

**LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**Thursday March 23, 2023**

The Board of Commissioners of Lower Pottsgrove Township held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday March 23, 2023, at the Lower Pottsgrove Township Building, located at 2199 Buchert Road, Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

Board of Commissioners: Raymond W. Lopez, Robert Mohollen, Michael McGroarty, and William Keohane were present. Earl E. Swavely was absent.

Edward C. Wagner: Manager, Jamie Ottaviano: Solicitor, and Nicole Varady: Secretary, were also present.

The regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by President Raymond W. Lopez at 6:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Lopez stated that the meeting will be recorded, and he asked any speakers to give their names and address for public comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Keohane made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2023, Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner McGroarty seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

**REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER:**

Mr. Wagner reported that the left arrow is scheduled to be installed at the intersection of E. High Street and N. Pleasant View Road tomorrow, weather permitting. The new playground installation at Sanatoga Park has begun. The concrete is poured, once that cures, John Fogel will backfill the area with stone and mulch. The Peco Cut Card was issued on Friday March 17 for the security light in front of 49 Pebble Beach Lane. The final step is to install the meter and to hook up the electric through Peco. The annual Easter Egg hunt will be held Saturday April 1 at 10 A.M. at Gerald Richards Park, Field 1. Rain date is April 8. Approximately seventeen (17) girls from the Pottsgrove High School softball team will assist again this year. The Moove-In Storage project at 2148 E. High Street is progressing and should be completed in the next 1-2 weeks now that the doors have arrived. At the Planning Commission meeting on Monday March 20, Wawa received a recommendation for Preliminary/Final approval pending minor clean-up of the plans. This will tentatively be on the agenda for the Board of Commissioners meeting in May. Royal Farms initially proposed the Royal Farms building, a car wash, a drive-thru retail building and a storage facility but informed the Planning Commission Monday that the storage facility no longer has a user so that portion of the plan will be put on hold until such time when a user is found. They will re-submit the revised plans by next Friday. Commissioner Lopez thanked Mr. Wagner for his diligence regarding the Planning Commission. Mr. Wagner and Commissioner Lopez met with the Montgomery County officials on March 9 to discuss rewriting the landscaping ordinance as it was last re-written in 1994. They will have a draft by mid-April. During that meeting, Mr. Wagner and Commissioner Lopez inquired about whether any of the other sixty-two (62) municipalities had an ordinance regarding the right to charge electric

vehicles. Montgomery County officials confirmed that none of the municipalities currently have one, but East Greenville is looking to possibly pass an ordinance due to residents installing their own charging stations in the public right-of way with no permission. It was reported that Phoenixville is the only municipality that currently has charging stations. It was confirmed that the township cannot regulate homeowner associations in this matter.

**COMMENTS BY VISITORS: NONE**

**CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:**

**Information on National Opioid Settlements**

Mr. Wagner reviewed that Pennsylvania is participating in five (5) national opioid settlements which makes the Township eligible to participate as well. Mr. Wagner signed up Lower Pottsgrove Township and will provide updates as they are available if any funds will be allocated to the Township.

**Letter from Executive Director of Buchert Ridge Community**

Mr. Wagner read the letter that was received by the Police Department from Patty Bleakly, Executive Director at Buchert Ridge Community, commending the three (3) officers that responded to a call at Buchert Ridge on March 5 for their professionalism and kindness during a difficult situation.

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion to approve Employment Agreement for Lieutenant William James**

Commissioner Lopez explained that the Police Committee negotiated a new contract for Lieutenant James.

Commissioner McGroarty made a motion to approve the Employment Agreement for Lieutenant William James. Commissioner Mohollen seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

**Resolution 1312-23 approval of Alan Michael Chalfin as Special Fire Police for the Ringing Hill Fire Company**

Commissioner Mohollen verified that the Police Department ran the required information. Mr. Wagner assured him that Lieutenant James informed him that it was completed.

Commissioner Keohane made a motion to approve Resolution 1312-23 to appoint Alan Michael Chalfin as Special Fire Police for the Ringing Hill Fire Company. Commissioner Mohollen seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

**APPROVAL OF WARRANT #930 FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2023**

Commissioner Mohollen made a motion to approve Warrant #930 for the month of February 2023. Commissioner McGroarty seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

**ACCEPT THE TREASURERS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2023**

Commissioner Mohollen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for February 2023. Commissioner McGroarty seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

Commissioner McGroarty had no comments.

Commissioner Keohane informed the Board that at the monthly meeting of the Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Committee, it was announced that the Health and Wellness Foundation has provided a grant to hire a consultant to perform training regarding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. It may be opened to Municipal elected officials as well as staff. Once the logistics and budget are finalized, more information will be provided.

Commissioner Mohollen had no comments.

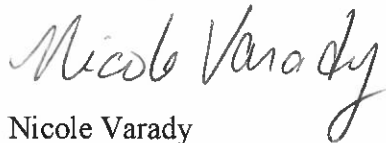
Commissioner Lopez had no comments.

Mr. Wagner had no comments.

Mr. Ottaviano had no comments.

Commissioner Mohollen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner McGroarty seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 in favor. There being no further business, the public meeting was adjourned at 6:43 P.M. The next meeting will be on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. at the Lower Pottsgrove Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Varady  
Township Secretary