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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
December 4, 2023**

PRESENT: **LORELEI COPLEN, ROBERT LINE, III, ROB KOLE - SUPERVISORS;** Larry Barrick, Manager; Marjorie Bear, Assistant Manager/Secretary/Treasurer; Christian Miller, Solicitor.

ABSENT: Jason Reichard, Engineer; Glenn Kelso, Public Works Director/Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer; Brandon Brookens, Assistant Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer.

VISITORS: Jen DeGaetano, Justin Atwood.

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairwoman Coplen called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A certificate for her many years of dedicated service as a Supervisor and a pen set was presented to Lorelei Coplen from Bob Line and Rob Kole.
- There will be multiple positions opening up for 2024 for the various Township Boards. Residents are encouraged to apply.
 - Park and Recreation Board has two positions open to apply.
 - Planning Commission has two positions open to apply.
 - Municipal Authority has two positions open to apply.
 - Zoning Hearing Board has one position open to apply.
 - Zoning Hearing Board has one position for an Alternate open to apply.
- The Board of Supervisors held an executive session this evening from 5:33 PM to 5:54 PM to discuss professional services.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Chairwoman Coplen and seconded by Supervisor Kole but then withdrawn.

Supervisor Kole added new business item #2 to discuss the Solicitor position for 2024.

A motion was made by Chairwoman Coplen and seconded by Vice Chairman Line and unanimously passed to approve the agenda as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Chairwoman Coplen and seconded by Vice Chairman Line and unanimously passed to approve the November 20, 2023 meeting minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Chairwoman Coplen and seconded by Vice Chairman Line and unanimously passed to pay the bills for December 4, 2023.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairwoman Coplen mentioned canceling the December 18th meeting if there are no business items. A final decision will be made around December 13th. Chairwoman Coplen thanked the other Board members for the certificate and pen set.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT Report provided

GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT (non-agenda items) None

PUBLIC HEARINGS None

PLAN REVIEW/CONDITIONAL USE HEARINGS None

NEW BUSINESS

1 Waste Management retention for year five (5) of the contract. Discussion and direction.

Supervisor Kole questioned if there have been any changes since the last discussion on this matter several months ago. Manager Barrick said there have been changes for the better, the main operations have been transferred to the Camp Hill facility, and calls and complaints are less. Higher prices are expected in a new bid, and the companies are looking to get away from the administrative side such as the billing. Vice Chairman Line questioned the possibility of bidding with other Townships and Manager Barrick said he will keep the communications open.

A motion was made by Chairwoman Coplen and seconded by Vice Chairman Line and unanimously passed to extend the contract with Waste Management with the one year option which would be the 5th and final year of the current contract.

2. Solicitor for 2024.

Supervisor Kole expressed interest in putting out an RFP for Solicitor professional services for 2024. He feels the Township needs a Solicitor who will help with the FPR issue; obtaining grants; a composting site or sharing services with other Townships; Barnitz Mill; and moving forward with Lindenwood Park. Other Townships he has spoken to attribute their success to their Solicitor. He wants to get a jump on 2024.

Vice Chairman Line stated Solicitor Miller has provided wonderful services to the Township and has kept us out of litigation. There are a number of things we did not ask him to be engaged in and if we would have asked him, he would have provided the service. Solicitor Miller has kept peace and quiet in the Township and Supervisor Line is quite satisfied with the representation. Chairwoman Coplen was protective of the new Supervisors' responsibility to make a decision once on the Board. The Board makes the appointment, but there is also a process to unappoint them. She understands Supervisor Kole's position, but three weeks will not make a difference.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kole and seconded by Vice Chairman Line for discussion purpose to put out an RFP in December for Solicitor services for 2024. The motion failed with a yes vote from Supervisor Kole, and two no votes from Chairwoman Coplen and Vice Chairman Line.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Barrick mentioned he provided a signed copy of his annual evaluation to the Board. Chairwoman Coplen mentioned the recent settlement on the opioid matter and questioned if the Township may received any funds from that settlement. She strongly encouraged the Board to look closely at applying it to the intended purpose to offset costs of those with tragedy and addiction. It may be appropriate to help emergency services or even park & recreation programs for mental health. She cautioned the Board to think broadly with what to do with the money, if received. Manager Barrick thought the County may keep the money but will raise the question at upcoming Municipal Outreach and COG meetings.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT Nothing to report

TREASURER'S REPORT Nothing to report

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT Nothing to report

PUBLIC WORKS Nothing to report

ENGINEER'S REPORT Nothing to report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Nothing to report

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

1. Food Processing Residuals (FPRs) and Biosolids update - Manager Barrick mentioned the Resolution that is being circulated to the COG and CCATO to officially ask the state representatives and DEP for help with the FPR issue and request changes to the current guidelines and regulations, as a combined effort. The Board was asked to provide input by Thursday morning.
2. Park & Rec and Carlisle School District vacant lot discussion – Nothing to report
3. Future of Barnitz Mill Discussion – Manager Barrick was asked to provide an update for the January meeting.
4. Discussion to begin Enforcement of the “No Parking Zone” on Old State Road in Hunters Run – Manager Barrick said Public Works Director Kelso is working through the options. He is looking into whether staff could offset some of the costs by working with the engineer. Justin Atwood expressed that the current situation has existed for 100 years so why does a change have to be made. Chairwoman Coplen said the matter was recently brought to their attention, and once that happens it becomes a liability for everyone involved.
5. Appointment of Michael L. Shenk to the Park and Recreation Board. Term to expire December 31, 2026. –

A motion was made by Supervisor Kole to table this matter to allow time to meet with Julie Quigley of the Park & Recreation Board. The motion died for lack of a second.

Supervisor Kole said he met with Michael Shenk, who has a good resume, and suggests he would do a good job, but feels he should meet the Park & Recreation Board prior to being appointed. Most of the Park & Recreation Board members are rather new and many of their meetings this year were canceled. Vice Chairman Line mentioned he went to school with Mr. Shenk and he is a top notch person and he highly recommends his appointment. He mentioned the Park & Recreation Board meetings were canceled due to a lack of a quorum.

A motion was made by Chairwoman Coplen and seconded by Vice Chairman Line and by majority vote it was approved to appoint Michael Shenk to the Park and Recreation Board, with a term to expire on December 31, 2026. Chairwoman Coplen and Vice Chairman Line voted yes and Supervisor Kole voted no.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Chairwoman Coplen and seconded by Vice Chairman Line and passed unanimously to adjourn at 6:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Bear

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Asst Manager/Secretary/Treasurer

