AWD 2015 Dodge Charger. **Commissioner McGroarty** seconded the motion; all in favor (5-0)

**Commissioner McGroarty** made the motion to adopt Resolution 1186-19 appointing Gerilyn Keohane to the Pottsgrove Recreation Board. **Commissioner Swavely** seconded the motion; all in favor (5-0)

**Commissioner Swavely** made the motion to adopt Ordinance 342, to prohibit parking on certain portions of Hause Avenue. **Commissioner Lopez** seconded the motion; all in favor (5-0)

**Commissioner Mohollen** made the motion to approve Warrant #881 for the month of January 2019. **Commissioner McGroarty** seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved (5-0)

**Commissioner Mohollen** motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report for January 2019. **Commissioner Lopez** seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved (5-0)

#### **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

**Commissioner McGroarty** welcomed Officer Vasek and wished him the best. Mike also congratulated Gerilyn Keohane on her appointment to the Recreation Board and said he looks forward to working jointly with her on that Committee.

**Commissioner Mohollen** welcomed both Officer Vasek and Gerilyn Keohane. He thanked Commissioner Foltz for getting the ball rolling on the Hause Avenue parking issue as he felt it to be a real safety concern. He thanked Chief Foltz for initiating the traffic study and the continued enforcement. Bob took the opportunity to share with the Board his experience the past few weeks sitting in the office while signing checks and gave kudos to the office staff for their great work in dealing with the residents of the township on a daily basis.

**Commissioner Lopez** congratulated Officer Vasek on his position with the Department and thanked Gerilyn for stepping up to fill the vacant position on the Pottsgrove Recreation Board. Ray invited Commissioners Mohollen and McGroarty to join him at the EDITS Conference in May at Normandy Farms. While it pertains mostly to Emergency Management personnel, it is an informative event which presents keynote speakers and current disaster topics.

**Commissioner Swavely** thanked both the police and road crews for their efforts during the storm yesterday.

**Commissioner Foltz** had no comment.

**Mr. Wagner** had no comment.

**Solicitor Garner** had no comment.

There being no further business, the public meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Colletti  
Township Secretary

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**Addendum**

The Board of Commissioners of Lower Pottsgrove Township held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at the Lower Pottsgrove Township Municipal Building, 2199 Buchert Road, Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

**This portion of the meeting minutes were transcript by the Township Manager**

**COMMENTS BY VISITORS:**

**Steven Smith, 2007 Deer Ridge Drive** stated he offered a letter dated February 5<sup>th</sup> to President Foltz. Mr. Foltz stated he was unable to response due to the fact he was on vacation at the time but will look into further for Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith proceeded to mention there must have been an oversight why a deed of dedication for the right-of-way was recorded without the Board of Commissioners taken no formal action via resolution accepting this as public roadway. Solicitor Garner stated it is little abnormal to accept a deed of dedication for a right-of-way that does not meet township standards for a public roadway. Knowing the right-of-way leading to the three (3) residences were not built to township roadway standards would in turn vary from Commissioners' practices in accepting it as a public roadway.

**Charles Colletti, 2005 Deer Ridge Drive** presented a series of correspondence that dated back to 1996 regarding the drainage culvert under the right-of-way leading to his residence. He stated the Township Commissioners ignore the problem back then and the same is occurring now. If you want me to review the minutes and plans for this development in order bring out every little detail that was done in the 1990's will gladly oblige but prefer not to. This Board cannot expect three (3) property owners to take responsible of the roadway when this has been neglected by the Township, Builder and Engineer.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Commissioner Swavelly** made the motion to hire Gilmore Associates to conduct a stormwater evaluation including Spring Valley Farms Development in the amount of \$2,500. **Commissioner Lopez** seconded the motion; all in favor (5-0). Mr. Wagner explained that the stormwater evaluation is in response to concerns that were raised at the January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting by the residents at 2005 & 2007 Deer Ridge Dr. The study will consist of a desktop evaluation of Spring Valley Farms stormwater management plan to confirm post construction runoff is not exceeding pre-development rates. In addition, an evaluation of the private driveway culvert at 2003, 2005 & 2007 Deer Ridge Dr. to confirm the culvert is functioning as designed. The recommendation of Gilmore Associates was based on the fact Mr. Dingman was the engineer who reviewed the Pleasantview Estates plans on behalf of the Township. Mr. Wagner added the study will take approximately 30-45 days to complete.

Respectfully submitted,



Edward C. Wagner  
Township Manager