

**LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020**

**SUPERVISORS PRESENT:**

Mark Grey, Chairman  
Danielle A. Duckett, Vice-Chairman  
Edward J. Brandt  
Kathleen Hunsicker  
Tessie McNeely

**STAFF:**

Craig T. McAnally, Township Manager  
Jamie Worman, Assistant Township Manager  
Carole Culbreth, Assistant Secretary  
Paul Kenny, Police Chief  
Chuck Wilson, Finance Director  
Chad Dixon, Traffic Engineer

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Lower Gwynedd Township Municipal Building and led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance. He announced an Executive Session was held before the meeting to discuss real estate matters. He explained that the meeting is being recorded tonight.

**Introduction of Interim Solicitor, Thomas J. Speers**

The Chairman introduced the Interim Solicitor, Thomas J. Speers, Esq. Mr. Speers thanked the Supervisors for the opportunity to serve as Interim Solicitor.

**BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

**Receipt of Minutes: December 30, 2019  
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The Chairman tabled the Receipt of Minutes: December 30, 2019 and January 6, 2020.

**Motion for clarification on the appointment of Interim Solicitor at the last meeting and to reconsider the previous motion and ratify the appointment of Tom Speers, Esq. as Interim Solicitor.**

The Chairman made a motion, seconded by Ms. McNeely to clarify the appointment of the Interim Solicitor at the last meeting and to reconsider the previous motion and ratify the appointment of Tom Speers, Esq. as Interim Solicitor. The motion passed 5 - 0.

**Receipt of Invoice History: December, 2019**

Ms. Hunsicker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt to approve the Invoice History, December, 2019. The motion passed 5 - 0.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Authorization for Solicitor to Negotiate the Purchase of 409 Old Penllyn Pike (McCormick) Property to Expand the Ingersoll Park**

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The Chairman stated 409 Old Penllyn Pike (McCormick) Property is a tract of land behind the Lower Gwynedd Little League ballpark. He asked for the Solicitor to negotiate the purchase of this property. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Duckett to authorize the Solicitor to Negotiate the Purchase of 409 Old Penllyn Pike (McCormick) Property to expand the Ingersoll Park. Mr. Brandt stated the President of the Little League is excited about the Township taking a positive stand. The motion passed 5 - 0. Carol Jones, 390 Mansion Avenue, stated the house is historical from the early 1900.

#### **Authorization to Advertise the RFP for Legal Services for LGT**

Ms. Duckett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt to authorize the advertisement of the RFP for Legal Services for LGT. The motion passed 5 - 0.

#### **Authorization to Advertise Road Program**

Mr. McAnally stated the 2020 Road Program consist of ADA ramp upgrades, curb repair, asphalt base repair, sanitary manhole adjustments and asphalt mill and overlay. Ms. Hunsicker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt to authorize the advertisement of the 2020 Road Program. The motion passed 5 - 0.

#### **Authorization to Move Forward with Act 209 Study Update**

Chad Dixon, Traffic Engineer, explained the Act 209 Roadway Sufficiency Analysis Study and Transportation Capital Improvement Plan. He stated McMahan Associates completed the Townships initial Act 209 in 2004, and has assisted the Township by calculating transportation impact fees for new land development applications over the past years since the original Act 209 Study was completed. He asked for authorization to proceed with a new Traffic Impact Committee consisting of 7 - 15 members for a period of 12 to 18 months. He stated typically the committee will consist of Planning Commission Members and Township residents representing the community. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsicker to give authorization to move forward with the Act 209 Update. The motion passed 5 - 0.

#### **Authorization for Land Use Assumptions Proposal Which Coincides with Act 209 Update from Ken Amey**

Mr. McAnally stated Mr. Amey is not present tonight. He stated Mr. Amey has provided a proposal to update the Land Use Assumptions Report which will then be used by the township traffic engineer to develop the Roadway Sufficiency Analysis and the Capital Improvements Plan. He stated Mr. Amey has provided a proposal at \$95 per hour and not to exceed \$2,500. Ms. McNeely asked what triggers having the study done. Mr. Dixon said it is up to the municipality's discretion but around every ten years for an update. Ms. Duckett asked if there was a detriment to going out 16 years. Mr. Dixon said it depends on the fees not the time frame. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsicker to authorize the Land Use Assumptions Proposal which coincides with the Act 209 Update from Ken Amey. The motion passed 5 - 0.

#### **E-Cycle and Paper Shredding Event Update**

Mr. McAnally stated the Board asked for additional proposals for both the shredding and e-cycling event which they received this week. He stated staff is now looking for direction from the Board. Mr.

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Grey stated the State Representatives are hosting shredding events. He stated we will have to work out some details for the e-cycle event. Mr. Brandt is in favor of using the funds given back to the Township through the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission to keep the program going. Ms. Hunsicker noted we might lose our vendors. Mr. Brandt recommended we continue the e-cycle and shredding day on April 4<sup>th</sup> with no fees. Ms. Duckett recommended the paper shredding on May 16<sup>th</sup> with Representative Hanbidge and Senator Collett; and e-cycle at the Township by exploring different cost. Mr. Brandt does not want to lose the date or vendors. Mr. Grey asked that Supervisors have the information by this Friday and then make a public vote at the next meeting. He asked for any questions from the audience. Mark Schafer, EAC, announced that on February 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm the County will hold a Dos and Don'ts on recycling.

The Chairman tabled this item until the next meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Citizen comments, concerns, questions (For items not on the agenda; comments on agenda items will be taken when those items are discussed by the Board)

Larry Altman, co-chair of Pike Fest, asked why the link on the website was removed. Mr. Grey said Pike Fest discussions are ongoing. He stated residents and owners of shoppes have to close on Saturday and they are losing business. He stated residents and owners want a change. He noted people are registering on the link and we have not made a decision on the event and asked staff to take it down. Mr. Brandt asked why there was no discussion with other supervisors. Mr. Altman stated it does not make sense to move an event that galvanizes the town.

#### **Residents and Business Owners in Favor of Keeping Pike Fest on Bethlehem Pike on September 12**

Sherry Christopher, Lower Gwynedd Business Association President; Dick Target; Dr. J. Richard Booth; Jennifer Ren, Dance Workshop; Rusty Beardsley, 1501 Meetinghouse Road; Hilary Goodman, Born to Run; Kathy Morris, 1000 Radcliff Lane; Jerry Christopher; Penny Woswick, Village Pharmacy; Bill Tokmajin, Motivate Fitness; Heather Bert, 433 Norma Road; Jim Jacquette, 413 Cedar Lane; Bob Janke, 3 Haycroft; Chris Saullo, 533 Vista Road; Mary Borden.

#### **Residents and Business Owners Against Having Pike Fest on Bethlehem Pike on September 12**

Sherry, Dirty Blond Salon; Dick Stanton, 321 Arbor Lane; closing Bethlehem Pike is disruptive to Pike Businesses and he read his petition; Dana Harberson, Blue Bell, acupuncturist on Pike; Carol Jones, 390 Mansion Avenue;

Mr. Brandt said the Pike Fest Committee cannot survive this way.

Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsicker that we go forward with Pike Fest 2020 located on Bethlehem Pike on September 12, 2020 and have a subcommittee meet with businesses on how to

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improve or change course for Pike Fest in 2021. The motion failed 2 yeas (Brandt, Hunsicker) – 3 nays (Grey, Duckett, McNeely). Mr. Grey stated we need more discussion and it was not necessary to vote tonight. He asked Mr. Brandt to withdraw the motion. Mr. Brandt stated Pike Fest was just denied for 2020. Mr. Altman asked when he can expect a vote. Ms. Duckett stated she did not meet with the Pike Fest Committee and needs to look at the larger picture and then bring back our suggestions. She noted Pike Fest will be on the Board’s agenda for February 11, 2020. Mr. Grey confirmed that our goal is to discuss and take action on Pike Fest at the next meeting

**Added to the agenda by the Finance Director - two letters from the newly elected supervisors requesting life insurance was presented to the Board for approval.**

Mr. McAnally stated a Life Insurance Program is offered to the Board of Supervisors by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Township Code. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsicker to approve the request of the two newly elected supervisors to enroll in the Township’s Life Insurance Program. The motion passed 3 yeas (Grey, Brandt, Hunsicker) – 2 abstain (Duckett, McNeely)

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

Report from the Manager - Municipal activities, projects

There was no Manager’s Report

**SUPERVISORS COMMENTS**

There being no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting scheduled on February 11, 2020 at the Lower Gwynedd Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Culbreth  
Assistant Secretary