

February 1, 2022

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

**Discussion/
Update**

- A. *According to Mr. Bobst, Ms. Milazzo and Ms. Pavone met today to review American Rescue Fund grant applications and will have approximately 12 small business and 2 non-profit grants on the agenda for approval next week.*

- B. *Mr. Bobst stated that Tower Co. appeared at the recent Zoning Hearing Board meeting and was asked to review alternative locations for the cell tower due to resident opposition. A map of the alternative locations was presented. A review of same by Mr. Garton revealed: Location E is not viable due to it being in the field of play on hole # 17; Locations D & C would not work as they are too close to the construction zone of the new banquet facility/clubhouse; Location A is not an option as it is too close to a sewer easement running through it; and Location B is ideal with easy access to a roadway and not in the field of play. Concerns over cell phone coverage in the area, especially dropped 911 calls is paramount according to Mr. Bobst. Questions of the Board included camouflaging the tower, pushing back the tower a bit on site B, impact on television or cable coverage of the residents, and noise. Mr. Bobst*

- C. *Per Mr. Bobst, he conferred with Senator Muth, Congressman Dean and representatives from SEPTA and the VA to discuss the bus stop at the new VA clinic. According to Mr. Bobst, the request is to have the bus drop off on the same side of the street as the VA clinic and not across the street as is now the case. After review, a plan was made by Mr. Bobst and Mr. Garton to have a pad and new crosswalk installed, which plan was submitted to SEPTA. Mr. Bobst stated that the Township's Liquid Fuels funds could pay for the approximately \$10,000.00 project with the VA to pay for maintenance thereafter. Mr. Bobst suggested that a Globus representative be present at the Board's meeting next week to discuss the project.*

Mr. Bobst stated that the following items would be considered for adoption and/or action thereon at the next Board meeting:

- A. *Adopting PEMA Resolution – Designation of Agent for Hazard Mitigation Grant for raising and/or acquiring of properties damaged by Hurricane Ida. Per Mr. Bobst, Mr. Valyo has*

done a good job with this program and will continue in the official capacity as agent.

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- B. Granting of Land Development Waiver request of Globus Medical and its parking lot expansion at 2500 General Armistead Blvd. According to Mr. Bobst, Township Engineers Gilmore & Associates is confident that Globus can comply with the all recommendations/conditions in its review letter.*
- C. Accepting the resignations of two members of the Human Relations Commission: Benjamin Ratkiewicz and Lynda Waltman, and appointing members, if appropriate; and*
- D. Adopting Resolution #21-1680 Designating Depositories of the Township Tax Collector.*

**Liaison
Committee
Reports**

Accolades were again given by Mr. Smock to the Public Works Department for doing a great job on snow removal.

Ms. Milazzo mentioned that the Recreation Committee met this month to plan future events and that the Silver Circle would be meeting this month.

Ms. Pavone noted that the HRC is losing members and is seeking new members and that they are looking to train members.

**Public
Comment**

Per Mr. Bobst, no public comments were received prior to the meeting.

James L. Watters, III of 1 E. Indian Lane complimented the public works department on the "great snow removal". Mr. Watters expressed his concerns over flooding and impaired streams which he indicated is a "violation of constitutional rights". In that regard, it was mentioned by Mr. Watters that he has had communications with all legislators on this topic and that he is considering suing East Norriton Township for damage to the Whitehall Road bridge due to its floodwater. Mr. Watters concluded by stating that he is "doing his veteran's best to keep this Township safe".

Michael Marchese, along with his brother, Jim Marchese, of 100 S. Trooper Road commented that the proposed cell tower will be 50' from his property and as a long-time West Norriton business owner, he is worried about the effect on his property value. Jim Marchese added that he doesn't know why are other locations are not useable, that the tower would be "doing us harm", and that we should let Lower Providence take on the problem since 90% of the issue is theirs.

Mary Ellen Moran, 714 Port Indian Road, inquired why the bus stop issue at the VA clinic not handled at the time of construction. Ms. Moran also expressed her concern over, among other things, the parking lot expansion at Globus, the loss of open space, the loss of the trees which were removed from the Westover property (which trees she commented were “not diseased”), and the Blue Dove Basin. Mr. Garton commented that the Blue Dove Basin was around before any of us, but that it is severely undersized. Ms. Moran concluded by stating that “if you don’t live along the river then you don’t know” and “we need open space”.

There being no further public comment, upon motion of Ms. Milazzo, seconded by Ms. Pavone and unanimously agreed, the public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

***Upcoming
Meeting Dates***

According to Mr. Bobst, a meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council is scheduled for tomorrow, February 2nd @ 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

There being no further items on the agenda, upon motion of Ms. Milazzo, seconded by Ms. Pavone and unanimously approved, the work session was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

*Kathy K. Frederick
Assistant Secretary*

