

**LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP    BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**February 19, 2015**

The Board of Commissioners of Lower Pottsgrove Township held its regularly scheduled work session meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2015 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; Shawn Watson and James W. Vlahos.

Blake Dunbar, Solicitor; Edward C. Wagner, Manager; Michael A. Foltz, Chief of Police and Michele Cappelletti, Secretary.

Commissioner Foltz announced the meeting was being recorded.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resignation from Zoning Hearing Board**—Commissioner Klotz made a motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Earl E. Swavely, Jr. from the Lower Pottsgrove Township Zoning Hearing Board. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

**APPOINTMENT AND SWEARING IN OF EARL E. SWAVELY, JR.:**

**Resolution No. 1056-15**—Commissioner Klotz made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1056-15 appointing Earl E. Swavely, Jr. to the Lower Pottsgrove Township Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

Commissioner Swavely was sworn into office by District Justice Edward C. Kropp, Sr., Magisterial District 38-1-12.

Commissioner Foltz stated that Commissioner Swavely has spent most of his life in public service. He thanked him for accepting the position of Commissioner and welcomed him to the Board. Commissioner Swavely said he appreciated the opportunity to serve on this fine Board.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the February 2, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Vlahos seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:**

**Brian Seidel** introduced himself to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Seidel is a landscape architect and his business, Seidel Planning and Design, recently relocated to E. High Street. They are very excited to be in the Township and they see a lot of opportunity here. Mr. Seidel also expressed his appreciation to Joe Groff and Township

staff for being very cooperative during the zoning process. The Board appreciated Mr. Seidel's remarks and wished him good luck.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:**

**Route 422 Business Advisor Article**—Mr. Wagner advised the Route 422 Business Advisor featured an article about the Sunnybrook Village Business Campus in its February 2015 edition. The article was included in the Board's packet.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Zoning Hearing Update**—Commissioner Foltz advised there was a zoning hearing on the proposed storage unit project on N. Charlotte Street. He said the zoning hearing was lengthy and it is to be continued as there is no decision yet.

**SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT:**

None.

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

**Resolution No. 1055-15**—Commissioner Klotz made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1055-15 appointing Joseph Groff as Deputy Fire Marshal and Richard Lengel as Assistant Fire Marshal of Lower Pottsgrove Township. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

**Resolution No. 1056-15**--See **APPOINTMENT AND SWEARING IN OF EARL E. SWAVELY, JR.**

**Resolution 1057-15**—Commissioner Klotz made a motion to appoint Michael Boccella as a full member of the Lower Pottsgrove Township Zoning Hearing Board. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

Mr. Boccella was present at the meeting and the Board thanked and welcomed him.

**Warrant #833**— Commissioner Klotz made a motion to approve Warrant #833 for the month of January 2015. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

**Acceptance of Treasurer's Report**—Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2015, as submitted by Jennifer Marsteller. Commissioner Klotz seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:**

**Commissioner Vlahos** welcomed Earl Swavely to the Board of Commissioners and Michael Boccella to the Zoning Hearing Board.

**Commissioner Swavely** thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve.

**Commissioner Watson** thanked Commissioner Swavely and said we have seen what you've done as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board. He expressed his appreciation to Earl and Michael Boccella for taking the time to serve.

**Commissioner Klotz** welcomed Earl and thanked him for stepping up—first to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board and now on the Board of Commissioners. He said a lot of people don't realize the time and commitment required of a Commissioner. Commissioner Klotz said Earl has been a public servant all of his life, he continues to do so and he is an asset to this Board. Commissioner Klotz also welcomed Michael Boccella and said we are getting the right people to serve on our Boards.

**Commissioner Klotz** said Brian Seidel coming in tonight shows we are moving in the right direction. Businesses are coming here, they want to come here and we are doing things to make the process easier. He felt this was good for the Township and he appreciated that Mr. Seidel took the time to come to the meeting.

**Commissioner Foltz** welcomed Earl Swavely and Michael Boccella. He appreciates the dedication it will take to fill those positions and said it's good we have people who are interested in doing that.

**Mr. Wagner** said he is looking forward to working with Earl Swavely. He welcomed Michael Boccella aboard and advised Michael to call the Township's Director of Code Enforcement to discuss any zoning questions he may have.

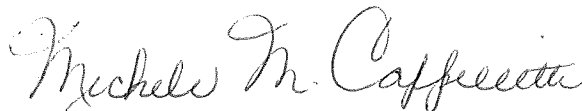
**Solicitor Blake Dunbar** echoed the two new appointments and thinks it's great that we have people ready to fill in when needed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Commissioner Foltz announced an executive session was held on February 18, 2015 to discuss a litigation matter regarding a land development project

There being no further business, the public meeting adjourned 7:12 p.m. Next meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,



Michele M. Cappelletti  
Township Secretary