

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TOWNSHIP OF PINE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Monday, October 17, 2016

Pine Community Center

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

The Township of Pine Board of Supervisors' meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael J. Dennehy at 6:30 p.m.

Members in attendance were: Michael J. Dennehy, Chair; Phil Henry, Vice-Chair; Pat D. Avolio, Ed Holdcroft, and Frank J. Spagnolo. Also in attendance were: Gary Gushard, Tucker Arensberg, P.C., Solicitor; Amy Pampiks, Administrative Operations & Human Resources Manager; Joni Patsko, Director of Parks and Recreation; Tony Barbarino, Director of Public Works; Tim Flaherty, Fire Marshal; Jan Kowalski, Financial Administrator & Business Tax Collector; Robert Firek, Lennon Smith Souleret Engineering; Diane Illis, Northern Tier Library Board; and John Gill, Parks and Recreation Commission.

There was 1 visitor present.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Amy Pampiks reported there is no additional correspondence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no requests to address the Board of Supervisors at this time.

WEXFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY RECEIVES CHECK FROM PA FOREIGN RELIEF STATE AID

Mr. Dennehy presented a check to the Wexford Volunteer Fire Company, in the amount of \$113,258.14 from the Pennsylvania Foreign Relief State Aid. Mr. Flaherty accepted the check on behalf of the WVFC and expressed their appreciation for the Township's continued support.

COMMITTEES

Parks and Recreation Commission

John Gill reported that construction has begun on the pavilion by the park pond.

Mr. Gill stated that eight (8) unique bird houses were built as an Eagle Scout project and placed along the walking trails in the park. Each bird house is accompanied with a sign giving facts about the different types of birds. He complimented the project saying it turned out very nice.

Mr. Gill stated that the Pine Holiday Dazzle is coming up on November 19, 2016. He noted that last year over 1,000 people attended.

Friends of Pine Community Parks

Mr. Gill reported that the Taste of Pine was a success with over 100 people attending. The Friends of Pine Parks raised approximately \$4,000. Joni Patsko added that she received many favorable comments about the event.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

Northern Tier Regional Library

Ms. Illis reported on the Northern Tier Regional Library's 20th Anniversary Celebration occurring on Saturday, November 12, 2016 beginning at 7:00 pm. The evening will feature hors d'oeuvres, wine, craft beers, and desserts. The event will feature live music and an auction. Tickets are \$35 per person and available through the library.

North Hills COG

Mr. Spagnolo had no report for the North Hills Council of Governments.

Pine-Richland School District

Mr. Henry reported on activities and events within the school district.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Joint Police Board

The Board acknowledged the Northern Regional Police Department report.

Fire Marshal

Mr. Flaherty had nothing to add to his written report.

Wexford Volunteer Fire Company

Mr. Henry asked Tim Flaherty if there has been a decline in volunteers for the Wexford fire company. Mr. Flaherty stated that it has been a slow year for recruitment.

Mr. Dennehy questioned if anyone is living in the firehouse. Mr. Flaherty replied that three (3) men are living in the firehouse.

Mr. Avolio brought up the issue of the FCC Spectrum Auction and its proposed effects on the fire company.

Mr. Flaherty reported that Chris Ausefski, the president of the Wexford Volunteer Fire Company, discussed this at the last meeting and wanted the Board to be aware of the possible impact this could have for the fire company. Mr. Flaherty stated that radio frequencies are being auctioned to the private sector which means the fire company would need to purchase all new radio and monitoring equipment. There is discussion that some of the monies from the auction may be used for funding.

Mr. Dennehy stressed that Board members need to contact local legislators to let them know that we support federal money provision for funding.

REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR

Mr. Gushard reported that St. Barnabas filed an appeal with the Court of Common Pleas to dispute the prior finding of the Board of Property Assessment Appeals which denied their request for tax exemption for the Trees property they acquired.

On October 13, 2016, Mr. Gushard attended the initial status conference before Judge James regarding the Laurel Grove Land Use Appeal. Counsel for the developer and counsel for the residents of Lake MacLeod indicated they are still engaged in settlement negotiations. Therefore, Judge James took no action and stated he would convene another status conference within 45 days to assess the parties' progress at that time.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Developments before the Planning Commission

BROOKFIELD ESTATES

Amy Pampiks stated that the attorneys representing Brookfield Estates have issued a letter requesting a 30 day extension.

Pat Avolio stated that Brookfield Estates Subdivision will need to be on the agenda for the November 7, 2016 Board meeting, because the extension date of November 17, 2016 is prior to the mid-month Board meeting of November 21, 2016.

Motion was made by Mr. Spagnolo and seconded by Mr. Avolio to grant Brookfield Estates an extension to November 17, 2016. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

In addition to his written report, Mr. Firek stated that the 2016 Road Program is complete and the final walk through is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2016. Bob Firek stated that the Salt Storage building is near completion with the final walk through scheduled for October 26, 2016.

Mike Dennehy question Mr. Barbarino as to when the old salt storage facility will be taken down. Tony Barbarino said Mr. Deimler would be here next week to begin dismantling the building.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

In addition to his written report, Mr. Barbarino added that a preliminary list of roads for 2017 Road Program was in the packet for the Board to review.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

2017 PRELIMINARY BUDGET PRESENTATION

The Board complimented Jan Kowalski and Amy Pampiks for the great job they did with the 2017 budget.

Amy Pampiks gave a brief overview of the 2017 preliminary budget highlighting the following key points:

1. 2017 Manager's Budget Request resulted \$12.6 million in total revenues and \$12.3 million in total expenditures this includes \$1.9 million to Capital Projects for future needs.
2. In keeping with the Board's recommendation of remaining fiscally prudent there will be no increase in the Township of Pine Real Estate tax for 2017 and the Township has no debt.
3. General Fund Revenues have exceeded Expenditures every year since 2013.

Jan Kowalski outlined the 2017 preliminary budget relating it to themes of community support and planning for the future while applying fiscal prudence.

Community Support:

1. Northern Regional Police Department receives \$1,583,220 in support.
2. Wexford Volunteer Fire Company receives \$347,698 in support that is distributed for general operating expenses, future equipment purchases, and Worker's Compensation coverage.
3. Northern Tier Regional Library receives \$244,260 in support.
4. Public Works Expansion Project will require an estimated \$842,000 from Capital Projects Funds for completion.

Planning for the future:

5. \$225,000 allocated to extension of trail between Pine Community Park and Route 19.
6. \$323,000 allocated for the construction of a sidewalk along Logan Road to connect with Pine-Richland School (*Project is contingent upon award of a PA Multi-Modal Transportation Fund Grant in the amount of \$226,000*). Township's cost \$97,000.
7. \$9,000 allocated for installation of a new Gateway sign at a major intersection, as well as solar lighting for Gateway signs on Route 19.
8. \$330,000 allocated for traffic signal at Babcock/Bakerstown Intersection to be paid from Transportation Impact Fees.

Ms. Kowalski concluded by stating the budget preparation was a group effort and thanked all department heads and staff for their input.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Spagnolo and seconded by Mr. Avolio to approve the Board of Supervisors minutes of September 19, 2016. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion was made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Spagnolo to approve the Financial Statements and the payment of bills thereon. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

2017 NORTHERN REGIONAL POLICE BUDGET

Motion was made by Mr. Holdcroft and seconded by Mr. Spagnolo to approve the 2017 Northern Regional Police Department final budget. The aye vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION (MMO)

Motion was made by Mr. Henry and seconded by Mr. Spagnolo to give authorization for the Chief Administrative Officer to sign the non-uniform Minimum Municipal Obligation Financial Requirement for the 2017 Budget. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 950

Gary Gushard stated that Board member Pat Avolio asked if Resolution 950 was an action item. Mr. Gushard stated that it did not have to be an action item and explained that Mr. Anderson asked him to prepare a resolution similar to the resolution for water districts. It will state that the Township has a responsibility and there will be financial costs associated with that responsibility. The Township is going to establish stormwater management districts that may be township wide or individual districts. The Township will be authorized, but not obligated, to front the maintenance costs and then access individual property owners within the district for reimbursement. Costs would be subject to the details of the ordinance, such as term length for pay backs, interest, and placing liens on the property's that have not paid.

Frank Spagnolo stated that the ordinance will outline what will happen with the properties that have not paid for maintenance costs and proposed that the Board vote on the resolution tonight.

Mr. Avolio stated that he has no problem with passing the resolution his concern is about the details.

Mr. Spagnolo suggested that the Board pass the resolution and add the details later.

Motion was made by Mr. Spagnolo and seconded by Mr. Avolio to adopt Resolution 950 regarding the funding of maintenance of stormwater management systems. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

ADVERTISING PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE FOR DYE TESTING

Mr. Gushard stated that he and Scott Anderson are still working out the language for the ordinance; this is just to advertise for the Public Hearing regarding an ordinance.

Motion was made by Mr. Holdcroft and seconded by Mr. Spagnolo for authorization to advertise for a Public Hearing regarding an ordinance to require dye testing in the Marshall Township Sanitary Authority areas within the Township of Pine. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF NEW CARPETING FOR THE PINE COMMUNITY CENTER COMMUNITY ROOMS

Ms. Patsko reviewed proposals for carpeting the community rooms, recommending Doctor Tile Flooring, Inc. in the amount of \$11,355 for the project.

Motion was made by Mr. Spagnolo and seconded by Mr. Holdcroft to award the bid to Doctor Tile Flooring, Inc. for the purchase of new carpeting for the Pine Community Center community rooms in the amount of \$11,355. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

NOVEMBER 7, 2016 BOARD MEETING

The Board reviewed and approved the agenda proposed for the November 7, 2016 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Avolio and seconded by Mr. Spagnolo to adjourn. The aye vote on the motion was unanimous. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



Recording Secretary



Township Manager