

Mr. Kennedy, President of the Board, convened the work session at 7:00 p.m. on the above date. Present were: Commissioners McKenzie, Eckles and Milazzo, while Commissioner Miller was absent. Also present were Jason M. Bobst; Sean Kilkenny, Esquire; Kathy K. Frederick; A. Dale Mabry; Michael Kelly; Donna Horn; Michael Valyo; and Jon Dzedzy. There were nine (9) people in the audience.

After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting proceeded.

Announcements It was announced by Mr. Kennedy that an Executive Session of the Board was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel issues.

Mr. Kennedy introduced and welcomed Sean Kilkenny, newly appointed Solicitor for the Township, who stated that he is "looking forward to working with us and moving forward.

Manager The items on the Agenda for the upcoming Board meeting were enumerated and addressed by Mr. Bobst as follows:

- A. Regarding establishing a Volunteer Firefighter Service Grant Program, it was explained by Mr. Bobst that he attempted to use Act 72 with a tax credit, but realized that it wouldn't reach any firefighters except those who were homeowners and would not reach any multiples in the same household nor renters. Therefore, he suggests a Resolution for a lump sum grant of \$500.00 for each individual that make "fire credit" (>50% participating of all calls and events) for the year... approximately 25-30 firefighters per year;
- B. The adoption of a Resolution opposing the proposed rate increase of PECO Energy Company, as created and adopted by Abington Township, with the addition of poles and lights. Ms. Eckles inquired if we could add photos to our Resolution to submit therewith;
- C. Consideration of adopting a Resolution authorizing an application for DCED Watershed Restoration and Protection Program grant. It was explained by Mr. Bobst that the three programs under the prior Growing Greener Grant exceeded budget due to MS4 requirements, thus the need for additional funds. According to Mr. Bobst, the plan has already been approved, work has begun, and no taxpayers' money is going to this program as there are no matching funds required;
- D. Consideration of Ordinance 2018-718 amending the Residential Parking Permit Program as advertised;

- E. Ms. Milazzo suggested that El-Tirib McKelvey is interested in chairing the EAC and that he would be a great asset in that position. Also, according to Ms. Milazzo, Alan Treisbach expressed an interest in being a member of the Planning Commission.

Items were discussed/updated as follows:

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- A. A need for educational events for Township seniors was presented by Ms. Milazzo who suggested setting up events in which the Montco Department of Aging would come out and provide information on various topics and programs. Mr. Bobst indicated that he would reach out to the surrounding communities to set up such programs;
- B. Possible zoning map amendment for the split zoning of 1956-1966 W. Main Street to help revitalize the area. According to Mr. Bobst, this was sent to Mr. Kilkenny last month for review;
- C. The Rittenhouse Pump Station Additions Project is out for bid;
- D. It was noted by Mr. Bobst that the 2018 Street Paving Program is out for bid and includes Colonial Avenue, Horseshoe Road, Spring Circle, Farm Circle, Heston Avenue, and N. Montgomery Avenue, with Rose Avenue and Betzwood Drive being alternates;
- E. The Township website design is completed, mobile-driven, more interactive, and will be launched on May 21st. It was suggested by Mr. Kennedy that a Senior Citizen link be considered;
- F. The addition of an item to consider awarding a proclamation to Jake Moletzky, an NASD graduate who lost his life in the line of duty as a member of the US Coast Guard. A memorial run will be held in late May and neighboring townships will be participating; and
- G. Mr. Bobst announced the upcoming EAC meeting on May 2nd @ 7:00 PM and the Planning Commission meeting of May 21st @ 7:00 PM re: W. Main Street Corridor Study, and he noted that there is no Zoning Hearing Board meeting scheduled.

Work Session

Leroy James Watters, III, 1 E. Indian Lane, thanked the Board for opening up the Work Session to public comment and presented Jason with a picture of the improved Blue Dove Basin, noting that it has been 25 years in the making. Mr. Watters expressed his concerns over the “small group of people that believe that they have control of the river” and their impact

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on refusing parking, code violations, banning swimmers, etc. Mr. Bobst clarified the violation was not a code violation, but a zoning violation. Mr. Kilkenny acknowledged the issues of Mr. Watters and suggested that we deal with the violation issue at the Zoning Hearing Board level. Mr. Watters concluded by stating that he would like to invite the Commissioners to visit Blue Marsh which was the cause of the last flood of four years ago.

Nancy Collier of 1962 Brandon Road commented that educational events for seniors is an excellent idea and suggested that perhaps they could be offered in conjunction with the Senior Circle as “too soon we get old and too late smart”.

There being no further items on the Agenda, upon motion of Ms. Milazzo, seconded by Mr. McKenzie and unanimously approved, the work session was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Kathy K. Frederick
Assistant Secretary

Adjournment

