

**LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Mark Grey, Chairman
Danielle A. Duckett, Vice-Chair
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
Fred Zollers, Public Works Director
Chad Dixon, Traffic Engineer

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. virtually on Zoom and led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Receipt of Minutes: January 26, 2021

The Board of Supervisors received the January 26, 2021 meeting minutes. The Chairman asked if there were any comments. There were none. Ms. McNeely made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsicker to approve the January 26, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion passed 4 - 0.

Receipt of Invoice History: December, 2020

The Board of Supervisors received the Invoice History for December, 2020 in the amount of \$653,124.72. The Chairman asked if there were any comments. There were none. Ms. Hunsicker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Duckett to approve the Invoice History for December, 2020 in the amount of \$653,124.72. The motion passed 4 - 0.

Receipt of Year-to-Date Budget Report and Balance Sheet: November, 2020

The Board of Supervisors received the Year-to-Date and Balance Sheet for November, 2020. The Chairman asked if there were any comments. There were none. Ms. Duckett made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsicker to approve the Year-to-Date Budget Report and Balance Sheet for November, 2020. The motion passed 4 - 0.

Supervisor Brandt joined the meeting at 7:12 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2021 - 05: Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application for 2021 Cycle of the Montco 2030 Implementation Grant Program

Mr. Dixon stated cost estimates and plans for a potential perpendicular crossing at the Penllyn Trail near Dager Road have been sent to Montgomery County; and are compatible with their 2040 grant program which is due on March 1, 2021. He stated the Board is required to adopt the above resolution asking to obtain \$61,400 from the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program to provide funding for improving the Penllyn Pike Trail crossing of Dager Road, which includes realigning the existing skewed crossing, paving the trail approaches, and new trail signage with rapid flashing beacons and pavement markings on Dager Road. Lower Gwynedd Township is aware that this grant program will require a local match and the Township intends to provide a match of at least 20% of the total estimated cost. The Chairman asked if there are any comments from the Board. There were none. He asked if the public had any comment. Nathan Leung stated he supports the Dager pedestrian crossing. The Chairman and Ms. McNeely asked for a timeline on the award. Mr. Dixon stated the resolution must be sent by March 1, 2021, and the grant will be awarded in June, 2021. He stated the project should be completed by Spring, 2022. Ms. Duckett made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsicker to adopt Resolution No. 2021 - 05: Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application for 2021 Cycle of the Montco 2030 Implementation Grant Program. The motion passed 5 - 0.

Authorization to Accept McMahon Proposal to Begin McKean Road Traffic Study

Mr. Dixon stated this proposal request was started in the Fall of 2019 as a result of citizen feedback on MRA's project on McKean Road. Mr. Dixon stated this project will evaluate various roadway improvements to assist in calming traffic and improving safety on McKean Road between Norristown Road and Welsh Road for multi-mode transportation uses. He stated this project is based on input received on potential traffic calming solutions for McKean from the meetings held by the MRA Group with the neighborhoods along McKean Road, and a meeting on August 21, 2019 with Township staff and consultants, MRA Group, Janssen and the Ambler Area YMCA. He stated this study will be a guide for the Township along the McKean corridor and to pursue grant opportunities. The Chairman asked when McMahon will start and complete the traffic study. Mr. Dixon stated McMahon will schedule additional field work and improvement options which will take approximately ten weeks. Ms. Duckett questioned if we should wait until typical (pre-covid) traffic patterns return. Mr. Dixon stated those counts have already been completed by MRA in 2019 and also during the Janssen parking lot project. Ms. Duckett asked for assurance that these counts are built into the cost and will not be billed again. Casey Moore, McMahon Associates, stated the bulk of the work is already done and there are no major tweaks. He stated we will move forward with grants. Ms. Duckett stated she understands the goal, but people that live on McKean Road want to be ensured these are true calming recommendations. Ms. McNeely stated the plan could accommodate 1 ½ times more traffic without any further changes. Ms. Duckett asked if the YMCA, Janssen and MRA will willingly

participate. Mr. McAnally stated in 2019 the Township met with the YMCA, Janssen and MRA; and both Janssen and MRA are committed to contributing \$15,000 each to the study. He stated the YMCA has not committed. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Ms. McNeely to authorize the McMahon Proposal to begin McKean Road Traffic Study and authorize the Township Manager to reach out to the YMCA for financial contribution to the study. The motion passed 5 – 0.

Authorization to Upgrade Fuel Management System at Public Works Garage

This item was tabled for further investigation by the Public Works Director on upgrading the system.

Mr. Brandt thanked Mr. Zollers and his crew for the great job with the snow removal. He asked for some finish work to be done on the corner of Dager and Bethlehem Pike. Mr. Zollers said he will send out the crew.

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)

Nathan Leung said he is an avid runner and thanked the Board for great trails. He wanted to ask the Board to request an easement from Gwynedd Mercy University (GMU) for pedestrian improvements on Meetinghouse Road for runners. The Chairman told Mr. Leung he is not the only one to request a lane for runners on Meetinghouse Road. He said Lower Gwynedd will have conversations with GMU but they are currently locked down because of COVID.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Report from the Manager – Municipal activities, projects

Mr. McAnally noted that the Township will be closed on Monday, February 15 for Presidents’ Day.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

Mr. Brandt seconded his earlier comment to the Public Works Department for the great job during the snow storm. He also thanked staff for their work during the pandemic.

Ms. Hunsicker concurred what Mr. Brandt stated above.

Ms. Duckett also concurred with the above comments and getting everything cleared.

Ms. McNeely congratulated the Public Works team for removing snow. She requested the Township pursue a RFA for a strategic plan. She nominates Ms. Duckett to take the lead on the

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strategic plan. The Chairman said the survey results will need to be tabulated and incorporate that data into the strategic plan. He said it has not been forgotten. He and Ms. Worman will walk through the software and put the pieces together. He stated Mr. Zollers and the crew did a great job.

There being no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting scheduled on February 23, 2021 held virtually on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Culbreth
Assistant Secretary