

LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**July 26, 2018**

The Board of Commissioners of Lower Pottsgrove Township held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, July 26, 2018 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 and Robert Mohollen. Mike McGroarty was not in attendance.

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

Commissioner Foltz stated the meeting will be recorded.

Solicitor Garner announced that prior to the meeting at 6:00 p.m. the Board met in Executive Session to discuss a matter of real estate and a personnel matter; no action was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JULY 2ND, 2018 MEETING

Commissioner Lopez made the motion to approve the July 2, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Mohollen seconded the motion; all in favor (4-0)

COMMENTS BY VISITORS:

Jeannett Burtnett who lives 66 Bards Way in the Buchert Ridge Community wanted to express her displeasure with the fireworks. She stated the fireworks started June 29th and went non-stop in the evenings until July 16th sometimes until 3:00 in the morning.

President Foltz, along with Commissioners Mohollen and Swavely, stated that they agreed with her complaints and has witnessed fireworks in their own neighborhoods as well. Commissioner Foltz was not sure what the Board could do about it and suggested writing a letter to the State elected officials.

Chief Foltz stated that due to the law changes they were anticipating a lot of complaints regarding fireworks. He also stated that they only received six complaints. He stated that although fireworks are now legal, there are certain restrictions in place that if not followed can result in a violation/fine, but they need to be reported. Solicitor Garner stated that local legislature cannot override State Law, but it is an enforcement issue. For the police to investigate, they need to be aware of the incident.

INFORMATION: None

OLD BUSINESS:

President Foltz started the discussion in regards to the Infrastructure update and recapped the following. We purchased several properties located at the intersection of High and Pleasantview; we cleaned up/took down several trees and brush; several tenants moved out of their respective properties and had one unit professionally cleaned. The two remaining tenants will be moving out by the end of September. At that time, as the buildings are not suitable to entertain new

tenants, the buildings will be used by the fire and police companies for practice drills and simulations.

Commissioner Lopez stated that the feasibility study has been done and began with surveying the staff for their feelings and suggestions about what they like/dislike and feel they need. The Committee reviewed each space within the current building to see how each space could be modified/improved in the new building. We sent our plan to the Architect who is compiling a plan that will give us how many square feet we should have and what our layout might be. This is not a building plan. After the initial feasibility study, we will get a drawing to review and ensure it is exactly what we need and afford prior to moving forward.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Mohollen made the motion to terminate the Temporary Cellular Tower Agreement at 1239 N. Pleasantview Road effective July 26, 2018. **Commissioner Lopez** seconded the motion; all in favor (4-0)

Commissioner Lopez made the motion to approve the Permanent Cellular Tower Agreement at 1239 N. Pleasantview Road. **Commissioner Mohollen** seconded the motion; all in favor (4-0)

Commissioner Swavely made the motion to reimburse Sergeant Will James in the amount of \$5,097.05 for tuition and books @ Wilmington University (this does fall under the contract). **Commissioner Lopez** seconded the motion; all in favor (4-0)

Mr. Wagner stated in the packet is a lengthy updated master traffic ordinance which was reviewed for content by Solicitor Garner, Chief Foltz, Sergeant Greenwood and John Fogel. He asked the Commissioners to please review it for adoption in September.

Commissioner Swavely made the motion for Mr. Wagner to write a letter to our State elected officials asking to repeal the law making fireworks legal. **Commissioner Lopez** seconded the motion. All in favor (4-0)

RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE:

Commissioner Lopez made the motion to adopt Resolution 1167-18 approving the Montgomery County 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan. **Commissioner Mohollen** seconded the motion; all in favor (4-0)

Commissioner Mohollen made the motion to accept Warrant #874 for the month of June 2018. **Commissioner Lopez** seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved (4-0)

Commissioner Swavely motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report for June 2018. **Commissioner Mohollen** seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved (4-0)

President Foltz announced that the Board would be making a change, effective immediately, which would excuse the Tax Collector from attending the monthly meeting every month as she does not always have anything to report. Instead she will be sending in the monthly report and only attend the meetings semi-annually.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Mohollen welcomed Bruce back after his knee surgery and thanked Sanatoga Fire Company and Gatsby's in helping us to get the word about the Rupert Road closure.

Commissioner Lopez also was glad to have Bruce back. He thanked Mr. Wagner and Park & Rec staff for making sure that the summer concerts happen and everything runs smoothly whether rain or shine and we have been able to pull everything together with the stormy weather we've had. He is happy that the public gets to enjoy these weekly concerts.

Commissioner Swavely welcome back to President Foltz and good luck with rehab.

Commissioner Foltz thanked Solicitor Garner and Ed Wagner for their help to keep the developers doing projects in the township within the directives of the Township Ordinances.

Mr. Wagner stated there are two concerts remaining. This Sunday concert features Where's Pete and will have a moon bounce for the kids, then we finish up with the Pottsgrove Community Band on the 5th of August.

Solicitor Garner had no comment.

There being no further business, the public meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, August 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Colletti
Township Secretary