

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

5:00 p.m.

August 24, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

Samuel Cressler – Chairman
Randy Brenize – Vice Chairman
Roger Hall

OTHERS PRESENT

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

VISITORS PRESENT

Vicky Simmel – Gannon Associates
Jeff Kovacs – 6788 Olde Scotland Road
Michael Kovacs - 6788 Olde Scotland Road
Deena McNaughton – 10800 Hickory Run Road

Chairman Cressler called the meeting of August 24th, to order at 5:00 p.m. and announced the meeting may be recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

VISITOR REMARKS

Michael Kovacs stated he was present in order to get a Boy Scout Badge

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 10TH, 2021

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to approve the minutes of August 10th as presented. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Denna McNaughton – Hickory Run Road Drain Issue

Deena stated that historically, water has run through a tile beneath Hickory Run Road onto her property and she has been accepting stormwater from the

Orrstown Personal Care facility, the field and road. She said the stormwater has created deep areas of erosion and would like the Township to stop water from running in, either by digging a ditch for it to drain away or blocking the pipe.

Supervisor Cressler stated that in looking back at the historical aerial photos the water has always followed the path from our road tile, through the property and beyond. Between 1993 and 2003, her improvements were added in that area and the Township has no authority to go in and address her changes in flow that appear to have caused the ponding of water on her property. As the property owner, she will have to come up with a plan to address her concerns.

Insurance Renewal

Vicky Simmel with Gannon & Associates was present to discuss the renewal proposal. She stated the Selective policy is the only one that is not having exorbitant rate increases. They have a government plan for employees, supervisors and solicitors if they would be using their personal vehicle while doing Township business. Coverages have stayed the same.

Supervisor Cressler said Kathy reached out to other insurance providers and they didn't even want to quote against Selective.

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to accept the proposal from Gannon for Selective. Roger seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Furnace Run Signage Rules and Regulations

Solicitor Kelso reviewed a few changes for the Draft Ordinance for Furnace Run Rules and Regulations.

Solicitor Kelso inquired as to how does this interplay with Park and Rec rules? They have the authority to both enact and enforce rules. SCPRA is including Furnace Run as one of their parks on their website.

Supervisor Cressler stated Furnace Run is still an orphan right now. There has been no real official connection yet. Some of the new Director's time will be devoted to Furnace Run.

Solicitor Kelso ask if the Township is comfortable finalizing without ironing things out with Park & Rec?

Supervisor Cressler replied that the Township needs to get rules and established so we can get signage in place.

Solicitor Kelso stated the Rules and Regulations will be a Township Ordinance that the Township will be in charge of enforcing. Changes with the relationship with Park & Rec can occur at any time down the road.

NESL Escrow Furnace Run

Supervisor Cressler said New Enterprise Stone & Lime gave the Township \$10,000 to put in an escrow account to manage a tenant who had not left the premises at the time of sale. That tenant is now gone and the funds were not used.

MOTION: Supervisor Hall moved to release the \$10,000 to NESL. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Bulky Trash Day Changes

Maria reported that due to a conflict, Apple Valley Waste cannot hold Bulky Trash on the dates previously set.

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to change Bulky Trash Days to October 8th from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and October 9th from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

SD2021-007 Alvin & Alma Oberholtzer – Subdivision

Maria explained the plan was a simple subdivision. The billboard owners did not want to pay rental fees any more so they are purchasing the property from the Oberholtzers.

DEP Non-Building Waiver:

Township SEO has signed off on the Form B

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to approve the DEP Non-building waiver. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Modification of Plan Scale Request:

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to approve the modification of Plan Scale. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Final Land Subdivision:

MOTION: Supervisor Hall moved to approve the final land subdivision for SD2021-007 Alvin & Alma Oberholtzer. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

AGENDA AMENDED ITEMS

Add Signage for Uprise Festival as an Agenda Item

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to add Signage for the Uprise Festival as an Agenda item. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Signage for Uprise Festival

Kathy reported that Scott Brown has requested the same permission as the Shippensburg Fair to close Possum Hollow Road and use Township signs for the Uprise Festival from 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 17th, until midnight, Saturday, September, 18th.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to approve closing Possum Hollow Road and provide signs for the Uprise Festival. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES

Solicitor

Supervisor Cressler stated there is a 1937 PUC agreement that the Township should maintain a sidewalk on the bridge on Rt. 11 if there is one ever installed. Our road crews are out maintaining roads and are not equipped for sidewalks.

Solicitor Kelso will take a look at it.

Solar Ordinance

Jamie has reviewed the draft Solar Ordinance and said there have been 19 solar permits this year. He asked Solicitor Kelso several questions regarding the proposed solar ordinance including how violations and penalties would be handled and if solar would be permitted on a mobile home.

Solicitor Kelso responded that the violations and penalties would be under the Zoning Ordinance. PA Code would permit or deny a mobile home.

Furnace Run Friends Group

Maria reported that she discussed the Friends Group with Gerilee and Joe from Park & Rec. They were wondering if the Township would consider a volunteer

group as opposed to a 501.c.3 group. The 501.c.3 group requires articles of incorporation, officers, bylaws, public meetings, audits and solicitors.

Maria stated it would be much simpler and quicker right now to organize a volunteer group. It can still be called Friends of Furnace Run and later it can be converted into a 501.c.3 if they so desire.

The supervisors were fine with that approach provided all the volunteers and the Township are covered by liability.

Newsletter - Maria is preparing the newsletter.

Stormwater – Maria said she has received a permit for a 4,200sf shed that triggers stormwater. In the process of reviewing it, she determined the farmer has a fairly large ag-related business covering about three acres that she cannot find documentation for.

She asked if she should pursue getting a Land Development Plan in addition to just stormwater.

The Supervisors felt they should have some information regarding the business and felt a Land Development Plan may be appropriate.

ACTION ON PAYING BILLS

MOTION: Supervisor Hall moved to pay the general fund in the amount of \$37,552.13. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Cressler at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Maria Misner
Planning/Zoning/Recording Secretary