

**LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 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  
Chuck Wilson, Finance Director  
Paul Kenny, Police Chief  
Mike DeStefano, Public Works Director

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Gwynedd Township Municipal Building and led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance. The Chairman stated the Board of Supervisors met in an Executive Session before the meeting on a real estate matter.

**BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

**Receipt of Minutes: December 30, 2019  
January 6, 2020**

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

**Receipt of Preliminary Year-to-Date and Balance Sheet for December, 2019**

Mr. Wilson gave an overview of the Year-to-Date and Balance Sheet for December, 2019. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Duckett to approve the Preliminary Year-to-Date and Balance Sheet for December, 2019. The motion passed 5 - 0.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Resolution No. 2020 - 05: Delaware Valley Region Planning Commission Street Light Procurement Program**

Mr. McAnally stated the purpose of the Street Light Procurement Program was for municipalities to collectively upgrade their streetlights to LED, reduce their energy consumption and maintenance costs and have a detailed inventory of all of the lights within their municipality. He stated the Public Works Department asked for permission to enter into the final phase of this program to have Armour Electric & Sons through the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission replace 157 township-maintained streetlights that are currently not LED at an upfront cost of \$52,007. He noted once the work has been

completed the township will receive a PECO Smart Ideas Incentive Rebate in the amount of \$6,450 for a complete project cost of \$45,557. There were no further comments. Ms. Hunsicker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Duckett to adopt Resolution No. 2020 – 05: Delaware Valley Region Planning Commission Street Light Procurement Program. The motion passed 5 – 0.

Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Ms. McNeely to approve the agreement for installation services for the Regional Streetlight Procurement Program between Lower Gwynedd Township and Armour & Sons Electric, Inc. The motion carried 5 – 0.

#### **Purchase of Toro 30" Stand on Turf Aerator**

Mr. DeStefano explained that the Toro 30" Stand on Turf Aerator will be used to maintain all of the athletic fields within the township parks. He stated the aerator will be purchased through co-stars at a cost of \$8,375.30. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsicker to authorize the purchase of the Toro 30" Stand on Turf Aerator in the amount \$8,375.30. The motion passed 5 – 0.

#### **Decision on E-Cycle/Shredding**

Mr. Grey stated the consensus is to keep the process as it exists with the Annual Paper Shredding and Electronics Recycling Day on April 4, 2020, and also participate in Representative Hanbidge's Shredding Event on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsicker to continue with the Township's Annual Paper Shredding and Electronics Recycling Day on April 4, 2020 and Representative Hanbidge's Shredding Event at Wissahickon High School on May 16. The motion passed 5 – 0.

#### **Purchase of New Police Car**

Chief Kenny requested approval to purchase one new vehicle for the police fleet. He explained the vehicle would be a replacement vehicle and not an additional vehicle. He stated he looked into considering alternatively fueled vehicles. He stated he spoke to surrounding Police Chiefs and they have many concerns including battery life. Chief Kenny recommended either a 2020 Ford Explorer with a total cost of \$52,886 or a 2020 Ford Explorer Hybrid with a total cost of \$57,630. Ms. Hunsicker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt to approve the 2020 Ford Explorer including vehicle upfitting equipment for a total price of \$52,886. The motion passed 5 – 0.

### **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)

Leola Hubbard, 920 Pershing Road, stated she is working with the U.S. Census and everyone must be counted. She noted they are recruiting for jobs at \$27 an hour.

Dick Target, 32 Austen Circle, stated he is interested in updating the trail marking system.

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

Diane Cedar, Lower Gwynedd Business Association, asked what is the expectation on Pike Fest. Ms. Duckett stated on January 28, 2020 Dick Stanton presented the Board with a petition signed by some Bethlehem Pike Businesses to hold the Pike Fest on another day or another location. She stated she and Supervisor McNeely met with the Pike Fest Sub-Committee and they outlined the mission of the Pike Fest; and they will meet on February 24<sup>th</sup> with the entire Pike Fest Committee who sent out their own survey.

Emma Smith, Gwynedd Hunt; Laurie Hartman, Spring House Property Manager; Brian Findley, Spring House Window and Door asked that no competing outside vendors be allowed; Bob Janke, 3 Haycroft asked to incorporate the community in the Pike Fest mission statement; Sherry Christopher, LGBA, asked the Board give an answer on Pike Fest; Hilary Goodman, Born to Run.

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

Carol Jones stated she thought the Pike Fest was to highlight the Pike businesses and not allow outside vendors.

Ms. Hunsicker asked for the February 6, 2020 Pike Fest Committee minutes. Ms. Duckett stated Ms. Feight took minutes at the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Ms. Hunsicker stated the Chairman made a commitment to Mr. Altman that he would have a decision tonight. Ms. Duckett stated that we are waiting for the new survey results. Ms. McNeely stated it is not our goal to get rid of Pike Fest.

Mr. Grey gave his perspective of the Countrie Picnic/Pike Fest over the last ten years. He stated the Countrie Picnic was moved to the Pike to showcase businesses and it was professionalized. He stated it was too big for volunteers. He stated we are now looking at the data.

Ms. Hunsicker stated she does not remember the Pike Fest being professionalized or any discussion on moving the Pike Fest to Houston Road. She stated it was always about the community with fun events for kids. She hopes we can resolve this tonight.

Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsicker to ask the new members and Mr. Grey to reconsider and not interrupt Pike Fest and continue 2020 on September 12<sup>th</sup> on Bethlehem Pike; and complete a study for 2021. The motion failed (2 Yays - Brandt and Hunsicker) (3 Nays - Grey, Duckett and McNeely).

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Report from the Manager - Municipal activities, projects

**SUPERVISORS COMMENTS**

There being no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. until the next

Board of Supervisors Minutes  
February 11, 2020

Regular Meeting scheduled on February 25, 2020 at the Lower Gwynedd Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Culbreth  
Assistant Secretary