

January 3, 2023

*Mr. Smock, President of the Board, convened the work session at 7:00 PM on the above date. Also present were Commissioners Pavone and Miller (Commissioner Milazzo was absent), as well as: Jason M. Bobst; Colleen Marsini, Esquire; Kathy Frederick; Michael Kelly; Stephen Morris; Donna Horn; Michael Valyo; Allan Booz; and Jon Dzedzy. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting proceeded.*

**Announcement** *President Smock wished all in attendance a “Happy New Year”.*

**Discussion/  
Status Update** *Mr. Bobst mentioned that the Township’s Tax Collector, Martin Sheehan, will make a presentation to the Board at next week’s meeting of the status of tax receipts.*

*Per Mr. Bobst, Montgomery County is following up on its presentation to the Board of its proposed bike lanes and sharrows on Burnside Avenue and is requesting a letter from the Township agreeing to same. Mr. Bobst mentioned that he and Mr. Valyo reviewed the request and that he is in favor of the bike lane on Burnside between Main and Marshall Streets, but is not sure of the sharrows from Marshall Street to Germantown Pike and he is seeking the Board members opinions. Mr. Miller inquired if we may change our minds afterward if the bike lanes/sharrows are not working. It was mentioned by Mr. Smock that after paving curb to curb the roadway may be safer and he would therefore be supporting of bike lanes, but not sharrows, while Ms. Eckles added that she is against sharrows altogether. Mr. Miller suggested that we apply for the lanes and sharrows to have an option and Mr. Smock agreed that having option is a good idea.*

**Manager** *According to Mr. Bobst, the following items would be considered for adoption and/or action thereon at the next Board meeting:*

- A. Adopting Resolution #22-1697 implementing property tax penalty waiver provisions. Mr. Bobst mentioned that this is a result of the PA General Assembly’s Act 57 of 2022, which he read and explained; and*
- B. Accepting resignations and making appointments to the Township’s Boards and Commissions.*

**Liaison  
Committee  
Reports**

*Ms. Eckles mentioned that the Arts & Culture Committee is hosting a concert by the Philadelphia Academy of Vocal Arts at United Ascension Church on February 5<sup>th</sup>, and that the Committee is seeking additional members.*

*Ms. Pavone commented that the HRC is hosting a showing of the movie “Hidden Figures” on January 15<sup>th</sup> at the United Ascension Church, and that this will be the first in a series of movies on diversion and inclusion.*

*It was noted by Mr. Miller that the EAC did not meet, but did gather for a holiday dinner at Nonna Rosa Restaurant.*

*Also, Ms. Eckles added that the Civil Service Commission meets tomorrow.*

**Public  
Comment**

*Leroy James Watters, III. of 1 E. Indian Lane expressed his pleasure that the Township has not raised taxes in past seven (7) years. Also, Mr. Watters inquired about where and how residents can report problems or issues in the Township. In response thereto, Mr. Bobst mentioned that on the front page of the website there is a "Report a Problem" option which takes you to a Request Tracker where such issues/problems can be generated. Mr. Watters concluded by stating that "it's all good, and I'm really happy with you guys".*

*Upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Eckles and unanimously agreed, the public comment portion of the meeting was closed.*

**Upcoming  
Meeting Dates**

*According to Mr. Bobst, the following is the upcoming schedule of meetings: Environmental Advisory Council – February 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM; Recreation Committee – January 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM; West Norriton Academy – January 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM; Planning Commission – January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM; Zoning Hearing Board - None; and Human Relations Commission – January 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM.*

**Adjournment**

*There being no further items on the agenda, upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Pavone and unanimously approved, the work session was adjourned at 7:25 PM.*

*Kathy K. Frederick  
Assistant Secretary*