

SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

September 8, 2021

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Franco D'Angelo-Chairman Absent
Paul Fox-Vice Chair Present
Jeanene Michener Present
Nicholas Fountain Present
Tammy Dagostino Present

TOWNSHIP STAFF

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

7:30 PM

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Fox announced that the prior to the meeting the Board met in Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Phil Wimpenny- Questioned the vacancy of Supervisor Dagostino and whether there will be a special election to fill the position. He stated his position on whether there is a resignation issue to begin with. Mr. Fox stated that Mr. Heleniak has been in contact with the county and will be working with them on any necessary paperwork and it is not the Board's job to determine whether something appears on a ballot.
- B. Clint Buckwalter- Questioned whether the fence between the park and his property will be repaired. Mr. Heleniak stated he would have the public works department add it to their list of projects to get completed. He further stated that the crew is still working on storm cleanup, but will get to the fence as soon as possible.
- C. Toni Alderfer- Questioned whether there will be a disaster declaration soon. Mr. Heleniak stated that a team from the county, state, and federal government were in Skippack yesterday surveying the damage and it appears a federal disaster declaration will come soon, which will make federal money available for those who sustained damage. Mr. Heleniak further stated that there is a lot of information and resources on the county's website.
- D. Karen Lynch- Questioned whether there will be any Township funds to handle disasters and whether the Township would collect donations for victims. Mr. Heleniak stated the Township would be willing to collect donations if there is an organization willing to partner with the Township. He asked her to email him information for organizations.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 11, 2021 MINUTES

MOTION MADE BY MR. FOX TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 11, 2021 MINUTES. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOUNTAIN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letter and Yearly Cholet Property Update From Skippack Historical Society

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B. Letter of Resignation from Supervisor Tammy Dagostino

Mr. Heleniak read aloud the letter of resignation from Supervisor Tammy Dagostino

MOTION MADE BY MR. FOX TO ACCEPT SUPERVISOR TAMMY DAGOSTINO'S RESIGNATION. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOUNTAIN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

A. Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2021

MOTION MADE BY MR. FOX TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2021. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOUNTAIN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

B. Interim Bills Paid on August 25, 2021

General Fund	= \$28,846.06
Sewer Fund	= \$ 9,339.07
Parks/Open Space	= \$ 5,101.02

MOTION MADE BY MR. FOUNTAIN TO APPROVE THE INTERIM BILLS PAID ON AUGUST 25, 2021. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. MICHENER. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Bills for Payment on September 8, 2021

General Fund	= \$15,192.05
Sewer Fund	= \$97,263.35
Parks/Open Space	= \$ 1,024.68

MOTION MADE BY MR. FOUNTAIN TO APPROVE THE BILLS FOR PAYMENT ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2021. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOUNTAIN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

VI. REPORTS

A. Engineer

1. Fair Hills Community – Sewer Lateral Repair Project – Payment Request #3

MOTION MADE BY MR. FOX TO APPROVE THE FAIR HILLS COMMUNITY – SEWER LATERAL REPAIR PROJECT – PAYMENT REQUEST #3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,411.60. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. MICHENER. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

2. Fair Hills Community Paving Project Update

Mr. Woodrow gave an update on the paving project. He stated that a letter to the residents went out last week and that he will be meeting with Allan Myers tomorrow to discuss some additional drainage work.

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3. Meadow Glen at Skippack – Phase 1 & 2 – Escrow Release #23

MOTION MADE BY MR. FOX TO APPROVE MEADOW GLEN AT SKIPPACK – PHASE 1 & 2 – ESCROW RELEASE #23 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$416,571.60. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOUNTAIN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

4. Don’s Salads – 4461 Township Line Road – Escrow Release #1

MOTION MADE BY MR. FOX TO APPROVE DON’S SALADS – 4461 TOWNSHIP LINE ROAD – ESCROW RELEASE #1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$214,395.00. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. MICHENER. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. Hurricane Ida Repairs

Mr. Woodrow gave an update on some of the damage to Township property as a result of the hurricane and the status of the repairs.

B. Solicitor

C. Planner

1. Lenape Park Observation Deck Update

Mr. Zadlo gave an update on the Lenape Park Observation Deck. He stated that the structure of the deck is now stabilized and the crew should be back on site next week to complete the railings.

2. Small Wireless Facility Ordinance

Mr. Zadlo gave an update on the change in the law for small wireless facilities and the need to amend our ordinance to regulate these facilities.

D. Manager

1. Hurricane Ida

Mr. Heleniak gave an update on the recovery efforts. He shared the resources that are currently available to residents and where they can find additional information and resources through Montgomery County.

2. Block Party Request – Serenity Street – October 9, 2021

MOTION MADE BY MR. FOX TO APPROVE THE BLOCK PARTY REQUEST – SERENITY STREET – OCTOBER 9, 2021. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOUNTAIN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

3. Block Party Request – Ironbridge Drive – October 22, 2021, 3-9PM

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MOTION MADE BY MR. FOX TO APPROVE THE BLOCK PARTY REQUEST – IRONBRIDGE DRIVE – OCTOBER 22, 2021, 3-9PM. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOUNTAIN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

4. Special Event Permit – Pennsylvania Interscholastic League – BCMC MTB Scramble – October 10, 2021

MOTION MADE BY MR. FOX TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT – PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE – BCMC MTB SCRAMBLE – OCTOBER 10, 2021. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. MICHENER. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. DVRPC Regional Streetlight Procurement Program Letter of Intent

Mr. Heleniak gave the board an overview of the program and stated the letter of intent is to participate in the feasibility phase of the program and that it does not obligate the Township to participate further.

MOTION MADE BY MR. FOX TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD THE DVRPC REGIONAL STREETLIGHT PROCUREMENT PROGRAM LETTER OF INTENT DUE TO THE PROGRAM COMING TO THE BOARD’S ATTENTION AFTER THE AGENDA WAS FINALIZED. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOUNTAIN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MADE BY MR. FOX TO AUTHORIZE MR. HELENIK TO SIGN THE DVRPC REGIONAL STREETLIGHT PROCUREMENT PROGRAM LETTER OF INTENT. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. MICHENER. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Route 73/113 Traffic Improvement Analysis

Mr. Clement, Mr. Woodrow, and Township Traffic Engineer Chris Lincoln gave a presentation on the intersection and the improvements that would be needed. There was a discussion between staff and the Board regarding the extent of improvements the Board would want for the intersection. The Board gave staff the direction that the Township should maintain the ultimate right-of-way shown on the plans presented by the developer of the old gas station property, so that the Township has the option in the future to complete the improvements.

Roberta Bracken – Store Road – Questioned whether the plan would address flooding at the culvert and the intersection. Mr. Woodrow stated that the concern with widening the culvert pipe size could actually cause more issues further downstream, so it is a balancing act and he could not promise that the project would solve those issues.

Karen Lynch – Serenity Street – Questioned how these improvements fit into a comprehensive plan for the Township and how the decision was made to propose a Dunkin Donuts on the old gas station property. Mr. Woodrow stated that the

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Township's Comprehensive Plan does have a transportation section which does address the intersection. Mr. Zadlo stated that with only 2 major roads in the Township it is difficult to do too much to them through the village.

Mr. Clement stated that the Dunkin Donuts approached the Township and submitted a land development application and it was not the Township who approached them. He further stated that no matter what is ultimately developed on the old gas station property, there will be needed improvements and this plan will allow for the protection of the Township's ability to complete them in the future.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 P.M.