

LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 18, 2022

The Board of Commissioners of Lower Pottsgrove Township held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2022, at the Lower Pottsgrove Township Building, located at 2199 Buchert Road, Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

The following were in attendance:

Board of Commissioners: Earl E. Swavely Acting President, Raymond W. Lopez, and Robert Mohollen were all present. Commissioner McGroarty was absent.

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Lopez made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2022, Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Mohollen seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The vote was 3-0 in favor.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS:

Anthony Doyle – 1745 Kepler Road Pottstown, PA 19464

Mr. Doyle asked the Board of Commissioners if the Police Department has considered the use of drones. Commissioner Lopez replied to Mr. Doyle stating Montgomery County possesses several drones and has specifically trained individuals to operate them. Commissioner Lopez explained that the County would assist our Police Department 24/7 if we ever requested one. Mr. Doyle stated he liked the idea and thanked Commissioner Lopez for his response.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion to authorize R.J Electric of Gilbertsville for the installation of a pole/lighting along Pebble Beach Lane at a minimum cost of \$15,800.00

Commissioner Lopez made a motion to authorize R.J Electric of Gilbertsville for the installation of a pole/lighting along Pebble Beach Lane in Gerald Richards Park at a minimum cost of \$15,800.00. Commissioner Mohollen seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 in favor. Mr. Wagner stated we are going with a steel pole and the lead time for delivery will take a minimum of 14 weeks. We are hopeful the project can be completed by the end of the year. The Township has until June 30, 2023 to utilize the grant funding for the said project.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on Ordinance 361 for the Township's Fire and Emergency Services Department to recover reasonable costs and expenses occurred on responding to and dealing with Fire, Rescue, Vehicular Accidents, etc.

Commissioner Mohollen explained that the Township has been in discussions with the two (2) fire companies in the township regarding ways to mitigate some of the costs the fire companies are encountering while responding to emergency situations, accidents, etc. Commissioner Mohollen explained that these expenses would be reimbursed by the insurance company, creating less burden on the Township and the residents. Commissioner Mohollen explained that to receive any sort of reimbursement from insurance companies, the Township must adopt an Ordinance stating the right and authority of the Township's Fire and Emergency Services Departments to recover reasonable costs and expenses incurred in responding to and dealing with fire, rescue, vehicular accidents, environmental, hazardous, or related occurrences within the Township. Derek Dry of Ringing Hill and Keith Winnemore of Sanatoga were present and support the initiative Commissioner Mohollen would like for the Commissioners to adopt the draft ordinance at a future meeting. In addition, they both agree that residents of Lower Pottsgrove will not incur any cost under the proposed ordinance due to the fact they already paid a Fire Tax.

Commissioner Lopez made a motion to advertise Ordinance 361. Commissioner Mohollen seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 in favor.

Confirmation approval for Fire Police to assist with the Collegeville Fire Company Annual Car Show on August 14th.

Commissioner Lopez made a motion to ratify the approval for Fire Police to assist with the Collegeville Fire Company Annual Car Show on August 14th. Commissioner Mohollen seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 in favor.

Motion to extend a Conditional Offer of Employment to Tyler Smith as a Police Officer.

Commissioner Lopez made a motion to extend a Conditional Offer of Employment to Tyler Smith as a Police Officer. Commissioner Mohollen seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 in favor.

RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE:

Ordinance 359 - approving appointment of Solicitor, Interest Assessment and Attorney Fees and Collection Fees as part of the unpaid real estate taxes and municipal claims for delinquent accounts.

Commissioner Mohollen made a motion to approve Ordinance 359 - approving the appointment of a Solicitor, Interest Assessment and Attorney Fees, and Collection Fees as part of the unpaid real estate taxes and municipal claims for delinquent accounts. Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 in favor.

Ordinance 360 - repealing the currently adopted Uniform Construction Codes and International Codes of 2009, while adopting the Uniform Construction Codes and International Codes of 2018.

Commissioner Mohollen made a motion to approve Ordinance 360 - repealing the currently adopted Uniform Construction Codes and International Codes of 2009 while adopting the

Uniform Construction Codes and International Codes of 2018. Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 in favor.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT #923 FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2022.

Commissioner Mohollen made a motion to approve Warrant #923 for the month of July 2022. Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 in favor.

ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY 2022

Commissioner Mohollen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for July 2022. Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion. the vote was 3-0 in favor.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Mohollen—Commissioner Mohollen spoke on Ordinance 361 regarding recovering costs and expenses that occur during accidents, etc. Commissioner Mohollen stated that this Ordinance will be helpful to the community as well as the fire department.

Commissioner Lopez— Commissioner Lopez echoed Commissioner Mohollen's comments. Commissioner Lopez thanked the fire company for coming out to the meeting and for their service. Commissioner Lopez wished for his thanks to be passed along.

Commissioner Swavely – Commissioner Swavely echoed the other Commissioners in thanking the fire company for their service to the Township.

Mr. Wagner— Mr. Wagner had no comments.

Solicitor Ottaviano – Solicitor Ottaviano had no comments.

Commissioner Lopez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mohollen seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0 in favor. There being no further business, the public meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lower Pottsgrove Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,



Michele Christman
Assistant Township Secretary