

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2019

* Items are scheduled to be voted on at the February 25, 2019, Public Meeting.

Announcements:

An Executive Session Meeting was held on Monday, January 28, 2019 following the Public Meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues.

An Executive Session Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 for personnel issues.

Mr. Kroberger made the above announcements after calling the meeting to order.

The February 19, 2019, Workshop Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. In attendance:

Kenneth E. Kroberger	President
James A. Santi	Vice-President
Thomas A. Duffy	Commissioner
Denise M. Hull	Commissioner
Liz K. McNaney	Commissioner
Alex J. Kaker	Interim Township Manager
Larry Comunale	Assistant to the Township Manager
David Brill	Finance Director
David W. Duffy	Police Chief
David C. Onorato	Township Solicitor
Russ Benner	Township Engineer

CONSULTANTS

PLANNING/ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT

1. Report by E. Van Rieker (Updates):

As reported by Van Rieker

- ZHB #18-15, Hartford Properties Sign Package Variances – Approved in part/Denied in part
We will receive extensive notes of testimony with the idea of using the sign package as a basis for a potential zoning amendment to our sign regulations.
- ZHB #18-16, Burns, 151 Mendham Dr., side yard variance, impervious cover variances – Approved
This is a minor side yard variance that was approved at the last meeting.
- ZHB #18-17, ABH Builders 505 Washington Avenue, front & side yard variances – TBD on 2/26/19
The applicant gave an extensive presentation. This will be decided on at the next ZHB meeting.

2. **Code Enforcement Activity Report**

Mr. Kaker noted that the property at 626 Sumneytown Pike has sold and will settle this week.

- * 3. **Authorization to advertise Ordinance No. 2019-05:** Map Amendment for Sumneytown Pike Overlay District
Decision

Mr. Rieker said the text amendment for the Overlay District was previously approved. This ordinance deals with the map amendment to the Overlay District on Sumneytown Pike. Any applicants seeking approval in the Overlay District is by conditional use only. The map amendment covers approximately 8 – 9 acres along Sumneytown Pike. The PRC recommended completing the zoning text first, then the map. Additional stretches of land can be added to the Overlay District at a later date. A discussion ensued regarding property density for certain uses. Further discussion ensued regarding amending the text portion of the ordinance. We will revise the text amendment to lower the density and incorporate the map at the same time. This will be tabled until further discussion at the next PRC meeting.

- * 4. **Authorization to advertise Ordinance 2019-04 - Building Codes:**
Decision

This ordinance covers updates to the Uniform Construction Code, Fire Code and International Property Maintenance Code.

- * 5. **Merck & Co. waiver request from Chapter 113-1 & 124-5:** After hours crane work on WP Building 16 Renovation Project. All Sundays in March 2019
Decision

- * 6. **Merck & Co. waiver request from Chapter 113-1 & 124-5:** After hours crane work on Building 38 PnP Roof Replacement Project. Sundays in March & April 2019
Decision

- * 7. **Merck & Co. waiver request from Chapter 113-1 & 124-5:** After hours crane work on Building 60 Duct Repair Project. Sundays in March & April 2019
Decision

- * 8. **Merck & Co. waiver request from Chapter 113-1 & 124-5:** After hours crane work on B46 Laboratory Building. Saturdays & Sundays in March & April 2019
Decision

9. **Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee:**
Update

Mr. Kaker said the Open House has been postponed until Wednesday, March 20, 2019 from 5:30 – 8:30 pm. The meeting room will be broken up into neighborhood areas that residents can comment on regarding what they want to see preserved or enhanced and it will include an overall vision for the Township. New postcards will be arriving this week and there is a survey on our website and social media.

ENGINEERING

10. Report by T&M Associates (Updates)

As reported by Russ Benner:

- Ivy/Hancock Project
This project should be completed soon. The contractor has been pumping bypass as there has been a lot of water coming into the trench which is good as the design is a combination of storm sewer underdrain. Two t-connections have been installed for future connections.
- Sumneytown Pike Bridge Project
The bridge inspection report was issued in June 2018 by PennDOT and it classified the Sumneytown Pike Bridge as structurally deficient. There is spalling on the underside of the bridge, some rebar is exposed, and the bottom flange of the bridge is exposed and rusted along with other issues. This will have to be addressed soon. Mr. Kroberger said we have money in the budget to cover this expense based on the original estimate. The bridge work will be challenging for the contractor which will cause some lane closures. A proposal has been submitted by T&M. Mr. Kaker will submit the proposal to the Board of Commissioners.
- Sweetbriar Basin
The current contractor contract ends in April. He wants to start this project as soon as possible. We should have a meeting with the residents before the work begins.

FINANCE/PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION

11. Recognition of Michael Romanowicz for 10 years of service to the Township (Will Attend Public Meeting)

12. Worker's Compensation Policy Dividend

Mr. Kaker stated our worker's compensation policy is through Univest. We receive a dividend when we don't use much of the policy and we received over \$32,000 for the period from 5/1/17 – 5/1/18. The Township has received over \$200,000 in dividends over the last 10 years. Mr. Kaker added that we appreciate the efforts by staff to keep safe policies.

This item will be added to the Public Meeting agenda.

PUBLIC SAFETY

No Report

PUBLIC WORKS/PARKS/RECREATION

13. **Purchase of Lights for the Garages at Public Works:** in the amount of \$9,971.00
Discussion

Mr. Kaker noted this is a continuation of a project from last year where we have been replacing existing lights with LED lights.

- * 14. **2019 Mill & Overlay with ADA Ramps Bid Award:** to Harris Blacktopping in the amount of \$778,871.00
Decision

Mr. Kaker said the bid came in for this project over budget by \$81,000. He added, historically we have been underbudget with our expenses throughout the year, so this should be ok to approve. This includes the Swedesford Road Bridge and the ADA ramps. Mr. Kroberger asked about the status of the line painting machine. Mr. Kaker said the bushings were bad on the machine and they gave us credit and we will replace the bushings.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT

- * 15. **Payment #1 to Eastern Environmental Contractors for the Hydraulic Expansion Project:**
Amount of \$5,130.00
Decision

This is for the concrete demolition portion of the Hydraulic Expansion Project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

- * 16. **Payment #2 to Blooming Glen Contractors for the Hydraulic Expansion Project:**
Amount of \$61,190.53
Decision

The Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm to Executive Session for personnel and legal issues.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alex J. Kaker
Interim Township Manager

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Approved March 25, 2019