



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2023

The Regular Meeting took place in the Township Conference Room and via Zoom.

Present at Meeting: Supervisors Michael Wacey (Chair), Alex Bosco (Vice Chair), Erik Unger, Betsy Fadem and Beth D'Antonio (joining remotely); Andrew Rau, Esq. (Township Solicitor), Don Curley (Township Manager), David Fiorenza (Finance Director), Colleen Gray (Director of Planning and Zoning), and David Obzud (Police Chief).

CALL TO ORDER – Michael Wacey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, reviewed meeting protocol, announced an Executive Session met on January 17, 2023 to discuss personnel matters and led the pledge.

CONSENT AGENDA – Mr. Wacey called for questions or concerns from the Board regarding items A, B and C, and announced Betsy Fadem requested to have item D be removed for further discussion during the Board Motions, Presentations and Resolutions. The Supervisors discussed it. Don Curley provided clarity for a few items. Mr. Wacey called for public comment. There was none. There was consensus to approve Consent Agenda items A, B and C.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITIONS – Mr. Wacey recognized the following volunteers for their many years of service and commitment in the Township: Mitch Shiles, Stacey Rohrbeck, Heather Hill, Mary Hashemi, Albert Graham, Kristan Burgess, Buck Buchanan, and Scott Borzell. Stacey, Heather and Mary were present to accept their certificates.

BOARD MOTIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

1. Consideration of Resolution for Tax Collection Committee Delegates. Mr. Curley gave a brief background on the purpose of the resolution, which was moved from the Consent Agenda. The resolution designated the Chair and Vice Chair as the delegates, with the Township Manager as the alternate. The Supervisors discussed it. Mrs. Fadem made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alex Bosco seconded the motion. Mr. Wacey called for public comment. There was none. The motion carried 5-0.
2. Consideration of Appointment of Township Manager, Secretary, Treasurer, and Open Records Officer. Mrs. Fadem made a motion to appoint Don Curley as the Township Manager, Secretary, Treasurer, and Open Records Officer. Mr. Bosco seconded the motion. Mr. Wacey called for public comment. There was none. The motion carried 5-0.
3. Consideration to Appoint CBA Work Group. Mr. Curley put forward the need for this work group. The Collective Bargaining Agreement expires at the end of 2023. Mrs. Fadem suggested this work group be an extension of the Personnel Committee, making Mr. Wacey and Mr. Bosco the liaisons. There was consensus to move forward.

4. Consideration of Vision Partnership Program (VPP) Grant Application by the Historical Commission. Anna Sicalides, Chair of the Historical Commission, provided background and answered questions from the Supervisors. Mr. Bosco made a motion to approve the grant application, contributing 10% of the grant not to exceed \$5,000, outside of the existing Historical Commission budget. Mrs. Fadem seconded the motion. Mr. Wacey called for public comment. **Public Comment:** Cheryl Harper (214 Pheasant Run Drive) commented on previous efforts to create the existing list of historical resources, and questioned the purpose of a new list. The motion carried 5-0.
5. Consideration of Signature Authority for Fund 63. Mr. Curley outlined the historical operation for Fund 63, and presented the request by the EMA that the signatory authority be returned to the EMA from the Board. The Supervisors discussed it. Mr. Wacey called for public comment. **Public Comment:** Michael DeFlavia (125 Bartholomew Road) posed a question to the Solicitor regarding resale of the system and potential litigation precedent. There was consensus by the Board of Supervisors to retain signatory authority for Fund 63, including accounting and approval systems, for Fund 63.
6. Consideration of Extension Agreement with Perfect Settings. Mr. Curley provided background to the contract operation of Hilltop House and the request by Perfect Settings for an extension. The Supervisors discussed it, and there was consensus to table it until the next meeting so Perfect Settings can provide further information to the Board. Mr. Wacey called for public comment. There was none.
7. Consideration of Inflation Adjustment to Street Repair Contract. Mr. Curley presented the key elements of the existing contract with Charlestown Paving and the request for an 8% inflation adjustment (due to high inflation post-COVID). After discussion and reviewing the legal aspects of the prospective adjustment, Mr. Bosco made a motion to grant the request for an 8% inflation adjustment. Mrs. Fadem seconded the motion. Mr. Wacey called for public comment. **Public Comment:** Laura Lewis (Radnor), commented on the cost of materials. The motion carried 5-0.
8. Consideration of Building Space Analysis. Erik Unger noted that ECAC recommends suspending work on this project for about six months until further direction from the Board is received. There was consensus to make this a reoccurring agenda item until a determination has been made. Mr. Wacey called for public comment. There was none.
9. Consideration of Financial Advisor for Evaluation of Alternative Revenue Sources. Mr. Curley restated the recognition by the Board of a need for other means of funding revenues. Tom Beckett, a consultant from NW Financial Group, LLC, was present to review options for a prospective analysis. There was consensus for Mr. Beckett to bring a proposal to the Board next month based on the discussion. Mr. Wacey called for public comment. There was none.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS – Mr. Curley led the departmental reports by reviewing key points from the *Manager* report, and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Wacey called for public comment. **Public Comment:** Michelle Bradley (305 Drummers Lane), President of Friends of Historic Waynesborough, commented on the benefits of AAM accreditation for Historic Waynesborough, and the current bathroom renovations taking place. Cheryl Harper (214 Pheasant Run Drive) commented on Historic Waynesborough obtaining AAM accreditation and PhilaLandmarks business practices. Lynne Anderson (709 Newtown Road) commented on

the current use, potential renovation of Historic Waynesborough, and maintaining the integrity of the house. Another unknown resident commented on the integrity of the flooring. Mr. Wacey noted the Board and Staff will look into this situation. Mr. Curley then presented the *Public Works* report. Subsequently, Mr. Fiorenza, Ms. Gray and Chief Obzud presented the *Finance, Planning and Zoning*, and *Police* reports, respectively, and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Wacey called for public comment. There was none.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LIAISON AND WORK GROUP REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Board – Nothing to report.

Recreation, Open Space, and Environmental Resources Plan Task Force – Mr. Wacey noted ROSERP reviewed and organized the list of recommendations that was compiled at the public workshop, and discussed the direction moving forward.

Stormwater Management Advisory Committee – Mr. Bosco reported the Committee will hire an engineer do a high-level evaluation of ten locations, and make recommendations to reduce it to two or three locations for actual engineering.

Library Board of Trustees – Mrs. Fadem report the Board met on January 25th, and wished to convey their thanks to the Supervisors for their support in 2023. The Board has initiated a new initiative called “The Library of Things,” beginning in March, to offer new and different items other than books for the community to borrow. The Friends of the Library are having a wine tasting fundraiser in May. More details to follow.

Environmental Advisory Council – Mr. Wacey noted the Council is working on bringing attention to the bag ban, discussed projects for 2023, and the upcoming stream cleanup in April.

Planning Commission – Mr. Unger noted the PC reviewed one application – the demolition of 23 Knox Avenue – went previously went to the Historical Commission for approval. The project is currently in process.

Historical Commission – Beth D’Antonio reported Historic Waynesborough roof project was approved by the Parks Service, and will move to the bidding process. There was a presentation on an Historic Markers Program, and the Commission will create a sub-committee to look into the feasibility of the program, to potentially bring to the Supervisors at a future date. The Commissioners also reviewed 2022 project statuses moving into 2023, and discussed the VPP Grant.

Easttown Citizen’s Advisory Committee – Mr. Unger noted the Committee discussed the building space analysis and alternative revenue sources, which was discussed earlier.

Easttown Municipal Authority – Mr. Bosco noted the approval of \$2.9 million on high-density polyethylene pipe for the entire Berwyn Force Main Pump Station. An inflow assessment was also discussed to see if sump pumps are connected in certain areas based on meter readings.

Finance Work Group – Mr. Wacey reported the Work Group discussed financial issues for 2023, how the monthly report should look, and direct access to financial data by Supervisors and/or residents.

Police Work Group – Nothing to report.

Fire/EMS Task Force – Mrs. Fadem noted the Task Force met several times in the past month to discuss the Phase 1 Fire/EMS study, the financial situation of our fire company,

the long-term needs of our residents, and to prepare for the joint township public meeting on March 8th in Tredyffrin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mr. Wacey announced the following upcoming regularly-scheduled meetings:

Library Board of Trustees – February 22nd at Easttown Library
Parks and Recreation Board – February 22nd
Environmental Advisory Council – February 23rd
Stormwater Management Advisory Committee – February 28th
Planning Commission – March 7th with Workshop at 6:30 PM
Historical Commission – March 8th
Easttown Citizen’s Advisory Committee – March 13th at 6:15 PM
Easttown Municipal Authority – March 14th
Recreation, Open Space, and Environmental Resources Plan Task Force – March 15th
Zoning Hearing Board – March 16th
Board of Supervisors – March 20th

Mr. Wacey also announced a Joint Fire/EMS Meeting with Tredyffrin Township on Wednesday, March 8th at 7:00 PM in Keene Hall, Tredyffrin Township.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Cara Rash (1524 Green Hill Circle) commented the EAC is participating in the upcoming DCVA Darby Creek Watershed 39th Annual Cleanup on April. Three sites are in Easttown (Hilltop Park, Sussex Place and Gwilym Circle), and the EAC is requesting Board approval to donate \$150 to the DCVA from the EAC’s budget for the event. There was consensus to approve the expense.

- Michelle Bradley (305 Drummers Lane) commented on installation of a plaque at Historic Waynesborough by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:



Susan B. Greene
Assistant Township Secretary