

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

8:00 a.m.

September 13th, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Samuel Cressler – Chairman
Randy Brenize – Vice Chairman
Roger Hall

OTHER S PRESENT

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

VISITORS PRESENT

Lance Keggereis – DEBEI
Chauncy Webster – East Coast Green

Chairman Cressler called the meeting of September 13th, to order at 8:00 a.m. and announced the meeting may be recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

VISITOR REMARKS

There were no visitor remarks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 23RD, 2022

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to approve the minutes of August 23rd. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

US Xpress Trees

Mr. Lance Keggereis, DEBEI, spoke regarding the letter submitted by Mr. Chauncey Webster of East Coast Green on August 30, 2022. Mr. Keggereis stated the settlement agreement between US Xpress and Southampton Township seven years ago required 8-10 ft. conifers.

Mr. Webster's normal sources don't have 8-10ft. conifers. The deciduous trees are not a problem. In this situation, he would go through a tree broker. Right now, the conifer trees specifically will only be available from southern or northern climate zones. This could easily cause a shock to the trees resulting in a higher mortality rate than if he were to get 6ft. evergreens locally.

Mr. Keggereis stated that there is now a 5ft. berm, something that was not specified in the original settlement agreement. Putting a 6ft. tree on the berm would result in 11 ft. high trees, plus the 6ft. trees would have a higher survival rate.

Supervisor Cressler asked if this were approved, how soon would the planting begin?

Mr. Webster replied that US Xpress is on the schedule for late September, early October. It should be completed before the middle of November.

Solicitor Kelso submitted that it is an official request and is relatively minor. It is permissible to grant the request.

Lance stated they will purchase all of the trees and send the Township a bill for their portion of the plantings according to the settlement.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler stated he was in favor of planting the trees years ago, and moved to approve the request from East Coast Green to plant 6ft. conifers instead of 8ft. trees. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Letter of Support for Road to Intermediate School

Supervisor Cressler said the Township received a request from Southampton Township, Cumberland County for a letter of support to put in a .4 mile road that will connect Airport Road to the Shippensburg Area Intermediate School which only has one-road access. They still need approximately .13 acres of SASD property to connect the proposed road to the school.

The Board discussed the issue and all felt secondary access was important especially in the event of an emergency.

Jamie White added and all Fire Chiefs have sent letters of support as well.

MOTION: Supervisor Hall moved to send a letter of support to Southampton Cumberland to put a secondary access road to the intermediate school. Supervisor Cressler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Uprise Festival – Road Closure & Signs

Kathy Durf reported that Doug Shields is the Safety Event Coordinator for the Uprise Festival on September 16th and 17th. He is asking to use Township Road signs to close Possum Hollow Road between Maxwell and the upper gate of the fairgrounds.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to approve the request to close a portion of Possum Hollow Road and provide the Road Closed signs as long as the Township received an Emergency Management Plan. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

David Bowers - Retirement

David Bowers, has officially submitted his retirement notification from full-time work. However, he wishes to remain on as a part-time employee.

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to accept resignation/retirement from David Bowers from full-time employment and to hire him on as a part-time employee not to exceed 1039 hours per year at the same pay rate as now. Supervisor Cressler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

Loren Leid Bond

Maria Misner reviewed a letter from Joe Miller at Martin & Martin dated September 8th. Mr. Leid still has bonding in place from the first poultry barn in the amount of \$82,769.00. Martin & Martin approved a bond reduction in that bond to \$8,057.00 and to retain an additional \$15,955.26 for the most recently approved project. A total of \$24,012.26 should be retained.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to approve the reduction in bond amount for Loren Leid from \$82,769.00 to \$24,012.26 to cover the financial security for both poultry barns. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

AGENDA AMENDED ITEMS

There were no agenda amended items.

REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES

Solicitor Kelso

Mrs. Kelso reported that she is updating the bonding agreement template.

The Title Search for Herwin had to be given to a 3rd party because it was taking a long time. She is expecting it to be completed in the next week or two.

Survey for Furnace Run - Carl has been told repeatedly that the survey is needed. She will call again in a couple of days.

Off-Site Traffic Improvements – The Traffic Study was reviewed by the Township Traffic Engineer, Greg Creasey. Tim is going to talk to the developer on the matter of optimizing the signal lights at the I-81 offramp and United Drive.

Code Enforcement – Jamie White

Jamie reported that 2395 Lindsay Lot, has failed to pay their invoice for employees cutting grass on 14th of July. A certified letter was sent on the 15th of August with 14 days to pay and he still has not received payment. There has been absolutely no contact from the resident from the beginning.

The Township and Kelso Law have experienced certified mail not being executed properly by the postal service. The mail has been left in mailboxes without signatures being required so cards are not returned verifying delivery.

Solicitor Kelso stated procedurally, Jamie should send a letter through regular mail stating the Township will put a lien on the property in 30 days if payment is not received. The next step is to file a municipal lien.

Mark Smith's stormwater plan was approved; however, when he submitted his Land Use Application, he added a 2,000 sq.ft. residence. It went back to Martin & Martin for review. It will be at another supervisor's meeting.

Supervisor Cressler stated there should be discussion regarding use, during this approval process.

Secretary/Treasurer – Kathy Durf

Kathy reported that the final round of ARPA money was deposited into a township account on Friday. The amount was \$445,988.18 plus an additional amount that was distributed from all of the municipalities who did not claim their ARPA portion.

Kathy stated there was a question at the last meeting regarding the special meeting date in November because of election day. She stated the morning meeting was properly advertised at the beginning of the year.

The Township received an email from Newburg Borough requesting a leaf collection unit for fall.

The supervisors agreed that the Township is extremely busy with its own leaf collection in the fall and will not have the availability for Newburg's use.

ACTION ON PAYING BILLS

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to pay the general fund in the amount of \$92,534.38. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Cressler at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Maria Misner
Planning/Zoning/Recording Secretary