

**SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**November 13, 2019**

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Franco D'Angelo-Chairman	Present
Paul Fox-Vice Chair	Present
William Parkins, Jr.	Present
Jeanene Michener	Present
Nicholas Fountain	Present

**TOWNSHIP STAFF**

Christopher Heleniak, Manager	Present
Barry Miller, Esq.	Present
Joseph Zadlo, AICP	Present
Tim Woodrow, PE	Present

**7:30PM**

**I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. D'Angelo announced that the Board met prior to the meeting in Executive Session to discuss real estate and staffing.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- A.** Clint Buckwalter – Mr. Buckwalter stated that the parking lots at Palmer Park look wonderful and the contractor was great.
- B.** Sam Engle – Mr. Engle reported that Fall Fest at Cholet Farm was a great event, and thanked the Board of Supervisors for their support.
- C.** Kathy Lesage – Ms. Lesage congratulated Mr. Fox on his recent re-election, and stated that she hopes the Board of Supervisors takes into consideration those that did not vote for them when making decisions. She asked if the Board would consider livestreaming meetings and stated that she was livestreaming. She also asked about the status of the gas station. Mr. D'Angelo stated that the township has been pushing the owners to clean up the property, and they finally have. Mr. Woodrow stated there is not currently any planned development of the site.
- D.** Karen Lynch – Ms. Lynch congratulated Mr. Fox on his recent re-election, and offered to meet with the Board of Supervisors to discuss what she heard from residents while campaigning. Mr. D'Angelo and Mr. Fox indicated that they are open to meeting to discuss issues. Ms. Lynch further stated that there are studies that show new homes do not bring increases in tax revenue and that the costs outweigh new tax revenue, and recommended that the Board of Supervisors consider such a study. She also questioned whether the Board of Supervisors can force the developer of the airport property to develop under larger lot zoning. Mr. Woodrow explained that the developer has the choice.
- E.** Kathy Kateusz – Ms. Kateusz questioned the RA zoning at the Airport, and the Cluster Development Option. Mr. D'Angelo stated the intent of the option was to provide open space for the township as a whole, and that the plan presented to the Planning Commission is preliminary. Mr. D'Angelo stated the Board of Supervisors are going to work with the developer to create a better development that is as good as possible for the entire community. Mr. Woodrow explained the emphasis on open space preservation in new developments, and that they are to prevent use of the entire property.
- F.** David Wagoner – Mr. Wagoner questioned the status of the airport development process. Mr. Woodrow explained that there has been a sketch plan submitted to get feedback from the township and community. Mr. Woodrow reiterated that there is no official application

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for approval yet, and explained the Municipalities Planning Code, as well as the steps for development governed by it. Mr. Wagoner also questioned if something can be done about the telephone pole on Perkiomen Creek Road that is approximately six inches from the road. Mr. D'Angelo asked Mr. Heleniak to look into this issue.

- G.** Jen Leip – Ms. Leip questioned the plan for the airport and access and whether her road will ever be dedicated to the Township. Mr. Woodrow explained that nothing is set, and the plan can and will change and that dedication of her road is something she could request.
- H.** Stanley Kateusz – Mr. Kateusz questioned Ordinance 356 and why he did not receive notice about the change. Mr. Zadlo explained that it was a text change and not a rezoning of specific parcels, which does require notice to property owners. Mr. Kateusz also questioned if we could change the ordinance for the Cluster Development Option. Mr. Zadlo stated that it can be changed, however any change would not apply to the airport property.
- I.** Joseph Boccella – Mr. Boccella questioned why the cluster option was passed. Mr. D'Angelo explained that the Board of Supervisors had addressed why the ordinance was passed, and that the Board takes the residents' best interests into consideration when making decisions.
- J.** Dale Bentley – Mr. Bentley questioned the need for the sidewalk on Mt. Airy Road. Mr. Woodrow explained that it is not complete, and once it is completed it will connect to the existing Power Line Trail, and then to Palmer Park.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 9, 2019 MINUTES:**

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 9, 2019 MINUTES.  
MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOX. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A.** Letter from the Skippack Historical Society thanking the Board of Supervisors for their annual donation.

**V. ADMINSTRATIVE ACTIONS**

**A. Treasurer's Report as of October 31, 2019**

MOTION MADE BY MS. MICHENER TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOUNTAIN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

**B. Interim Bills Paid on October 25, 2019:**

General Fund	= \$ 73,664.53
Sewer Fund	= \$ 2,976.29
Parks/Open Space Fund	= \$ 6,164.35

MOTION MADE BY MR. D'ANGELO TO APPROVE THE INTERIM BILLS PAID ON OCTOBER 25, 2019. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOX. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

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**C. Bills for Payment on November 13, 2019:**

General Fund = \$ 54,009.16  
Sewer Fund = \$ 97,206.84  
Parks/Open Space Fund = \$ 1,869.30

MOTION MADE BY MR. D'ANGELO TO APPROVE THE BILLS PAID ON NOVEMBER 13, 2019. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOX. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

**VI. REPORTS:**

**A. Engineer**

**1. JNS Paving and Excavating – Pedestrian Walking Trail – Payment Request #2 - \$33,075.00**

MOTION MADE BY MS. MICHENER TO APPROVE JNS PAVING AND EXCAVATING – PEDESTRIAN WALKING TRAIL – PAYMENT REQUEST #2 - \$33,075.00. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOUNTAIN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

**2. 2019 Lucon Road – Escrow Release #2**

MOTION MADE BY MR. FOX TO APPROVE 2019 LUCON ROAD – ESCROW RELEASE #2. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. MICHENER. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

**3. Allen Myers – 2019 Road Improvement Project – Payment Release #2 - \$62,957.65**

MOTION MADE BY MR. D'ANGELO TO APPROVE ALLEN MYERS – 2019 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – PAYMENT RELEASE #2 - \$62,957.65. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

**4. Pedestrian Bridge – Mr. Woodrow gave an update on the Collegeville Road Pedestrian Bridge and when it shall be completed**

**D. Solicitor**

**E. Planner**

**F. Manager**

**1. Authorization to Advertise Budget**

MOTION MADE BY MR. FOUNTAIN TO GRANT AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE BUDGET. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOX. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

**2. 2019-2020 Snow & Ice Removal Bid Award – Strouse Landscaping**

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS TO AWARD 2019-2020 SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL CONTRACT TO STROUSE LANDSCAPING. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. MICHENER. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

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**3. Authorization for Skippack Fire Company Members to Participate in  
Montgomery County Incident Support Team**

MOTION MADE BY MR. FOX TO GRANT AUTHORIZATION FOR SKIPPACK FIRE COMPANY MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY INCIDENT SUPPORT TEAM. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOUNTAIN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Mr. Fox stated he is aware the roads in the Fort Bevon neighborhood are in bad condition, but that there is sewer work to complete first. He requested that the township send something to the residents.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43PM.