

LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 6, 2018

The Board of Commissioners of Lower Pottsgrove Township held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 6, 2018 at the Lower Pottsgrove Township Municipal Building, 2199 Buchert Road, Pottstown, Pennsylvania. 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 Michael McGroarty. Bob Mohollen was not in attendance

Edward C. Wagner, Manager; Michael A. Foltz, Chief of Police; Charles Garner, Solicitor; Chad Camburn, Township Engineer; Lew Babel, Fire Marshal and Sharon Colletti, Secretary.

President Foltz announced the meeting would be recorded and asked speakers to please state their name, address and nature of business for the record.

President Foltz announced the passing of Dave Updegrove, a lifelong resident and pillar of the Community. He asked everyone to stand to take a moment of silence in his memory. He then thanked both the police and fire departments for the excellent job they did with the arrangements and the funeral.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the regularly scheduled July 26, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Swavely seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

Ted Drauschak, Castle Drawbridge approached the Board in efforts to expedite the DEP approval process by requesting that the commissioners consider advanced approval of sending the sewage facilities planning module to the DEP. Commissioner Foltz acknowledged the request and stated they would take the request under advisement.

Gaylord Conquest, 48 Shelly Lane, addressed the Board in regards to the possibility of getting a Pickle Ball Court “installed” in the township.

REPORTS:

Chief Foltz presented the Police Report for the month by starting with several officer Commendations:

May 7th – incident at Landis Market (Strong arm robbery)

- Det. Sgt. Joe Campbell
- Det. Dan Kienle

- Ofc. Scott Burnick
- May 20th – incident at Rolling Hills (meth lab)
- Sgt. Scot Weidenhammer
 - Ofc. David Slothower
- June 3rd – incident at Turkey Hill (Strong arm robbery)
- Sgt. Robert Greenwood
 - Det. Dan Kienle
 - Ofc. Matt Musselman
- July 3rd – incident at Turkey Hill (Armed robbery)
- Sgt. Tim Walters
 - Det. Sgt. Joe Campbell
 - Det. Dan Kienle

CALLS FOR SERVICE	1,042
ASSISTS:	
Given by Lower Pottsgrove PD	4
Received by Lower Pottsgrove PD	4
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT:	
Violations Indicated	39
DUI Arrests	4
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS:	
Violations Indicated	109
Adults Arrested	16
Juveniles Handled	2

Training

- FBI LEEDA – Command Leadership Institute held at Gatsby’s
 - Thank Gatsby’s for supporting the training
 - Thank Police Chief’s Association of Montgomery County for co-hosting
- Tower Health Reading conducted Autism Awareness training for the PD on July 12

On July 3rd, 2018 the Turkey Hill on High Street was robbed. The clerk was slashed with a knife and sustained hand injuries. The suspect was apprehended.

Fuel costs are up almost 17% from last years’ budget at this time. We have expended about 60% of our budgeted fuel costs for the year as of August 1, 2018.

Overtime costs this month are up mainly due to shift coverage resulting from manpower shortages. Despite this, we have still only expended approx. 48% of the overtime budget and some of those expenses are reimbursable.

Emergency Management

There were no EOC activations during the month of July, however, throughout the month of July there were numerous severe weather watches and alerts. The watches and alerts also extended to flash flooding and area flooding for our area from the National Weather

Service. Lower Pottsgrove Township did experience an event of flash flooding that initiated a dispatch for Emergency Services on Medical Drive.

- On July 18th, Ray Lopez attended the EMC Monthly Training conducted at the Montgomery county EOC.
- Updated our Emergency Operating Center Contacts List
- Tested our Notification System on July 24.
- Testing continues with new software (Veoci)
- Our EMC will be attending training this month on Hurricane Awareness along with attending a two-day course in Situational Awareness and Common Operating Picture.
- KI Tablets will be distributed Thursday, Aug. 9 2018 at locations in Pottstown, Boyertown, and Phoenixville to anyone who lives, works or attends school within a 10-mile radius of Exelon Nuclear Limerick Generating Station.

Fire Marshal

Lew Babel highlighted the following statistics from his June report:

Station	Total Calls	Total Hrs. of Service	Total Personnel Hrs.	Total Personnel Training Hrs.	Total Fundraising Hrs.
Sanatoga (Station 58)	17	28 hrs 4 min	53 hrs 9 min	178 hrs 30 min	
Ringling Hill (Station 59)	17				

(Hours are approximate)

The township fire departments, Sanatoga and Ringling Hill, annually hold a large fire drill that involves both units of the Genesis HealthCare complex. This year we will be evacuating all of the residents as part of the drill which will be held on Thursday, August 23rd.

Highway—Public Works Department: President Foltz presented the July report and stated it will be posted on the bulletin board.

C.O.G. — The next meeting will be held on October 16, 2018 at North Coventry Township.

Engineering—Chad Camburn of Bursich Associates provided a written Engineers' Report updating the Board on various projects and activities going on in the Township. He highlighted the following projects:

- **Sanatoga Green:** Plans and reports were received on July 24 for both Phase 1 and the entire site. The applicant is requesting Final Approval for Phase 1 only at this time, while they are concurrently working through the requirements for Phases 2 and 3. The plans and reports are currently under review and should be done prior to the August 20, 2018 Planning Commission meeting.

- **Spring Valley Farms Subdivision - Phase 1:** 12 Lot Plans have been approved to date. Final paving repairs and improvements on Deer Ridge Drive were completed on July 30.
- **Gerald Richards Park Improvements – Phases 1 & 2:** We received an Administrative Complete letter from the Montgomery County Conservation District on Friday and it is now under a Technical Review. We anticipate an approval and permit in a couple of weeks.
- **Rupert Road Bridge:** All warning and detour signs were installed in early July, and the bridge was closed on July 23. A portion of the site has been cleared, and a construction trailer is onsite. Submittals for the arch bridge design calculations, shop drawings, foundations, headwalls, and wing walls were all approved on July 18.
- **Pottsgrove High School:** We received a request for escrow release relating to the site improvements. We are attempting to schedule a site meeting and walkthrough with a school district representative to review the site conditions.
- **MS4:** The MS4 Annual Status Report is due by September 30. Coordination with Township staff and our office occurs on an ongoing basis throughout the year to keep the Township compliant with the permit requirements.

Mr. Camburn thanked Lew Babel for his assistance in reviewing plans for the development projects and sometimes provides him with perspectives ordinarily he would not take into consideration.

Treasurer—Mr. Wagner presented the Treasurer’s Report and stated that \$16,135.30 was collected during the month of July with the majority being real estate.

Solicitor—Solicitor Garner provided a written report with a synopsis of all projects his office worked on during the month of July and asked if there were any questions.

Parks and Recreation Mr. Wagner stated that the final concert of the season by the Pottsgrove Community Band took place Sunday night. Mr. Wagner thanked Exelon for the contributions as without those funds the concerts would not be possible.

Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Commission Mr. Wagner stated that due to the summer schedule the August meeting is cancelled.

Lower Pottsgrove Township Authority the next meeting will be on Monday, August 13t. We are happy to welcome Board Chair Jim Toth back after a recent medical issue.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT:

Commissioner Lopez made the motion to adopt Resolution 1168-18 Limerick Generating Station Minor Plan, proposal is located at 3146 Sanatoga Road consisting of 58.04 acres within Limited Industrial Zoning District. The proposal includes construction of a 4,900 square foot storage building, gravel parking area and a stormwater management basin. Commissioner McGroarty seconded the motion; all in favor (4-0)

Commissioner Lopez made the motion to adopt Resolution 1169-18 Spring Valley Farms Amended Phase II Minor Plan, proposal is located at 1934 Bliem Road consisting of 57.43 acres within the Preservation Subdivision District. The proposal includes construction of a 2,696 square foot clubhouse, 22 parking spaces and a stormwater management basin. Commissioner Swavely seconded the motion; all in favor (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner McGroarty made the Motion to authorize staff to obtain proposals for the Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract. Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion; all in favor (4-0)

Commissioner Lopez made the motion to enter into an On-Lot Sewage Management Agreement for the property at 2390 N. Schaffer Rd. Commissioner McGroarty seconded the motion; all in favor (4-0)

Mr. Wagner stated that the 2019 Township Budget Adoption Calendar was available for the Commissioners review and the first draft would be ready by September 14, 2018.

Commissioner Lopez made the motion to authorize the Township Manager to send a letter to the County Treasurer's office regarding the Judicial Sale at 1258 N. Charlotte Street. Commissioner Swavely seconded the motion; all in favor (4-0)

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

Commissioner McGroarty made the motion to adopt Resolution 1170-18 2390 N. Schaffer Road for the replacement of malfunctioning on-lot sewage disposal system through the implementation of a small flow treatment facility w/ stream discharge. Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion; all in favor (4-0)

Mr. Wagner stated that **Warrant #875** for the month of July would be available next week for review.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner McGroarty offered his sympathies to the Updegrove family. He stated he had attended the monthly Pottsgrove Recreation meeting on July 19th and reported that the Director, Jill Ludy, was resigning from the Board but agreed to stay on until November so the Board had time to secure a replacement.

Commissioner Lopez offered his thanks and congratulations to the officers receiving Commendation and congratulated the Chief on his continued success. Commissioner Lopez recognized the loss of Mr. Updegrove and the significant void that Mr. Updegrove will leave in both the fire company and also within the Township.

Commissioner Swavely thanked Chief Foltz and the Department for the dedication and hard work. He thanked the police, fire company, EMS and Road Crew for all the hard work during the storms and the cleanup.

President Foltz thanked the police department and fire department for their efforts in making Mr. Updegrove's funeral procession smooth sailing and everything it should have been.

Mr. Wagner had no comment.

Solicitor Garner announced that immediately following the meeting the Board will meet in Executive Session and will adjourn from there as no action will be taken.

President Foltz announced that the August 23rd meeting will be cancelled. There being no further business, the public meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Colletti
Township Secretary