

LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**May 25, 2017**

The Board of Commissioners of Lower Pottsgrove Township held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at the Lower Pottsgrove Township Municipal Building, 2199 Buchert Road, Pottstown, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The following were in attendance:

Board of Commissioners: Bruce L. Foltz, President; Stephen M. Klotz, Vice President; 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 6:00 p.m. to discuss acquisition of real estate. No action was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 1, 2017 MEETING

Commissioner Klotz made the motion to approve the May 1, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion; all in favor (5-0)

COMMENTS BY VISITORS:

Tony Doyle, 1745 Kepler Road expressed multiple concerns regarding conditions on secondary State roads.

Tony Doyle asked when and where Pottsgrove Soccer Association held their meetings. Mr. Wagner said he thought they were the first Monday of the month, but also that they had a website to reference.

INFORMATION:

Five applications for the Park & Recreation Board vacancy were presented to the Commissioners for their consideration. No action was taken at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Garner reviewed the Draft of an updated Peddling/Soliciting Ordinance. Under the current ordinance, there is a lengthy paragraph of items which don't necessarily constitute peddling per the definition in the Ordinance. These items certainly appear as they would qualify as peddling; as such, that paragraph was removed from the proposed Ordinance. The license requirement,

which currently is for one year, could be shortened to a lesser period, perhaps six months. The application process for acquiring a license was “beefed up” to include, amongst other things, criminal background checks. In addition, the license must be prominently displayed by the person peddling. No action is required by the Board at this time.

Solicitor Garner presented the draft of a new Ordinance which would address holding tanks for temporary sanitary sewer purposes. This would allow the Township some authority to ensure the tank is pumped and inspected and also to guarantee that there is financial security in place in the event of an issue with the tank. There is no action required by the Board at this time.

Solicitor Garner presented the draft of a new Blasting Ordinance for review and discussion. At this time, there are no regulations in the Township from a local perspective for regulating blasting activities. It is his recommendation to institute some type of protection for the residents for when there are contractors who want to blast so there is some measure of regulation to do it safely and there is compliance with the requirements. There is no action required by the Board at this time.

Commissioner Lopez suggested changing the title of the Code Officer to reflect a more “business-friendly” title. A brief discussion took place; no decision was made and it was agreed that it would be taken under consideration.

RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE:

Commissioner Lopez made the motion to execute Resolution 1136-17 authorizing the auction of the 2010 Dodge Charger. Commissioner Swavely seconded the motion; all in favor (5-0)

Commissioner Klotz motioned for the approval of Warrant #860 for the month of April 2017. Commissioner Swavely seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved (5-0)

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

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Mohollen extended his thanks to the local fire departments and also the neighboring communities who assisted, for their outstanding work with the recent large incidents in the township.

Commissioner Lopez seconded the Commissioner Mohollen’s comments in regards to the fire departments and also thanked the police, especially Officer Diesinger, for their efforts in putting together the fish rodeo for the children in our community.

Commissioner Swavely expressed his thanks for the fishing rodeo. He also extended his compliments to the fire departments for their exceptional work at the Sunnybrook incident and passed along kudos and compliments received from DEP in regards to their quick response and action to get the booms in place to prevent additional contamination.

Commissioner Klotz had no comment.

Commissioner Foltz brought up a concern that many of our residents feel that we are not enforcing the codes for property maintenance. After listening to many complaints and driving around the town, he can't help but agree. It is his feeling that it may be necessary to have someone help to enforce these codes as he does not want the township to go downhill appearance-wise. There are a lot of properties in the township that need sprucing up. Commissioner Foltz would like the Board and staff to come up with some ways to improve maintenance in the Township.

Mr. Wagner stated that we are looking into changing the existing property maintenance code from 2009. In addition, our Road Master contacted PennDOT in regards to the damages that have occurred to Industrial Highway. As a result they performed complimentary base repair and overlay stretching from Antonelli to Days Inn. This was a value of approximately \$50,000.

Solicitor Garner wished everyone a great Memorial Day Weekend and asked everyone to take a moment Monday to remember what the true meaning of the holiday is.

There being no further business, the public meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 8, 2017** at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Colletti
Township Secretary