

LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 21, 2014

The Board of Commissioners of Lower Pottsgrove Township held its regularly scheduled work session meeting on Thursday, August 21, 2014 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 attended:

Board of Commissioners: Bruce L. Foltz, President; Stephen M. Klotz, Vice President, James Kaiser and Shawn Watson. Commissioner James Vlahos was absent.

Robert L. Brant, Solicitor; Edward C. Wagner, Manager; Michael A. Foltz, Chief of Police and Michele Cappelletti, Township Secretary.

Commissioner Foltz announced the meeting was being recorded.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Solicitor Brant announced that prior to tonight's meeting, at 6:45 p.m., the Board met in executive session to discuss pending litigation and a personnel matter. No action was required by the Board of Commissioners.

UNIT COMMENDATIONS:

- **Leonard Gerber Retirement**
Chief of Police Michael A. Foltz and Pottsgrove School District representatives Dave Nester and Rob Land presented Leonard Gerber with a commemorative plaque for his years of service as a crossing guard for the Pottsgrove School District. Mr. Gerber was the crossing guard at Ringing Rocks Elementary School since 2008 and he is now retiring. Chief Foltz, Mr. Nester and Mr. Land expressed their appreciation to Mr. Gerber for his dedicated service to the children and the community.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, President Foltz thanked Mr. Gerber for his service and his dedication. He recognized that Mr. Gerber was always at his post, in all types of weather.

- **Homicide Investigation**
Chief Foltz, Commissioner Klotz and Commissioner Watson recognized the excellent team work and dedication of the individuals who were instrumental in solving the May 5, 2013 homicide of Pottsgrove High School graduate Kareem Borowy.

Unit commendations were issued to the following individuals:

Montgomery County**Prosecution**

Deputy District Attorney Samantha Cauffman
ADA Anthony Coccerino

Detectives

Mark Minzola – Assigned
James Carbo
Paul Bradbury
Todd Richard
Michael Begley
William Mitchell
Marc Azeff
David Schanes
Michael Shade
Albert Dinnell
John Finor

Investigative Analyst Charles Craig
Investigator John Salamone
Lieutenant James McGowan – Homicide Commander
Lieutenant Richard Nilsen – Forensic Services Unit
Commander

Lower Pottsgrove Township Police Department

Det. Daniel Kienle
Det. Joseph Campbell
Sgt. Timothy Walters
Ofc. David Slothower
Ofc. Ryan Smith

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners and Lower Pottsgrove Township, Commissioner Foltz and Commissioner Klotz expressed their appreciation and thanked the recipients for all they do for the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Klotz made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the July 24 and August 4, 2014 Board of Commissioners meetings. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT:

Resolution No. 1029-14—Mr. Craig Nichols delivered a presentation on the Limerick Generating Station (LGS) Fukushima Response Project – FLEX Storage Structures. LGS had made application to Lower Pottsgrove Township for preliminary/final approval of a land development plan to construct a 5,400 square foot Robust Storage Structure on 58 acres at 3146 Sanatoga Road. Said plans have received a recommendation for approval from the Lower Pottsgrove Planning Commission on July 21, 2014.

After discussion, Commissioner Klotz made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1029-14 granting preliminary/final approval of the minor land development plan called Limerick Generating Station Flex Pump Storage Building Plan. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

Resolution No. 1030-14—Commissioner Klotz made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1030-14 authorizing the submittal of the Application for Traffic Signal Approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for equipment upgrades at the following intersections in Lower Pottsgrove Township:

1. High Street (SR 4031) and Sunnybrook Road
2. High Street (SR 4031) and Heritage Drive
3. High Street (SR 4031) and Pleasant View Road (SR 4028)
4. Armand Hammer Boulevard (SR 4036) and Medical Drive
5. Armand Hammer Boulevard (SR 4036) and Home Depot
6. Armand Hammer Boulevard (SR 4036) and Industrial Highway/SR 0422 Ramp C
7. Armand Hammer Boulevard (SR 4036) and SR 0422 Ramps E and F
8. High Street (SR 4031)/Ridge Pike (SR 4031) and Rupert Road/Evergreen Road (SR 4026)

Commissioner Kaiser seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

Ordinance No. 314—Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 314, establishing a speed limit of 35 miles per hour on Armand Hammer Boulevard between Industrial Highway and Medical Drive within Lower Pottsgrove Township and authorizing the posting of speed signs. Commissioner Klotz seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement—Mr. Wagner explained the annual contract for traffic signal maintenance expires on September 30, 2014. He requested authorization to obtain quotes for the 2014-2015 contract.

Commissioner Klotz made a motion to authorize Mr. Wagner to obtain quotes for the traffic signal maintenance contract. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

P3 Towers—Mr. Wagner advised the draft agreements between the Township and P3 Towers have been reviewed by Blake Dunbar. During his review, Mr. Dunbar made modifications to the agreements and P3 Towers agreed with the changes.

Since the Pole Barn property was purchased with grant funds, Solicitor Brant advised as a matter of precaution, Mr. Wagner wrote to DCNR to be sure there were no restrictions. Mr. Wagner received written confirmation that there would be no problem with erecting a cell tower on the property; however, P3 Towers will need zoning relief for the project.

Commissioner Foltz asked if P3 Towers will mount equipment for use by the Township free of charge and Mr. Wagner confirmed they will. Commissioner Watson commented that cell service is lost in the vicinity of Cutillo's and Mr. Wagner advised we are considering putting a cell tower on Park Road. Solicitor Brant noted the reason for the cell tower is to provide additional data capacity, rather than just dropped calls.

After discussion, Commissioner Klotz made a motion to accept and agree to the conditions of the Option Agreement between Lower Pottsgrove Township and P3 Towers, LLC. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

Warrant #827—Commissioner Kaiser made a motion to approve Warrant #827 for the month of July 2014. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report—Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2014, as submitted by Jennifer Marsteller. Commissioner Kaiser seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Kaiser thanked everyone who received a commendation. He said when these things happen, they know what to do and all the work pays off.

Commissioner Watson also expressed his appreciation and agreed with Commissioner Kaiser's comments.

Commissioner Klotz said he has been involved on the Township's Police Committee for some time and he commented on the cooperation between Montgomery County and Lower Pottsgrove Township. He said everything about the Kareem Borowy case shows the police are here for the community, and it is a perfect example of how they work together as a unit for the community. He congratulated and thanked everyone involved for a job well done.

Commissioner Klotz also commented that "Klotz's corner" will be open in a few weeks.

Commissioner Foltz advised he has been working with the Solicitor, Manager and Codes Officer regarding the vacant gas station at Charlotte and Mervine Streets. For a start, the Township Road Crew cut down some trees and the Township is going to start issuing citations. Commissioner Foltz said everyone is working together on this but it is a tough battle.

Commissioner Foltz referenced Zoning Hearing Application No. 2014-10 of Diane Hahn, 2233 Welsh Drive. The applicant is requesting relief to construct a 2,400 square foot pole barn on the property. The Commissioners were not in favor of the application.

Mr. Wagner announced that as part of the reconstruction, the Armand Hammer Exit, Route 422, eastbound ramps will be closed for up to 90 days.

Solicitor Brant commented on the good work and cooperation between Montgomery County and the Lower Pottsgrove Township Police.

There being no further business, the public meeting adjourned 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michele M. Cappelletti
Township Secretary