

February 11, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of West Norriton Township was convened at 7:00 PM on the above date by President Miller. Commissioners Eckles, Milazzo, Pavone and Smock were in attendance. Also, present were: Jason Bobst; Sean Kilkenny, Esquire; Kathy Frederick; A. Dale Mabry; Michael Kelly; Donna Horn; Michael Valyo; Jon Dzedzy; T.J. Figaniak; and Ed Brown. There were fourteen (14) people in the audience.

After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting proceeded.

Presentation: Having previously appeared before the Board on this issue, Bill Sabey represented the Sierra Club's National "Ready for 100" Campaign for renewable energy. According to Mr. Sabey, more than 70% of all Pennsylvanians feel that renewable energy is the way to go, and he is requesting that the Township make a commitment to transition to renewable energy. The target dates of the Campaign are by 2035 for electricity and 2050 for heat and transportation. The process of the Township's participation was explained by Mr. Sabey as a 3-step approach, i.e., Resolution, Plan and Action. Ms. Eckles inquired if SEPTA is "on board" with the program as she stated that it would be difficult for us to join if SEPTA is not. Mr. Miller suggested that the EAC review this issue and come up with strategies and a plan of attack.

Minutes Approval Upon motion of Ms. Milazzo, seconded by Ms. Eckles and unanimously passed by the Board were the minutes of its reorganization meeting/work session of January 6, 2020 and its regular meeting of January 14, 2020.

Report of Bills Approval of checks Ms. Horn read the Finance Committee Report and requested approval of: General Fund and Golf Club payroll checks in the amount of \$18,911.63; payroll vouchers in the amount \$251,927.64; and the Payment Approval Report in the amount of \$546,330.15.

Upon motion of Ms. Eckles, seconded by Mr. Smock and unanimously agreed, the Report of Bills was approved.

Committee Reports: Administration & Finance Mr. Bobst enumerated and highlighted the Agenda items under New Business, and he provided an update on MLP Ventures regarding the possible acquisition of land on Port Indian. According to Mr. Bobst, there is a covenant on the property which would need to be removed and the neighboring property owners would need to be contacted for their approval. If any opposition is raised, then the Township would have no interest in purchasing the property. In response to an inquiry by Ms. Eckles as to why owners would object, Mr. Bobst stated that perhaps prior relationships with the owners may come into play. Mr. Miller inquired about the covenant on the property and, in response thereto, Mr. Bobst responded that the site lot size could not be met so the open space covenant was placed.

Treasurer Horn did not present her report at the meeting; however, she has submitted her summary which shows cash balances in the various funds as follows:

	<u>December 31st</u>	<u>January 31st</u>
General Fund	9,088,269.45	8,849,371.70
PLGIT 10105000	76,182.18	67,074.96
PLGIT CD - SEWER	1,469,000.00	1,469,000.00
Golf Fund	14,512.90	24,981.77
Escrow Fund	585,220.66	586,273.50
Sinking Fund	6,226.29	6,234.15
Liquid Fuels	183,630.31	183,754.89
Capital Reserve PLGIT	21,297.56	21,297.56
Capital Reserve PLIGIT PLUS	29,359.58	29,396.69
Sewer Capital Acct	2,856,347.05	2,758,322.29
Vehicle Replacement Fund	606,734.47	578,695.13
Police Pension Citizens	14,241.66	24,222.99
Non-Uniform Pension Citizens	2,497.54	3,342.13
Grants, DUI	0.00	0.00
Grants, Misc.	116,371.52	116,450.39
Traffic Impact Fee	457,915.71	449,470.51

Public Safety Chief Mabry highlighted the monthly public safety report and noted that body cameras will be deployed next month. In response to an inquiry by Mr. Smock regarding training for the body cameras, Chief Mabry explained that no use training is required, only policy training.

Public Works & Planning The highlights of the Public Works and Building-Plumbing reports were presented by Mr. Valyo who mentioned that there is a shortage of cold patch, which is used to fill potholes. Mr. Miller inquired about the water main break on Trooper Road.

Recreation The Recreation report was prepared and highlighted by Mr. Dzedzy who announced that a schedule of events for the year will be sent out tomorrow.

Jeffersonville Golf Club Mr. Bobst presented the monthly golf report and noted "great play for the month of January and a good start to 2020".

It was mentioned by Mr. Bobst that the Streambank Stabilization Project on holes #2, #17 & #18 meets the MS4 requirement. Also, the potential cell tower on S. Trooper Road side of the course (not involving play on the course) may generate revenue of \$1,200 - \$1,500 a month per Mr. Bobst. In response to an inquiry by Ms. Milazzo, Mr. Bobst noted that the cell tower location would not be near residential properties.

Sanitary Sewer The highlights of the monthly Sanitary Report of Gilmore & Associates were presented by Mr. Figaniak who announced

that an overview and possible upgrade to the Rittenhouse Force Main will be presented at the March work session.

Also, the emergency work done approximately 2 weeks ago on a crack where the force main meets the Whitehall Pump Station took 27 hours to repair, according to Mr. Figaniak.

Engineer

The engineer's report of Gilmore & Associates was prepared and highlighted by Mr. Brown, including upcoming projects. Specific mention was made by Mr. Brown of the replacement of the Verizon pipe leading to the Blue Dove basin as sediment is getting into the basin. According to Mr. Brown, after repair/replacement of the pipe Blue Dove Basin can proceed.

Upon motion of Ms. Milazzo, seconded by Mr. Smock and unanimously passed, the Department Reports were approved.

Commissioners' Comment

Mr. Miller highlighted the recent meetings of the EAC and the Pillar of the Community Award committees, while Ms. Eckles highlighted the Civil Service Committee meeting.

Public Comment

Mary Ellen Moran of 714 Port Indian Road, expressed her displeasure with what she perceives as the township's unwillingness to spend \$26,000.00 for 3 acres of open space on Port Indian while considering spending \$7,000.00 for tuition reimbursement for police officers. Ms. Moran stated that she was glad to hear that the Blue Dove Basin is not operating properly since she had been reporting on that issue for some time. In conclusion, Ms. Moran commented that "it seems like a lot of things are going on and no one knows" and cited an example of a neighbor of hers not being aware of the police reimbursement.

L. James Watters, III of 1 E. Indian Lane suggested that the Township get involved with Blue Marsh as regards releases and flooding and create a "clash of the titans" between FEMA and the Army Corps of Engineers to stop the mess and address flooding issues.

There being no further public comment offered, upon motion of Ms. Eckles, seconded by Mr. Miller and unanimously approved, the public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

New Business

Upon motion of Ms. Milazzo, seconded by Mr. Miller and unanimously agreed, the Board adopted Resolution #20-1648 approving amendments to the Rules and Regulations for the Civil Service Commission (copy attached).

Upon motion of Ms. Eckles, seconded by Ms. Pavone and unanimously agreed, the Board authorized the Civil Service Commission to create an eligibility list for the position of patrol officer.

Upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Smock and unanimously agreed, the Board adopted Resolution #20-1649 appointing members to the Township's Board and Commissions (copy attached).

Upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Milazzo and unanimously agreed, the Board approved the execution of the Agreement to Authorize Electronic Access to PENNDOT Systems and its accompanying Resolution to allow the Engineer to submit documents electronically on behalf of the Township.

Schedule of Meetings

Mr. Bobst announced that upcoming meetings are scheduled as follows: EAC on February 5th at 7:00 PM; Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board - None; and Human Relations Commission on February 27th @ 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:24 PM, on motion of Mr. Smock and seconded by Ms. Pavone, the public meeting was adjourned.

Kathy Frederick
Assistant Secretary