

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

5:00 p.m.

September 28, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

Samuel Cressler – Chairman
Randy Brenize – Vice Chairman
Roger Hall

OTHERS PRESENT

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

VISITORS PRESENT

Dwain Koser – CFJMA
Thomas Rine – Pleasant Hall Volunteer Fire Company – Fire Chief
Amy Kronenberg - GMS

Chairman Cressler called the meeting of September 28th, to order at 5:00 p.m. and announced the meeting may be recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

VISITOR REMARKS

Thomas Rine – PHVFC Chief gave a brief update on the fire company. He thanked the Supervisors for the funds they donated. Some of the topics were a new roof for the firehouse, a new ambulance, staffing struggles for ambulance, FEMA grants received, fire prevention, man hours spent on fundraising and responses in Southampton Township.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2021

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to approve the minutes of September 14th as presented. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Spring Ridge Road Speed Limit Petition

There is currently no speed limit on Spring Ridge Road which automatically sets it to 55 m.p.h. Residents signed a petition requesting speed limit signs be installed.

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to authorize a traffic study to determine a speed limit for Spring Ridge Road. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

CFJMA & Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades

Supervisor Cressler stated there was a letter from CFJMA dated 8/31/21 to the County Commissioners asking them about ARPA funding. They indicated time was of the essence. Southampton Township was asked to sign the letter of support. There needs to be a motion to sign the letter.

MOTION: Supervisor Hall moved to sign the letter of support.
Supervisor Cressler the motion which passed unanimously.

Amy Kronenberg introduced herself with GMS Funding Solutions. They are a Carlisle based consulting firm that specializes in public and economic development funding.

Dwain Koser stated they are working with the borough in the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade. They are mandated by DEP for certain upgrades which amount of roughly \$7 million dollars. They are reaching out to each of the Townships for financial help so the rate-payers are not paying the brunt of the upgrade.

Ms. Kronenberg stated they are phasing the project. Parts one and two which include secondary screening and the biosolid improvements are required and are time sensitive, so they are phase one.

The ARPA came out and there are allocations to municipalities. They would like to come up with an equitable approach for all of the municipalities to contribute. They are proposing a contribution based upon EDU's and then coming up with a percentage from that number. It still leaves a funding gap, but if all of Townships contribute the share being asked of them, that will be \$684,000 in local funds towards the project. They will take that to Cumberland and Franklin Counties and apply for multi-municipal funding. They will use the same calculation with counties.

Supervisor Cressler stated he is concerned that 25% of our population doesn't use public sewer and would not benefit with using the ARPA funding towards

this project. There is only one way for this to be more equitable and that is take part ownership of the entire system by all of the municipalities. He asked Dwain if there were attempts to combine the two sewer system administrations before.

Dwain replied that there were two attempts and they both failed.

Supervisor Cressler asked about an attempt for CFJMA to build a separate treatment plant years ago.

Dwain replied that happened when the attempt to regionalize failed. DEP shut it down and said only one treatment plant on a stream.

Supervisor Cressler felt he could not commit taxpayer funds unless we resolve the conflicts of having two sewer authorities. This would improve the quality of treatment and improve economic development in our community. He is having our solicitor review the original 1970 contract dealing with the sewer plant. He would like to just get the outline of the structure of combining this done. He would like to see serious interest from Borough Council and CFJMA board. He is not interested in committing funds until then.

Timelines were discussed.

Sam said getting the structure in place of what everyone wants to do should only take a few months.

Amy asked if they would take action to earmark those funds for this purpose subject to them coming back with more progress.

Supervisor Cressler stated that yes, he feels he would be willing to deliberate on committing funds based upon seeing minutes from Shippensburg Borough Council and the members of the CFJMA board and Supervisor Boards to combine all the sewer into one organization. However, the funds would not actually be released until the organization is negotiated, created and enacted.

Melissa said her only concern is there is a lot of speculation and a lot more that would be required than just motions and meeting minutes.

Randy stated he would like to see one entity.

Roger has not been involved for long but sees that something needs to be done.

Dwain stated that the fix needs to be done and ultimately it will be done and CFJMA will pay their half and the ratepayers will pay the bill. They are on a timeline and they need to continue because DEP is requiring it.

The funds being asked for from Southampton Township are only about 3.5% of the project costs.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

SD2021-008 Reuben and Ella Mae Hoover – Subdivision

Maria explained Reuben is leaving the area and subdividing the farm into three parcels for his children. It is a simple subdivision. All of Tim's comments have been satisfied. Vince has signed off on the Form B.

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 Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Modification of Plan Scale Request:

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

Final Land Subdivision:

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to approve the final land subdivision for SD2021-008 Reuben & Ella Mae Hoover. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

AGENDA AMENDED ITEMS

None

REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES

Solicitor

Solicitor Kelso reported that she, Carl Bert and Maria met to discuss the Furnace Run Final Subdivision Plan. They decided to record the plan before handling the easements. It looks like there are a couple of easements the Township is needing to obtain.

In reference to the electric line and easement. Carl said he would like to take a closer look at that and may want to add it to the plan prior to recording.

They are on track and know everything that needs to happen now.

Park Volunteers

Maria reported that Kirk Naugle volunteered some of his time and use of his uni-loader with hooks and bucket for use at Furnace Run Park for trails or whatever is needed.

Maria said she was talking with a resident who is into mountain biking and he would like to know if a few of them can go out and start looking at the area the Township designated as biking trails to work on a trail design. They are talking about doing their own fundraising and trail building.

The supervisors had no objections to go out and start looking around. Supervisor Cressler stated they should be under the "Friends Group".

Melissa recommended checking with Vicki to see if volunteer groups are covered under our insurance.

Maria reported that Shippensburg University Earth Science Department has submitted a request to go out and dig some holes to look at soil horizons. The University is self-insured and have submitted a letter saying so.

Code Enforcement

Jamie reported things are going well, he has one report of light pollution for Middle Ridge.

He also reminded the supervisors about Fire Prevention.

Secretary/Treasurer

Kathy reported that Commonwealth Code is doing rental inspections and have run into an issue with Raystown Crossing. Raystown is saying CCIS must register as a vendor and CCIS is not willing to do this.

Melissa felt it was a miscommunication internally. Raystown cannot turn them away just because they are not on their approved list. She offered to call or to send them a letter reminding them this is a part of our duties and they cannot deny us entry.

Kathy will get Melissa both addresses to get everything cleared up.

Kathy reported that she sent an invoice for a knocked down stop sign at the intersection of Hostetter and Possum Hollow Roads and they have not paid the invoice yet. It has been about six weeks.

Supervisor Cressler stated that Melissa can write them a letter apprising them of the situation and requesting payment.

ACTION ON PAYING BILLS

MOTION: Supervisor Hall moved to pay the general fund in the amount of \$124,844.67. 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