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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING January 2, 2024

PRESENT: ROBERT LINE, III, ROB KOLE, JEN DEGAETANO - SUPERVISORS; Larry Barrick, Manager; Marjorie Bear, Assistant Manager/Secretary/Treasurer; Glenn Kelso, Public Works Director; Brandon Brookens, Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer; Christian Miller, Solicitor.

ABSENT: Jason Reichard, Engineer

VISITORS: Nate Merkle, Judy Brough, Sandie Brandner.

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Kole called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Chairman Kole and seconded by Vice Chairman Line and unanimously passed to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Supervisor DeGaetano and seconded by Vice Chairman Line and unanimously passed to approve the December 4, 2023 meeting minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Line and seconded by Supervisor DeGaetano and unanimously passed to ratify the bills for December 18 and to pay the bills for January 2, 2024.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairman Kole thanked the Board members for putting him in the position with the gavel. He presented an outline of six points that he would like to see for 2024 that included building collaborative relationships with the various Boards and Commissions and to hold annual workshops with them; to utilize the first meeting of the month for workshops to brainstorm to establish better communication in an informal setting with no votes being taken, just dialogue; for the Board of Supervisors to establish annual initiatives and deadlines and to put the Comprehensive Plan into action because ideas without execution are hallucinations; to dive deeply into the township finances to better protect the Board and staff and to engage the elected auditors; to explore new ideas and innovations because change is coming with warehouses and residential developments, and the need for looking at grants and shared services; and lastly to make a conservative effort to put the township residents first in everything we do because we are a service organization and we need to make it easy for the residents to deal with the local government.

Nate Merkle mentioned his interactions as a resident with township staff has been phenomenal and he commended the staff. Chairman Kole said there is always room for improvement and we should always strive for perfection.

Vice Chairman Line mentioned that he disagrees with warehouses and high density and his desire to keep the township rural. The more residents there are, the more services are needed and the costs to the Township are more.

Supervisor DeGaetano agreed with Chairman Koles list of ideas and she wants to provide the best services possible.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT Nothing to report

GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT (non-agenda items)

Judy Brough welcomed Jen DeGaetano and Brandon Brookens to the Township. She thanked Lorelei Coplen for her service and her hard work on behalf of the residents is appreciated. Ms. Brough said the text alerts from the Township are very helpful, and residents need to be encouraged to use the new methods of communicating with the Township. She is happy to see the electronic forms also on the website. She mentioned the security breach with Comcast Xfinity and suggested passwords should be changed.

Sandy Brandner expressed her concern with the FPR matter, the smell, the negative effect on her business, and not being able to do anything outdoors. There was a lengthy discussion among the Supervisors and residents in attendance on the FPR matter, what efforts have been done to date, the various agencies that have been involved in the issue, and ideas for continued efforts to bring about change in regulations and how the issue is being handled. The Board directed staff to establish an excel spreadsheet to log all complaints received at the Township office.

PUBLIC HEARINGS None

PLAN REVIEW/CONDITIONAL USE HEARINGS None

NEW BUSINESS

1 Resolution 2024 -01 - Application, Review, and Inspection Administrative Fees

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Line and seconded by Supervisor DeGaetano and unanimously passed to adopt Resolution 2024-01 which is the Application, Review and Inspection, Administrative Fees.

2. Resolution 2024-02.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Line and seconded by Supervisor DeGaetano and unanimously passed to adopt Resolution 2024-02 which designates depositories for Township Funds and authorizing signers on accounts maintained at the designated depositories.

MANAGER'S REPORT Nothing to report

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

There was discussion on the concern that was raised with the safety of the intersection of Stuart Road and Yellow Breeches Road. The resident is responsible for making sure the clear sight triangle is clear of anything that would block the view of the intersection. There are costs and legal requirements involved anytime a traffic pattern is altered.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Nothing to report

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor DeGaetano stated she is excited to serve the Township and she is always here for questions and concerns. She will do her best to serve everyone and get timely information out.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Food Processing Residuals (FPRs) and Biosolids update – Nothing to report.
2. Park & Rec and Carlisle School District vacant lot discussion – Nothing to report. The Board agreed to remove this item from the Old Business agenda.
3. Future of Barnitz Mill Discussion – Nothing to report
4. Discussion to begin Enforcement of the “No Parking Zone” on Old State Road in Hunters Run – Manager Barrick said the resident concerned with this matter will be notified as soon as the information is ready to report.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Line and seconded by Supervisor DeGaetano and passed unanimously to adjourn at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Bear

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Asst Manager/Secretary/Treasurer

