

LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 6, 2021

The Board of Commissioners of Lower Pottsgrove Township held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at The Sunnybrook Ballroom, 50 Sunnybrook Road, Pottstown Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The following were in attendance:

Board of Commissioners: Earl E. Swavely, Raymond W. Lopez, Robert Mohollen, and Michael McGroarty.

President Bruce L. Foltz was present via Zoom.

Edward C. Wagner; Manager, William James; Acting Chief of Police and Charles Garner; Solicitor were also present.

Commissioner Swavely stated the meeting will be recorded, he asked any speakers to give their name and address for public comments. The township is following social distancing guidelines recommended by the Center for Disease and Control to limit exposure.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS: None.

REPORTS:

Police

Acting Chief James presented the Police Report for the month of June 2021.

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| CALLS FOR SERVICE | 1,067 |
| ASSISTS: | |
| Given by Lower Pottsgrove PD | 6 |
| Received by Lower Pottsgrove PD | 1 |
| TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: | 73 |
| Violations Indicated | |
| DUI Arrests | 2 |
| CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS: | 44 |
| Violations Indicated | |
| Adults Arrested | 8 |
| Juveniles Handled | 0 |

Acting Chief James stated that some highlights of his report were the following.

- Chief James stated that the department had a low payout of overtime for the month.
- Department is moving forward with the candidate hiring process and four candidates have had their background checked and moving forward with their polygraph as part of the civil service rules and regulations.
- Two vehicles were recently sold on Municibid.
- Detectives are busy with child cases and as well as some high dollar amount fraud cases. Some serious investigations are going on as well.
- There were a few officers that went to hand-to-hand combat training, this was for de-escalation that the Governor and the State put through.

Emergency Management

- Commissioner Lopez stated that there were no EOC activations during the month of June.
- During the month of June, there was a flash flood watch on June 8th and a major accident on Route 422 by-pass in the area of Sanatoga Road involving an eastbound and westbound closure with an oil spill.
- Emergency Management continues to focus on updating all of their emergency plans and preparing for the Tabletop exercise we'll be providing to the staff in anticipation of the Limerick Exercise.
- On June 23, Commissioner Lopez attended the monthly Emergency Management training session which was based on the hurricane season being on the horizon. The training topics were debris management and the damage assessment process.

Fire Marshal

Mr. Wagner read the following statistics from the June 2021 Fire Marshal report:

| Station | Total Calls | Total Hrs. of Service | Total Personnel Hrs. | Total Personnel Training Hrs. |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sanatoga (Station 58) | 29 | 33 hrs. 58 min | 86 hrs. 36 min | 73 hrs. 50 min |
| Ringling Hill (Station 59) | 37 | 59 hrs. 0 min | 130 hrs. 15 min | 385 hrs. 0 min |

(Hours are approximate)

- There is an operational meeting that is scheduled for November 19, 2021, at 7:00 PM at Sanatoga Fire Company. Commissioner Mohollen, Acting Chief James, Lew Babel the township Fire Marshal as well as the Chiefs from Sanatoga Fire Company and Ringling Hill Fire Company will be in attendance.

Highway Public Works Department

Commissioner Foltz presented the June report.

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Commissioner Foltz stated that there was nothing to report.

Engineering

James McCarthy from McCarthy Engineering read his report for the month of June. They received the bids for Gerald Richards Park, and they were higher than they were expecting. There were seven bidders at the mandatory pre-bid opening meeting, there were only three bids that were received. Meeko Construction was the low bidder at \$549,242.75 as the base bid and \$550,753.50 was for the alternative bid. Mr. Wagner stated that the township has \$315,000 in grant money and has the Regional Recreation Coordinator is looking for another grant to help with the cost. The board might have to reject the bids at the next Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Solicitor

Solicitor Garner provided a written report with a synopsis of all projects his office worked on during the month of June. Solicitor Garner stated that there was one item that he would like to bring to the boards' attention is a change that went into effect with the Sunshine Act. The Governor signed legislation at the end of June which will become effective at the end of August which is known as Act 65. The Act requires that the meeting agenda must be posted on the township website at least 24 hours before the meeting, agenda must include a list of each matter that might be the subject matter of deliberation or official action. The agenda must be physically posted at the meeting location and the municipal office, with copies available for the general public. This will not go into effect until the board's September meeting.

Treasures Report

Ms. Marsteller stated that the total collected taxes in June is \$110,807 with most of it being Real Estate Taxes. Last year through the end of June she collected 91.69% of the total real estate taxes. This year through the end of June she collected 95.36% which is around what is usually collected this time of the year.

Park and Recreation

Mr. Wagner reported that the next Summer Concert will be this Sunday night which will be Flamin' Dick and the Hot Rods which will begin at 6:00 PM at Sanatoga Park.

Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Commission

Mr. Wagner had nothing to report.

Lower Pottsgrove Township Authority

Lower Pottsgrove Township Authority Meeting has been canceled their July 12, 2021 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT:

Resolution 1245-21 Lucci— Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve Resolution 1245-21 Edward and Laura Lucci, Minor Land Development proposal to construct a 36'x48' barn alongside a 70'x104' enclosed arena at 1218 Snell Road within the R-2 Residential District. The overall track area is approximately 15.04 acres. Commissioner Mohollen seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE:

Resolution 1246-21—Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve Resolution 1246-21 authorizing President Foltz to execute the Cooperative Memorandum of Agreement with PENNDOT to install CCTV Cameras. Commissioner Mohollen seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

Warrant #910- Warrant No. 910 for June 2021 will be distributed via email for the Commissioners' review.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner McGroarty – Commissioner McGroarty had no comments.

Commissioner Mohollen—Commissioner Mohollen stated that there was a meeting with some of the fire departments which he feels was a constructive conversation and now the township understands where they are at. They understand the budget and the township received information that they need. They also received information that they will take into consideration when it comes time for budgeting for the 2022 fiscal year.

Commissioner Lopez— Commissioner Lopez had no comments.

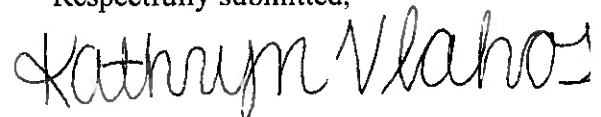
Commissioner Foltz—Commissioner Foltz wanted to make sure that the bid opening for electrical portion for the proposed new building was July 8, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. via PennBid. Mr. Wagner confirmed Mr. Foltz was correct.

Mr. Wagner— Mr. Wagner had no comments.

Solicitor Garner – Solicitor Garner had no comments.

There being no further business, the public meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, July 22, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at Sunnybrook Ballroom.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathryn Vlahos
Township Secretary