

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHAMPTON MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

5:00 p.m.

March 23, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

Samuel Cressler - Chairman
Randy Brenize – Vice Chairman

OTHERS PRESENT

Melissa Kelso Esq. – Township Solicitor
Kathy Durf – Secretary/Treasurer
Maria Misner – Planning/Zoning
Jamie White – Code Enforcement Officer

VISITORS PRESENT

William Klusman III – Shippensburg Area EMS
Karen Croft – Better Days Animal League
Loretta Wietry – BDAL

Chairman Cressler called the meeting of March 23, 2021 to order at 5:00 p.m. and announced the meeting was being recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

VISITOR REMARKS

There were no visitor remarks.

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 9TH, 2021.

The minutes for March 9th, were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Backhoe

Supervisor Brenize stated the 9-year-old Township backhoe needs an \$18,000 wrist attachment and thumb. The difference between our backhoe as is and a trade in on a new one is \$56,428. He would like to see if the Township can get more trade value by putting it out on bid.

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to advertise the old backhoe on Municibid and other. Sealed bids in an envelope marked “Backhoe” should be received by noon of April 27, 2021. Award will be announced at the Board of Supervisor’s meeting that day. The Supervisors reserve the right to refuse any and all bids. Supervisor Cressler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Better Days Animal League - TNR

Karen Croft from Better Days Animal League gave a presentation to the Board of Supervisors for a Trap, Neuter and Return Voucher program for feral/nuisance cats in the Township.

Furnace Run Park – Carl Bert, Survey for LOMA

Maria Misner explained there is a portion of Furnace Run Park that has a floodplain designation. This is the same location where a pocket park is being planned. The designation is that there is no “Base Floodplain Elevation” at this location. Carl Bert believes this designation can be changed through a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA); however, this requires a detailed elevation survey for eight acres. His quote is for the survey and submission of the LOMA is \$6,500.00.

Supervisor Cressler felt it would be better moving forward in park development without the floodplain designation.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to approve the Carl Bert Survey in the amount of \$6,500.00 and to submit the LOMA. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Note 32 on Matrix Subdivision Plans

Solicitor Kelso reported that this is an amendment to a note from a previously recorded Matrix Subdivision Plans that adds a piece stating any successors and assigns of the developer would also be bound. There is nothing that changes any liability for the Township. She recommended approval.

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to approve the Amendment to Note 32 on the Matrix Subdivision plan. Supervisor Cressler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Phone System

Kathy Durf reported that phone system the Township is using is extremely problematic. She and Maria received two quotes for new phone systems. One quote was from Pantera at \$154/month and the other was through Higher Information Group for \$207/month. Both provided the same features. Pantera is a national provider who is cheaper, but there are no local agents so service is an unknown. HIG is the IT and copier service provider for the Township and they are very pleased with their response and service.

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize liked the idea of one provider for all of the Township needs. He moved to approve HIG as the new phone provider for the Township at \$207/month. Supervisor Cressler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Road Foreman Probation Period Ends

Supervisor Cressler stated Shane Scott has completed his 90-day probationary period and he is pleased with his work. Supervisor Brenize agreed.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to add Shane Scott as a permanent employee with all employee benefits. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Full-Time Public Works Position

One full-time public works employee will be retiring in the end of April.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to advertise in the News Chronicle and Facebook for a new full-time public work employee. Applications will be received until April 30th. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

SUBDIVISION

No Subdivisions.

REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES

Bank Accounts

Kathy reported that a new bank account has been opened for Furnace Run Park, and Supervisor Roger Hall has been added as a signer to all Township bank accounts.

Code Enforcement Officer

Jamie White reported that all rentals, mobile home parks and septic violations have been resolved.

There are two open violations, both involving disabled cars.

Jamie is going to work with Shane for road cut permits and new driveways.

ACTION ON PAYING BILLS

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to pay the general fund in the amount of \$59,239.97. Supervisor Cressler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Cressler at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Maria Misner
Planning/Zoning/Recording Secretary