

LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 23, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Commissioners of Lower Pottsgrove Township held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 23, 2021, at the Lower Pottsgrove Township Building, 2199 Buchert Road, Pottstown Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The following were in attendance:

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

Edward C. Wagner; Manager

Charles Garner; Solicitor and Kathryn Vlahos; Secretary were also present.

Public Hearing

Solicitor Garner opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. on the proposed cable franchise renewal agreement between the Township and Verizon Pennsylvania LLC. The proposal is in Ordinance form and the agreement would run for a total of 5 years. He asked the Commissioners had any questions with regards to the agreement. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:17pm.

Executive Session Announcement

In accordance with the Sunshine Law, Mr. Garner announced that the Board held an executive session and discussed and matter of personnel on September 16, 2021.

Commissioner Foltz 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Lopez made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2021 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Swavely seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

PRESENTATION:

Ms. Julie Von Spreckelsen introduced herself to the Board. She explained the applicant requested a hearing on the application which proposes a text/map amendment to the Lower Pottsgrove Township Zoning Ordinance Section 250-158.2.A to allow additional commercial users to be permitted in the GMU Gateway Mixed-Use District consistent with the intent of GMU District, and a zoning map amendment to extend the GRO Gateway Residential District to include 6 additional parcels located within the GMU District. She also explained the applicant has diligently and aggressively marketed the properties for the last six years and had been unable to attract commercial tenants due to the use restrictions in the GMU District. Mr. Paul

Tornetta stated how difficult it is to find a commercial tenants with how uneven the current land is and because the GMU District is zoned for a town-center and because drive-thru is prohibited. Ms. Spreckelsen stated again how truly difficult it is to develop the land with the current zoning regulations that are currently in place. Ms. Spreckelsen asked Mr. Eric Britz, Bohler Engineering to speak. Eric explained some zoning provisions in the GMU that are problematic and/or conflicting with other sections of the code. They feel with certain text amendment changes to the GMU this in turn would be beneficial for both parties involved. Ms. Von Spreckelsen asks for questions or concerns from the Board. Commissioner Foltz asked if the developer plans to have a gas station how that would affect other stations in the area. Ms. Spreckelsen explained the other stations are far enough way to not cause any negative impact on them. Commissioner Foltz stated the Board would speak amongst themselves due to the information being new to all of them. Commissioners agreed they are not necessary against anything brought up at tonight's' meeting but want to talk more staff to make a more informative decision. Commissioner Foltz thanked everyone for their time and presentation.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS:

Mr. Tom Troutman explains that the presentation was very informative. Mr. Troutman agrees that the Township is in need of commercial development rather than residential development.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business in need of discussion.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT:

There was no subdivision and land development in need of discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to award the Gerald Richards Phase II Park Project to James R. Kenney of Collegeville for \$528,434.60 — Commissioner Lopez made a motion to award James R. Kenney of Collegeville, PA Commissioner McGroarty seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

Motion to award the Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract to Telco of Reading, PA in the amount of \$3,620.00 — Commissioner McGroarty made a motion to award Telco of Reading. Commissioner Swavely seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

Motion to approve the 2022 MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) Non-Uniform Pension Plan \$139.088 — Commissioner Mohollen made a motion to approve the MMO Non-Uniform Defined Pension Plan. Commissioner McGroarty seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

Motion to approve the 2022 2022 MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) Non-Uniform Defined Contribution Pension Plan \$5,602 — Commissioner Mohollen made a motion to

approve the MMO Non-Uniform Defined Contribution pension plan. Commissioner McGroarty seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

Motion to approve the 2022 2022 MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) Police Pension Plan \$390,096 — Commissioner Swavely made a motion to approve the MMO Police defined Pension Plan. Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

Motion to accept the resignation of Police Officer James McCue effective October 18th — Commissioner Lopez made a motion to accept the resignation of Officer McCue. Commissioner Swavely seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

Motion to extend a conditional offer of employment to Nicholas Dinnocenti as a Police Officer — Commissioner Swavely made a motion to extend a conditional offer of employment to Nicholas Dinnocenti as a Police Officer. Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

Motion to accept the resignation of Township Secretary, Kathryn Vlahos, effective September 24th — Commissioner Mohollen made a motion to accept the resignation of Township Secretary, Kathryn Vlahos. Commissioner McGroarty seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE:

Resolution 1251-21—Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve Resolution 1251-21 reappointing Chuck Bleakley as a Full Member to the Civil Service Commission. Commissioner Swavely seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

Ordinance 354 - Commissioner McGroarty made a motion to execute a cable franchise agreement between Lower Pottsgrove Township and Verizon of PA LLC. Commissioner Mohollen seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The vote was 5-0 in favor.

Warrant #912 - Commissioner Mohollen made a motion to approve Warrant #912 for the month of August 2021. Commissioner McGroarty seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report- Commissioner Mohollen made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2021. Commissioner McGroarty seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 5-0 in favor.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Foltz—Commissioner Foltz explained how appreciative he is of Kathryn Vlahos.

Commissioner Swavely—Commissioner Swavely echoes Commissioner Foltz. He states how much of a big help Mrs. Vlahos was for the Board over the years.

Commissioner Lopez— Commissioner Lopez echoed the Board comments and thanked Mrs. Vlahos.

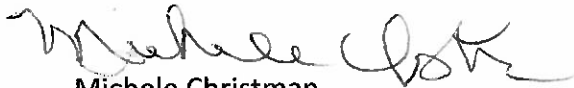
Commissioner Mohollen—Commissioner Mohollen echoed the Boards' comments. He thanked Mrs. Vlahos for her service with the Township.

Commissioner McGroarty – Commissioner McGroarty echoed the Boards' comments. He also thanked Mrs. Vlahos for her service. He stated how much Mrs. Vlahos will be missed dearly and always had a smile of her face every time he entered the building.

Mr. Wagner— Mr. Wagner had no comments.

There being no further business, the public meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, October 4, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at Sunnybrook Ballroom.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michele Christman".

Michele Christman
Assistant Township Secretary