

LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 28, 2017

The Board of Commissioners of Lower Pottsgrove Township held a special meeting on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at the Lower Pottsgrove Township Municipal Building, 2199 Buchert Road, Pottstown, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The following were in attendance:

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

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

Commissioner Foltz stated the meeting will be recorded.

Solicitor Garner announced that prior to the meeting the Board met in Executive Session beginning at 7:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter and real estate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 2017 MEETING

Commissioner Lopez made the motion to approve the November 9, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Mohollen seconded the motion; all in favor (5-0)

COMMENTS BY VISITORS:

Tony Doyle 1745 Kepler Road

- Mr. Doyle stated that the police department purchased two police cars this year and thought that the amount spent was awfully high. Commissioner Swavely stated that the amount spent does include the fitouts of the new vehicles, taking the old cars out of service and all of the other fees involved in converting the cars from street vehicles to police vehicles.
- Mr. Doyle asked if we ever received a sample lease from the County in regards to developing the Pleasantview Park Property into baseball fields. Mr. Wagner stated he received a lease the County would like to recommend which would allow the public access to the park and not exclusive use by the Predators Organization as open space money was used to purchase the land. It ultimately would require approval by the County Open Space Board as well.

INFORMATION:

- Commissioner Lopez discussed the 2017 Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Montgomery County Planning Commission staff works with the Public Safety Department to maintain the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan is used by all 62 municipalities in the county to fulfill hazard mitigation planning requirements established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The plan is being prepared to continue to reduce the county's vulnerability to weather-related, geologic, human-caused, technological failure, and wildfire hazards that could

potentially threaten the county. This plan revision is also being prepared to meet state and federal public safety requirements. They want to know our latest figures for township employees, police officers, what hazards we had during the past year and last five years, etc. For example they want a record of every time the Emergency Operating Center gets activated. There is a lot of historical information with respect to buildings built in the township. They are looking to see what the Township's growth is and how the municipal services are utilized in the community.

- Commissioner Klotz made the motion to accept the Medical Drive Assessment Appeal Stipulation to Settle between Pottsgrove School District and 1555 Medical Drive (Brookside Professional Bldg. L.P.) which would result in a \$327.00 annual property tax loss to the Township. Commissioner Swavely seconded the motion; all in favor (5-0)

OLD BUSINESS:

None

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Wagner stated that the Non-Uniform Policy Handbook was adopted in July 2015. Every 18-24 months he reviews the handbook for the need for updates. He met with Solicitor Garner to review his recommendations and felt there were eight sections needing updates. The current policies and the proposed updates were given to the Commissioners for their review prior to approval at a future meeting.
- President Foltz discussed the inception of the Township Infrastructure Committee. The group is expected to determine the need for future capital projects, and rank them in order of importance or preference and what works best for both the Township and its residents. Named to the committee in addition to himself are: Commissioner Ray Lopez, Township Manager Ed Wagner, Township Zoning and Codes Enforcement Officer Joe Groff, and Police Chief Michael Foltz.

Commissioner Lopez made the motion for the President of the Board of Commissioners be given permission to appoint an Infrastructure Committee for Lower Pottsgrove Township. Commissioner Mohollen seconded the motion; all in favor (5-0)

RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE:

None

Commissioner Klotz made the motion to approve Warrant #866 for the month of October 2017. Commissioner Mohollen seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved (5-0)

Commissioner Klotz motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report for October 2017. Commissioner Mohollen seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved (5-0)

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Mohollen had no comment

Commissioner Lopez had no comment

Commissioner Swavely had no comment

Commissioner Klotz congratulations to Earl, Ray and Bob on their re-elections

Commissioner Foltz stated that Bleim Road is a disaster with the patch work that has been done and asked the Manager to follow-up with PennDOT in regards to the status of repaving. He stated that the December 4th meeting would be cancelled and the next meeting would be December 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Wagner had no comment

Solicitor Garner had no comment.

There being no further business, the public meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Colletti
Township Secretary