



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 04, 2022

The Regular Meeting took place in the Township meeting room and also via an Authorized Telecommunication Device (ZOOM). Supervisors present included Beth D'Antonio (Chair), Michael Wacey (Vice Chair), Alex Bosco, Erik Unger and Betsy Fadem. Also in attendance were Eugene Briggs (Township Manager), Don Curley (Assistant Township Manager and Director of Public Works), David Fiorenza (Finance Director), Dave Obzud (Chief, Easttown Police Department), Tom Comitta (Township Planner), Michael Bingham (Township MS4 Engineer) and Andy Rau (Township Solicitor).

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman D'Antonio called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Mrs. D'Antonio led the Pledge of Allegiance and reviewed meeting protocol. Mrs. D'Antonio announced that the Board met in Executive Session on March 22, 2022 to discuss legal and personnel issues.
3. **Library Director Recognition** – The Board celebrated the retirement of Library Director, Alan Silverman and honored his 16 years of service with many complimentary sentiments, a poem titled, "One Book, Two Book, Red Book, Blue Book" and a gift. Kathy Lewis, Library Board member, commented on Mr. Silverman's retirement.
4. **Historical Commission Membership** – Mr. Briggs explained that Cheryl Harper, Historical Commission (HC) member, had submitted her resignation from the HC. He went on to summarize the process of accepting the resignation and the process of appointing someone to fill that vacancy. Mrs. D'Antonio made the motion to accept the resignation of Cheryl Harper effective immediately and for Mr. Briggs to begin the process of filling that vacancy. Supervisor Betsy Fadem seconded the motion.
5. **Consent Agenda**

Mrs. D'Antonio called for any changes to the Consent Agenda items. Mrs. D'Antonio made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 5A (the March 21, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes) and 4B, the payment of the bills. Mrs. Fadem seconded the motion. Mrs. D'Antonio called for public comment. There was no public comment. Mrs. D'Antonio called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.
6. **Board Motions, Presentations, and Resolutions**
 - A. **Consideration of Ordinance 450-22 Amending Maximum Density of Multifamily Dwellings in the Village Business and Village Transition Districts**

Solicitor Andy Rau summarized the steps taken to properly advertise and notify the interested parties regarding this amendment. He noted the changes to the density as follows: Dwelling, Multifamily in the VB (Village Business) District – 16 dwelling units per acre of net lot area; Dwelling, Multifamily, including Townhouse, in the VT (Village Transition) District – 12 dwelling units per acre of net lot area. Mrs. D’Antonio made a motion to adopt Ordinance 450-22, further amending Section 455-24.K providing for a maximum density of multifamily dwellings in the VB and VT Districts to 16 dwelling units per acre of net lot area in the VB (Village Business) and 12 dwelling units per acre of net lot area in the VT (Village Transition) District. Supervisor Erik Unger seconded the motion. The Board discussed this amendment. Mrs. D’Antonio called for public comment. Tom Comitta commented on the Ordinance amendment. Mrs. D’Antonio called for the vote. The motion carried 4-1 with Mrs. Fadem voting nay.

B. Consideration of 1993 Recreation, Open Space, and Environmental Resources Plan

– Mr. Briggs summarized that this was a continuation from the discussion started at the March 7th Board of Supervisors meeting where the Board decided to proceed with the Township Planner’s (Tom Comitta and Associates) proposal to update the Recreation, Open Space and Environmental Resources Plan. Mr. Briggs outlined the additions to Mr. Comitta’s original proposal. Mrs. Fadem suggested reducing the number of members on the task force. The Board agreed to seven members in total: 3 from the community; 1 from the Board, 1 from the Planning Commission 1 from the Parks and Recreation Board and 1 from the Environmental Advisory Council. Mrs. D’Antonio made a motion that the Board of Supervisors move forward with Mr. Comitta’s proposal to update the Recreation, Open Space and Environmental Resources Plan at a cost not to exceed \$66,000 and to start the process to appoint members to the task force. Mr. Unger seconded the motion. Mrs. D’Antonio called for public comment. There was no public comment. Mrs. D’Antonio called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.

C. Receive Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Update

– Mr. Don Curley presented this agenda item noting that the technical and financial requirements of the 5-year MS4 permit issued by the State are becoming increasingly significant. The current permit runs from July 2020 through June 2025 and has retained all of its past requirements with some new state requirements and costs which Mr. Curley outlined for the Board. The Board discussed the update and asked questions of Mr. Curley and Mr. Rau. Mrs. D’Antonio called for public comment. There was no public comment.

D. Consideration of Professional Service Agreement for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit (MS4) Project Number 2

– Mr. Curley presented this project (a bioswale on South Leopard Road) which is a component of the Township’s MS4 permit. The swale is intended to satisfy one of the requirements of the Township’s MS4 permit and is part of a plan to control sediment. It has been approved by the DEP. The first step in the project is to approve the PSA (Professional Service Agreement) for design, preparation of bidding documents and construction phase services for the construction of the bioswale on S. Leopard Road. Mr. Michael Bingham, Township Engineer, was on hand to present details of the project and answer questions from the Board. Mr. Bosco made a motion that the Board of Supervisors approve the Professional Services Agreement as presented. Mrs. Fadem seconded the motion. Mr. Curley will provide the Board

members with a copy of the specifications. Mrs. D'Antonio called for public comment. There was no public comment. Mrs. D'Antonio called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.

E. Consideration of Issuing Request for Proposals for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit Project Number 1 – Mr. Curley and Mr. Bingham presented this agenda item noting that this project is also part of the MS4 permit. The project is a bioswale at the Greens and the next step in the process is for the Engineer to issue the Request for Proposals. Mr. Bosco made a motion that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Staff to issue the Request for Proposals. Mrs. Fadem seconded the motion. Mrs. D'Antonio called for public comment. Margaret Dalesandro, 610 Clovelly Lane, commented on the replacement of any brush that is removed as part of these projects. Mrs. D'Antonio called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.

F. Consideration of Streets for Paving Using Liquid Fuels – Mr. Curley presented this agenda item noting that the list of proposed streets was provided in his cover memo dated March 29, 2022. Mrs. Fadem made a motion that the Board of Supervisors approve the list of streets to be paved and authorized the staff to issue the Request for Proposal. Mr. Bosco seconded the motion. Mrs. D'Antonio called for public comment. Kate Goddard, 1230 South Leopard Road, commented on the South Leopard paving. Mrs. D'Antonio called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.

G. Consideration to Appoint Joyce DeYoung to the Historical Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2023 – Mr. Bosco presented this agenda item and made the motion that the Board of Supervisors appoint Joyce DeYoung to the Historical Commission with a term expiring on December 31, 2023. Mrs. Fadem seconded the motion. Mrs. D'Antonio called for public comment. There was no public comment. Mrs. D'Antonio called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.

6. Departmental Reports

A. Township Manager – Mr. Briggs summarized his report and answered questions from the Board members. He noted that the next special meetings to discuss the Omnibus Code Amendments will be on May 12 (Policy-related and Noise amendments) and May 24 (Bees).

B. Public Works – Mr. Curley presented his report and answered questions from the Board.

7. Regular Township Business – Since there was nothing pulled from the consent agenda, there was no regular Township business to discuss.

8. Other Business

A. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Proposed Allocation – Mr. Briggs presented this agenda item explaining which items qualify for ARPA funds and the timeline for the allocation and spending of these funds. The Board discussed how to budget and spend these monies. After discussion, the Board was tasked with reviewing the list for discussion at an upcoming Board of Supervisors Meeting.

- B. Connecting Upstream and Downstream Communities within the Darby-Cobbs Watershed Participation Agreement** –The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is championing this program, recommending that Kate Goddard, EAC member, join the Watershed Partners Team. The goals of the Team are: to explore how upstream land use and cover, flood plain restoration and nature based stormwater management techniques impact floor risk downstream; raise public awareness and knowledge of the cause of flooding; position community members as local experts and to build adaptation planning capacity. Participation will involve about 7 meetings in total and members are required to attend all meetings. It was noted that this is a 5-year commitment. The Board agreed to have Ms. Goddard participate in this program and thanked the EAC and specifically Ms. Goddard for her participation.
- C. Letter of Support for East Whiteland Township’s Route 30 Corridor Improvement Project (Road Diet)** – Mr. Briggs outlined that the letter of support will be included in East Whiteland’s grant application for this project. The consensus of the Board is that Mr. Briggs should sign the letter noting how positive it will be to have an example of a road diet in close proximity.
- D. Other:** The Board discussed Annual reports from the ABCs.

9. Announcements

Mrs. D’Antonio read the following announcements: The following meetings are scheduled and will be held in the Township meeting room with an option to attend the meeting virtually. Please visit the Township website at www.easttown.org to find information on how to view and participate in each of the meetings and for up to date information on all Township activities.

- Planning Commission, April 5th at 7:00 PM with a Workshop meeting beginning at 6:30 PM
- Easttown Citizen’s Advisory Committee, April 11th at 6:15 PM
- Municipal Authority, April 12th at 7:00 PM
- Historical Commission Meeting, April 13th at 7:00 PM
- Board of Supervisors Meeting, April 18st at 7:00 PM
- Please note that the Township office is closed on Good Friday, April 15th.
- The Easttown EAC will be hosting a Native Plants Workshop at the Library on April 5th at 6:30 PM. Participants are welcome to join in person or via Zoom. Please register at easttown@easttown.org.
- The Chester County Solid Waste Authority is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Event in Phoenixville on Saturday, April 9th. Registration is required. Visit the Township website for more information and to register.
- Please support the Paoli Fire Company’s Flower sale which is going on April 15th – April 17th. Visit their Facebook page to find out more information.
- The Easttown EAC is hosting a clean-up of the Darby Creek in 4 locations throughout the Township on April 23rd at 9 AM. Children are welcome. Please sign up using the sign-up links available on the Township website.
- Mrs. Fadem noted that World Culture Day for the Community will be held on April 29, 2022 at the T/E Middle School. This event will be advertised on the Township website.

10. Public Comment – There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at approximately 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Norris
Administrative Assistant to the Township Manager