

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 Smock. Commissioners Eckles, Milazzo, Miller and Pavone were in attendance. Also, in attendance were: Jason Bobst; Colleen Marsini, Esquire; Kathy Frederick; Michael Kelly; Stephen Morris; Donna Horn; Michael Valyo; Allan Booz; Jon Dzedzy; T.J. Figaniak; and Erik Garton. After the pledge of allegiance was recited, the meeting proceeded.

Minutes Approval Upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Milazzo and unanimously approved by the Board were the Minutes of its work session of January 3, 2023 and regular meeting of January 10, 2023 after amending a comment attributed to Commissioner Pavone instead of Commissioner Eckles.

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 \$31,430.60; payroll vouchers in the amount of \$485,105.19; and the Payment Approval Report of \$1,093,277.20. Upon motion of Ms. Milazzo, seconded by Ms. Eckles and unanimously approved was the aforementioned finance report.

Committee Reports: Admin & Finance Mr. Bobst highlighted the agenda items under New Business and added that a conference of the Pennsylvania Association of Township Commissioners (PATC) will be held in May and that he is on the committee; therefore, if there are any topics to be addressed, please advise. Also, Mr. Bobst suggested an allocation from the American Rescue Funds to the Jefferson Fire Co. No. 1 of approx. \$75,000 - \$100,000 to assist in purchasing new rescue equipment to upfit its new firetruck (from hydraulic to electric). Per Mr. Bobst, other expenditures from the Funds are earmarked as follows: sanitary sewer credit \$290,000; stormwater pipe upgrade \$250,000; and homeowner property rehab \$300,000. Mr. Smock commented that the rescue equipment allocation is "a great idea" and suggested that \$125,000.00 be allocated to Jefferson Fire Company for that purpose. Mr. Valyo, President of JFC thanked the Board and Mr. Miller added that the Board is "glad to help". Mr. Bobst concluded by noting that the Dog Park Project is 100% funded and that the money should be in the bank by the end of the week.

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	10,509,513.81	10,346,028.75
PLGIT 10105000	77,379.01	58,833.45
PLGIT CD - SEWER	1,519,457.80	1,524,891.50
Golf Fund	14,792.40	(39,067.99)
Escrow Fund	463,945.61	476,778.11
Sinking Fund	4,188.31	4,188.38

Bd. of Commiss. Liquid Fuels 199,046.28 177,148.71
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Capital Reserve PLGIT	21,751.54	21,830.56
Capital Reserve PLIGIT PLUS	19,673.39	19,673.39
Sewer Capital Acct	3,329,022.98	3,334,281.01
WN 2020 Project Fund	2.74	2.74
Vehicle Replacement Fund	543,224.17	544,082.17
Police Pension Citizens	92,680.96	103,154.55
Non-Uniform Pension Citizens	13,146.96	13,905.74
Grants, DUI	0.00	0.00
Grants, Misc.	3,137.34	3,142.30
Traffic Impact Fee	380,953.48	381,555.18

Public Safety

Chief Kelly highlighted the monthly public safety report and statistics on citations, arrests, accidents, calls, etc.

Public Works & Planning

The highlights of the Public Works & Planning report were presented by Mr. Valyo.

Building & Permitting

Mr. Booz presented the highlights of his expanded Building & Permitting report to include new businesses, et al.

Parks & Recreation

The Parks & Recreation report was prepared and highlighted by Mr. Dzedzy who mentioned that the Silver Circle will be meeting with Representative Matt Bradford for a Q&A on February 15th @ 1:00 PM at the Jefferson Fire Company No. 1. Also, Mr. Dzedzy announced that Opening Day of Norriton Little League is scheduled for April 15th.

Jeffersonville Golf Club

Mr. Bobst presented the monthly golf report of the revenue and rounds of the course and the revenue and expenses of The Paddock. According to Mr. Bobst, "we are off to a good start" with revenue exceeding projected budget by \$27,000.00. With regard to the Banquet Facilities Project, Mr. Bobst noted that the walls are poured and the water line will be installed soon. Mr. Smock added that the drone footage that Mr. Shilling records and posts is interesting.

Sanitary Sewer

The highlights of the monthly Sanitary report were given by Mr. Figaniak who mentioned that he is scheduled for a meeting tomorrow with Mr. Bobst to discuss the status of the Act 537 Report and the Rittenhouse Force Main Project.

Engineer

The Engineer's Report of Gilmore & Associates was prepared and highlighted by Mr. Garton who noted the status of current projects as follows: the Jeffersonville Golf Club Banquet Facility Project is going well; the ARLE Intersection Project at Whitehall & Marshall is slow moving, but the poles and mast arms are up; and the Dog Park Project is "moving along", but needs a couple of permits before breaking ground. In response to an inquiry by Mr. Smock on the Intersection Project, Mr. Garton explained that the intersections are being done one corner at a time and Mr. Valyo added that "in a couple of weeks you will not recognize it".

Commissioners' Comments

The Committee reports were approved by motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Eckles and unanimously agreed by the Board.

Ms. Milazzo wished all a "Happy Valentine's Day".

It was mentioned by Ms. Eckles that she and Commissioner Pavone met with Chief Kelly, Deputy Chief Morris and Mr. Bobst to discuss the homeless situation. Ms. Eckles added that she reached out to Montgomery County Commissioner Ken Lawrence, but has yet to receive a response.

Mr. Miller commented that Ms. Johnson had a great idea with clean up on Earth Day and that the EAC was "enthusiastic" about it as well. It was added by Mr. Miller that he reached out to Norristown looking for intergovernmental cooperation in this matter, but has heard nothing so he is seeking any help with contacts on Norristown's council.

Public Comment

L. James Watters, III of 1 E. Indian Lane mentioned that he telephoned his Public Utilities Commission (PUC) contact about the intersection work at Whitehall Road and W. Marshall Street. Mr. Watters voiced his concerns over the homeless situation and mentioned that he is asking the church for help and that he inquired of Drew Shaw about palette homes. In that regard, Mr. Watters added that he took videos of Norristown State Hospital and Roosevelt Field as potential locations for homeless encampment. Mr. Watters concluded by stating that he is requesting a meeting with Senator Cappelletti about the "mistreated" flood victims along the river.

Mary Ellen Moran of Port Indian Road inquired about night police patrols and increase in the number of patrols of the bike path. In response to an inquiry by Ms. Moran on the overage of the intersection project at Whitehall Road & Marshall Street, Mr. Bobst replied nothing since the \$60,000 project change order previously authorized.

There being no further public comment, that portion of the meeting was closed upon motion of Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Milazzo.

New Business

Upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Milazzo and unanimously agreed, the Board adopted Resolution #23-1698 Authorizing the Sale of Personal Property of a Dodge Charger (copy attached). According to Mr. Bobst, this sale represents the highest amount ever received for the sale of a police car.

Upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Eckles and unanimously agreed, the Board accepted the resignations of Karen Hayman from the Human Relations Commission with gratitude for her service to the community.

Upon motion of various Board members, it was unanimously agreed by the Board to table additional appointments to Township's Boards and Commissions at this time.

Upon motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Milazzo and unanimously agreed, the Board adopted Resolution #23-1699 Appointing Residents to the Township's Zoning Hearing Board (copy attached).

Upon motion of Ms. Eckles, seconded by Ms. Milazzo and unanimously agreed, the Board enthusiastically approved the Fire Call Credit List of Jefferson Fire Company No. 1 and authorized payment accordingly.

Schedule of Meetings

Mr. Bobst announced the upcoming meeting schedule of the Township's Board and Commissions as follows: EAC - March 1st @ 7:00 PM; Recreation Committee - February 15th @ 7:00 PM; Planning Commission - February 20th @ 7:00 PM re: Proposed Land Development @ 1956-1966 W. Main Street; ZHB - March 6th @ 7:00 PM; and HRC - February 23rd @ 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:35 PM, on motion of Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Pavone, the public meeting was adjourned.

Kathy Frederick
Assistant Secretary