

**LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
GWYNEDD ESTATES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2017**

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Kathleen Hunsicker, Vice-Chair
Edward J. Brandt
Dr. J. Richard Booth
Mark Grey

ABSENT:

Stephen Paccione, Chair

STAFF:

Craig T. McAnally, Township Manager
Carole Culbreth, Assistant Secretary
Michael Savona, Esq., Solicitor
Kenneth Amey, Zoning Officer
Jim Hersh, Gilmore & Associates, Inc., Township Engineer

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Gwynedd Township Municipal Building and led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

BUSINESS & FINANCIAL

Receipt of Meeting Minutes: July 25, 2017

The Board of Supervisors received the minutes of the July 25, 2017 Regular Meeting. The Vice-Chair asked if there were any questions or corrections on the above minutes. There were none. Dr. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt to approve the minutes of July 25, 2017. The motion carried 4 - 0.

Receipt of Invoice History by General Ledger Account for July, 2017

The Board of Supervisors received the Invoice History for the month of July, 2017 in the amount of \$1,967,957.18. The Vice-Chair asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. Dr. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grey to approve the Invoice History by General Ledger Account for July, 2017 in the amount of \$1,967,957.18. The motion carried 4 - 0.

Receipt of Year-to-Date Budget Report and Balance Sheet for June and July, 2017

The Board of Supervisors received the Year-to-Date Budget Report and Balance Sheet for June and July, 2017. The Vice-Chair asked if there were any questions. There were none. Dr. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grey to approve the Year-to-Date Budget Report and Balance Sheet for June and July, 2017. The motion carried 4 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Chairman opened the meeting for public comment for items not on the agenda.

Mr. Brandt noted the \$860,000 expenditure in the invoice history was for the purchase of the Dager Property. Ms. Hunsicker stated it will be demolished soon and add open space to the community.

Eileen Farrell, resident of Gwynedd Estates, asked why they cannot have garbage disposals. Dr. Booth stated in the past the Township has restrictions on garbage disposals, but they are legal now. Mr. McAnally stated a permit is needed from the Township, however, please check with your facility it may be an internal rule.

Robert Myers, resident of Gwynedd Estates, asked what the Township had planned for the Dager Property. Ms. Hunsicker answered it will be open space.

There were no other comments.

PRESENTATION

MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan (Jim Hersh, Gilmore Associates)

Mr. McAnally stated a copy of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) & Pollutant Reduction Plan for Lower Gwynedd Township was available at the Township and also posted on the Township's website for public review.

Mr. Hersh presented the MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan which is a supplemental plan to reduce pollutants in the Wissahickon and Neshaminy Creeks by 20% overall in the next five years. He stated the following: Lower Gwynedd Township is submitting this supplemental TMDL and Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) in accordance with the requirements of Individual Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems, specifically, in accordance with the MS4 Requirements Table Anticipated Obligations for Subsequent NPDES Permit Term. Lower Gwynedd Township must create a TMDL and PRP due to discharges from their MS4 to Impaired Downstream Waters. Lower Gwynedd Township is required to develop a PRP for the Wissahickon Creek and Little Neshaminy Creek to demonstrate a nutrient reduction of 5%, along with establishing compliance with the Neshaminy Creek TMDL for Sediment as well as the Wissahickon TMDL for Sediment. A revised TMDL Strategy Plan outlining the Township's Plan to achieve compliance with the Waste Load Allocations for sediment loading within the Wissahickon & Little Neshaminy Creek was prepared by CKS Engineers, Inc. and submitted to DEP for review/approval on December 8, 2015. To date, no review comments and/or approval letter has been issued by DEP. This PRP document is intended to be a supplement to the previously submitted TMDL Strategy. The purpose of this PRP is to outline how Lower Gwynedd Township will comply with the individual Permit requirement to reduce 5% of the nutrient load from the MS4 to waters impaired by such pollutants. This plan proposes to achieve the 5%

reduction within the upcoming permit term March 2018 – March 2023. The plan will also demonstrate that the Township is on track to achieve the Neshaminy Creek TMDL & Wissahickon Creek WLAs for sediment within the next 5 permit terms (25 years) that were contemplated in the previously submitted strategy plan. Lower Gwynedd Township will work with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for review and approval of the updates. The “potential Best Management Practices” (stone and matting for healthy streams) are intended to show that compliance with the required reductions can be achieved within the coming permit term March 2018 to March 2023.

Ms. Hunsicker stated the force driving the above MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan is the Federal Government and the Clean Water Act of 1970. Mr. Grey asked what stream banks the Township is stabilizing and how many feet? Mr. Hersh stated 110 feet of the Wissahickon and 250 feet of the Neshaminy Creek. Mr. Brandt stated the Federal EPA mandates that the Pennsylvania DEP implement these reductions and the cost falls on the Township.

BUILDING AND ZONING

Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 513 General Zoning Ordinance

Ken Amey stated the Lower Gwynedd Township General Zoning Ordinance requires updating from time to time to consider current trends and remove inconsistencies. He stated this amendment incorporates 1) regulate flag lots – create standards; 2) projections into yards; and 3) regulation of home generators. Ms. Hunsicker asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Booth to adopt Ordinance No. 513 General Zoning Ordinance. The motion carried 4 – 0.

Authorize Advertisement of Transit Overlay Ordinance

Mr. McAnally asked the Board for authorization to advertise the Transit Overlay Ordinance at a future meeting in September. Dr. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grey to authorize advertisement of the Transit Overlay Ordinance. The motion carried 4 – 0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Community Ambulance Association of Ambler Radios

Mr. McAnally stated Daniel Azeff, Chief of the Community Ambulance Association of Ambler (CAAA) contacted him to discuss the upgrade of their portable and mobile radios for their staff. He stated Lower Gwynedd Township, Ambler Borough and Upper Dublin Township will assist CAAA in the purchase of these radios. Mr. McAnally stated Lower Gwynedd Township’s allocation is \$19,477.15 over five years at 0%. Dr. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grey to approve the allocation of \$19,477.15 over five years at 0% to the Community Ambulance of Ambler for the upgrade of their portable and mobile radios. The motion carried 4 – 0.

Resolution No. 2017 – 21: Authorize Signatures for 901 Sumneytown Pike

Ms. Hunsicker stated Resolution No. 2017 – 21 authorizes signatures of Mr. McAnally and Mr. Savona for the closing of 901 Sumneytown Pike. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grey to adopt Resolution No. 2017 – 21: Authorize Signatures for 901 Sumneytown Pike. The motion carried 4 – 0.

First Amendment to Agreement of Sale: Extension of Time for 901 Sumneytown Pike

Mr. Savona stated the buyers of 901 Sumneytown Pike asked that the date for Settlement be extended to September 15, 2017. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grey to approve the First Amendment to Agreement of Sale: Extension of Time for 901 Sumneytown Pike. The motion carried 4 - 0.

Resolution No. 2017 -22: Tax Collection Committee Delegates

Mr. McAnally stated the purpose of this resolution is to appoint the required delegates to their Tax Collection Committee. The following are the voting delegates: 1) Craig McAnally; 2) Steve Wiesner; and 3) Betty Lou Yost. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Booth to adopt Resolution No. 2017 - 22: Tax Collection Committee Delegates. The motion carried 4 - 0.

Mechanics Lift Change Order

Mr. McAnally stated that during the installation of the new mechanics lift the contractor encountered concrete ranging in thickness from 24 up to 30 inches thick during the removal of the existing lift and the contractor estimated the project for the removal of 12 to 15 inches of concrete which is what the manufacturer recommends for installation. He stated this additional concrete that needed to be removed along with the additional stone for backfill and labor resulted in a \$600.00 dollar change order for the project with the total cost at \$16,790.12. Mr. McAnally stated the old mechanics lift will go to bid and offset the \$600.00 change order. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Booth to approve the Mechanics Lift Change Order in the amount of \$600.00. The motion carried 4 - 0.

Sale of Supplus Equipment

Mr. McAnally stated the Public Works Department respectfully asks for permission to advertise and receive bids to dispose of the items listed below through Municibid.

- 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe
- 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe
- Weather Guard Pick Up Truck Tool Box
- 2009 Challenger 10,000 lb. Automotive Lift

Dr. Booth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grey to approve the sale of surplus equipment listed above. The motion carried 4 -0.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Report from the Manager - Municipal activities, projects

Mr. McAnally stated the demolition of the Gwynedd Mercy Pump Station has been completed.

SUPERVISORS/STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Grey hoped everyone would enjoy the rest of their summer. He was pleased the Dager eyesore is down. He asked everyone to attend Pike Fest.

Mr. Brandt thanked Gwynedd Estates for letting us have our meeting here this evening. He asked everyone to enjoy the rest of the summer. He said Pike Fest on September 16th.

Dr. Booth thanked Gwyedd Estates for hosting tonight, and hoped the residents enjoyed the local government process.

Ms. Hunsicker stated all of the above. She noted the accomplishment of the Police Department Accreditation which belongs to an elite group.

There being no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting scheduled on September 12, 2017 at the Lower Gwynedd Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Culbreth
Assistant Secretary