



The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Rodi at 515 Millers Run Road, Morgan, PA 15064

PRESENT: DERNOSEK, HOROWITZ, SRAY, RODI

ALSO PRESENT: Township Solicitor: Robert Garvin; Township Manager: John M. Barrett; Township Executive Assistant: Peggy Patterson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

CEREMONIAL CHECK PRESENTATION FROM SENATOR DEVLIN ROBINSON

Senator Robinson presented a check for \$500,000 to South Fayette Township.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. OAK RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

B. SOUTHBRIDGE EMS REPORT

Mr. Barrett – We have our report from Oak Ridge Volunteer Fire Department and the monthly EMS report.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by DERNOSEK and seconded by HOROWITZ to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2022, regular meeting. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

B. PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

It was moved by SRAY and seconded by HOROWITZ to pay the July 2022 bills. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

C. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Barrett – We are on track for a year-end surplus.

D. BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES

Mr. Barrett – We have traffic impact fees account with 1.4 million dollars in it and we hope to bring to you next month an advertisement for the impact fee program which will be the widening of Hickory Grade Road. The Star City funds had proceeds from the sale and is just about depleted with the construction of the new building. The federal monies that we received from the Recovery Act is still in the bank until we decide what to do with it.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. BUILDING PERMITS REPORT

Mr. Barrett – It was a strong month. We had a big commercial permit for Alpine Point and we are on pace to surpass last year's number in both residential and commercial permits.

B. COMMUNICATIONS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Andrea Iglar, Director of Communications & Community Development – Most of this month has been spent on Community Day activities. Bringing back Community Day has given me the opportunity to do more than 70 in person visits. Dropping off posters and information to businesses has given me the opportunity to check in with the businesses. We have connected this month with MSI, which is going to be opening August 31 and we did our annual visit to Washington Financial Bank, who sponsored summer playground camp again this year.

I was able to represent South Fayette Township nationally. I was interviewed for a national webinar by the company that purchased Civic Plus. The interview was pertaining to how solo and small communications departments can make a big impact.

I wanted to note that the northbound ramp from Bridgeville to I79 will be closed for ten days starting this Friday until August 22nd according to PennDOT.

The paper shredding event has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 13.

Glass recycling will be coming up around Labor Day.

C. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Jason Paulovich, Division Manager, Gibson-Thomas Engineering – Our report is dated August 3rd. Our paving contractor has not mobilized yet, but we anticipate they will be here in the next 2-3 weeks.

Commissioner Rodi – This is a problem, and I would like to know our recourse.

Mr. Paulovich – They are still within the terms of our contract. There was further discussion regarding the terms of the contract and our options with the paving contractor.

Mr. Paulovich - The MS4 report is due at the end of September and our staff has been working with township staff on this.

We have been working with the site architects on the community center building to coordinate the grading. The community center consolidation plan is part of this month's Planning Commission meeting so the two parcels will be combined in the next few months.

The restroom projects are in different levels of construction, but both should be wrapped up in the next month, pending county plumbing permits for those facilities.

The Mohawk Road realignment project is making good progress.

We have been inspecting a number of development projects and we have two items on this month's planning meeting.

We are going to have a Gibson-Thomas booth at community day.

D. PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

Paula Willis, Parks & Recreation Director – July was a busy month for events, Touch A Truck, Concert in the Park, and Movies in the Park. Touch A Truck was a very successful event even with the hot temperature. Concert in the Park was not well attended so we will consider making changes to that event next year.

We are in full swing for Community Day. Vendors are a little down this year. We are being told it is because of lack of staff. We have booked live entertainment, bingo for the seniors, and lots of activities for the kids.

We have a lot going on in Fairview Park and the football association wanted to thank the township for the wonderful changes and new signs at Fairview Park.

We are hoping to have paving for Fairview Phase 1 next week. We have a meeting with HRG tomorrow to get an update. All the Fairview Park signs are up, and they put the new entrance sign in just this week.

We have 90% of funds for the splash pad in our hands so we were able to switch it from federal funds to the Keystone Funds and this process is a lot easier.

We should hear something about the DCNR ballfield grant by the end of this year.

When Public Works were digging to lay the conduit for the lights at Fairview, they hit a lot of rock so I am not sure when the lights will be operational.

Tree Pittsburgh, a nonprofit, contacted me this week because they have over 300 trees that they need to plant in South Fayette Township. They partnered with the school, who only planted about 20 trees. We picked a location in Fairview Park for them to plant some of the trees.

I am getting drone footage and pictures of all the parks to update our website.

Summer playground camp ends this week and was very successful.

I just wanted to thank Public Works and the police department for all their help with all of our programs.

E. POLICE REPORT

Chief John Phoennik – In 2020 we purchased the Apex Virtual Training System. Sgt. Wesolek and Officer Korkus, who spearheaded this program, were invited, free of charge, by that company to Las Vegas at the beginning of the month. We will be given a free update of that system for the life of the program.

We are planning an Incident Command and Active Shooter training with all four fire departments and Southbridge ambulance. Last year we did one at the SNPJ Club to mirror the nightclub shooting at Pulse. This year it is going to be at the middle school and the stadium. It is going to be October 9 and Lt. Leininger is spearheading that event. We want to try to do this annually so we can practice working together with the fire departments.

In August we started our traffic unit. Officer Blocker has already written forty-some tickets.

F. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Mr. Truitt, Public Works Director – We change the lights in the ballfields when needed. We wait until a few are out because it is expensive to rent the equipment.

PA One calls are up because everyone is building and need to do digging beforehand.

The sewer on Valley Forest Road needed repaired because there was water going into two basements.

PW did a lot of inlet repairs in anticipation of the paving program.

The traffic control box near the Sunoco station was caving in, and we saved the township some money by fixing it inhouse.

The storm cleanup has been ongoing. We worked on Dutch Hill Road and St. George's Church, Hickory Grade and Twin Ponds cutting up the trees that fell.

PW posted signs for the Sturgeon Fire & Rescue and for the post office down in Sturgeon. We also posted signs to try to keep people from hunting too close to the houses in Hastings.

We did excavation at Boys Home Park for the installation of the salt building.

PW worked on the electricity for field B at Fairview Park. We are fortunate to have employees who can do that type of work.

The department continues to mow grass on all the rights-of-way and the trails at Fairview.

PW helped Parks & Recreation with the fireworks, Touch-A-Truck and Movies in the Park.

Commissioner Rodi – For anyone who doesn't know, this is officially Butch's last meeting.

I want to thank you for everything you did and wish you the best of luck in your retirement.

G. REQUEST TRACKER REPORT

Mr. Barrett – We are getting the word out to residents to post items on our request tracker.

We want to use this system a little more often.

H. ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Barrett – Pat Catena is off tonight. I asked Pat to help put together a written financial policy and procedure. We met with CS McKee to discuss out police pension plan. We are also starting to have initial discussions about the 2023 budget.

I. MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Barrett – Our Public Works contract expires at the end of the year, so we are working on that. I wanted to let Butch know how much I appreciate working with him over the last couple of years.

We want to make sure that each of our parks gets some attention. Boys Home and Preservation Park getting restrooms is a big deal and we hope to have advertisements ready for improvements at Morgan Park soon.

We had an intern work with the township this summer and she looked at our real estate and earned income tax revenues over the last five years. She gave us a good idea of when we can expect tax money to come in.

Commissioner Rodi – We met with the construction team, and we are in good shape to finish the new building on time. We want to do the community center back-to-back so we have to have all ducks in a row. The library had some concerns so we need to get an update from the library.

Ben Hornfeck, Library Director – We are waiting for the report from our consultant, and we should have it next week at the latest. We definitely want to move to the new building, and we want to have the space that will best support the community. We also want to be financially ready to support the new library both during construction and with the operating costs as well.

Commissioner Rodi – I have some concerns because the South Fayette Library is so connected to the Bridgeville Library.

Mr. Hornfeck – The library board also has some concerns about that, and we have just started looking at that.

There was further discussion regarding the library moving to the new community center.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A MOTION TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR AN INTER-MUNICIPAL LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER

It was moved by HOROWITZ and seconded by DERNOSEK to advertise a public hearing for an inter-municipal liquor license transfer for First Watch.

NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2022-04

Mr. Barrett – This would be for the dedication of Cuddy Lane. There is still repair work that needs to be done and Mr. Kosky said he is willing to make those repairs.

It was moved by HOROWITZ and seconded by DERNOSEK to TABLE Ordinance 2022-04. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

B. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PAYMENT NUMBER 3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$147,031.38 TO MURIN AND MURN INC FOR THE FAIRVIEW PARK PROJECT GENERAL CONSTRUCTION

It was moved by DERNOSEK and seconded by HOROWITZ to approve a payment number 3 in the amount of \$147,031.38 to Murin and Murn Inc for the Fairview Park project general construction. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

C. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PAYMENT NUMBER 3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,128.99 TO WESTMORELAND ELECTRIC SERVICES LLC FOR THE FAIRVIEW PARK PROJECT ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION

It was moved by DERNOSEK and seconded by HOROWITZ to approve payment number 3 in the amount of \$82,128.99 to Westmoreland Electric Services LLC for the Fair Park project electrical construction. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

BOARD DISCUSSION - Commissioner Horowitz – We are having an 80s concert this Sunday on Fred Cardillo’s farm.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Garvin – I continue to work with township staff, Traditions representatives and an outside consultant with respect to the development of an ordinance in the PED zoning involving the airport property. I am following up to Traditions proposed edits with Carolyn Yagel. We need to finalize this and move it on to the county for their review. We are looking at an October or November adoption of this ordinance.

I continue to work with township staff on a bond issue with Walsh Construction on Parks Road. We need Gibson-Thomas to look at the proposed remediation that Walsh has submitted. We don’t think that it is sufficient.

I worked with Gary Hartz in developing and sending a zoning violation to Foremost Auto Body. They have applied to the Zoning Hearing Board for a special exception.

I continue to work through the So-Fay, Piazza land development approvals and zoning approval appeals that have been filed with the court. We filed a response to their answer to our motion to dismiss which has to be filed by Friday.

Commissioner Rodi – Charter Homes has continued to work on Sundays which is in violation to our ordinance.

Mr. Barrett – I spoke with Anthony Faranda-Diedrich and he said that he spoke with the construction director about this and said it won't happen again.

They discussed this item further.

Commissioner Rodi – The Commonwealth Court ruled in our favor and PennDOT did not file an appeal so there will be no tolling in South Fayette.

We had executive session prior to the meeting for personnel issues.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by HOROWITZ and seconded by DERNOSEK to adjourn. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

John M. Barrett, Township Manager

Gwen A. Rodi, President

Date

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