

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

8:00 A.M.

March 14, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Samuel Cressler - Chairman
Randy Brenize – Vice Chairman
Roger Hall – Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT

Melissa Kelso – Solicitor
Kathy Durf – Secretary/Treasurer
Jamie White – Code Enforcement

VISITORS PRESENT

Joshua Mitchell - SCPRA

Chairman Cressler called the meeting of March 14, 2023 to order at 8:00 a.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 FEBRUARY 28, 2023

The minutes for the meeting of February 28th, were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Furnace Run Water/Sewer/Welcome Center Update

Supervisor Cressler stated that a timeline has been worked out. The Engineer and Architect came together to create the timeline and by May 23rd we should be ready to move forward with these projects.

Furnace Run Tree Planting

Supervisor Brenize presented a map of the small quarry and a map of the large quarry. He outlined areas around both quarries that he does not want trees to be planted. He would like an approximately 16-foot road/trail around the small quarry so people have a nice place to walk, there is open space for picnics, maintenance access, and emergency services access. He does not want volunteers to plant trees and the Township turn around and take them back out. He does want to be sure trees are planted behind the residents on

Lindsay Lot Road so there is privacy for those residents. Mr. Brenize has a dozer lined up to use to create the 16-foot road/trail.

Supervisor Cressler stated that the drawings Supervisor Brenize submitted seem to be consistent with the original plan. He agrees to make sure the Lindsay Lot Road residents have privacy.

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to approve the two drawings submitted at the March 14, 2023 meeting showing where trees should not be planted at the large quarry and small quarry. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Resolution 23-002 SCIP

Supervisor Cressler would prefer to see if the other Townships approve the Resolution first. Supervisor Brenize stated he has a meeting tomorrow; he will find out.

NEW BUSINESS

Advertise Ordinance Amending the Enforcement Penalties of the Regulations of the use of Township Parks (2021-004)

Solicitor Kelso changed a minor thing on the last Ordinance to clarify that the Township could appoint a third-party agency, as well as, a Township Official to do the enforcement and to make sure any fines also include costs. The Ordinance is ready to advertise.

MOTION: Supervisor Hall moved to approve to advertise the Ordinance for the April 11th morning meeting. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Waiver and Release of Liability

Supervisor Cressler presented a change to the waiver and release of liability. The only change is that it does give the opportunity for a parent to sign for a minor.

Solicitor Kelso stated that it is the same as the one we approved close to two years ago but added the language for the minor.

Supervisor Brenize asked Solicitor Kelso what the legality of the new waiver is. He wants children to be involved in everything but wants to make sure the Township is not liable.

Solicitor Kelso explained a parent can not waive a child's claims. They can waive any claims that the can be brought by the parent on behalf of the child until the child's eighteenth birthday. If the child has a claim the child can still raise that claim once they become eighteen. The Township still has some

protection because of the political immunity since we are a Township. Unless we are creating the dangerous situation, we should be immune. We can't 100% protect against liability for minors but this is helpful.

Supervisor Cressler responded that we could keep the kids on the flat/level planting area as opposed to a steep area and try to keep them away from any dangerous areas. He feels strongly that we need to get kids out doing stuff and the liability is pretty low. He believes its worth the risk to the people in the Township to get our children involved.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to approve the waiver and release of liability as presented. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion. Supervisor Brenize opposed the motion due to liability issues. The motion passed.

Dentler Park Restrooms

Supervisor Brenize would like to remodel the Dentler Park restrooms. He would like to rework the plumbing lines, add electric heaters, replace the doors, paint the floors, fan or vents for air flow, new sinks and put in new partitions. Metal partitions would be \$2,900 with a 3-year warranty. The plastic partitions would be \$4,900 with a 25-year warranty. Total cost of the project will be between \$9,000 to \$11,000 depending on which partitions we choose to go with.

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to approve the remodeling of the men's and women's restrooms at Dentler Park with the specifications mentioned using the plastic partitions. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chainsaw Carvers – Possum Hollow Road Request

Kathy Durf reported that Scott Brown requested for Possum Hollow Road to be closed at the Shippensburg Fairgrounds April 20th – 22nd, 2023.

Supervisor Cressler stated that it seems we are closing this road every couple of weeks. He feels there is not enough people in attendance to close the road. There has to be enough parking on the fairgrounds side of Possum Hollow for everyone to park. He feels we need to set an estimated participant criteria that everyone must reach before we close the road.

Supervisor Brenize reached out to the fair board to ask how many people attend this event. They reported approximately 800 to 1,000 people attend this event over the three-day period and there is enough parking on the fair side of Possum Hollow.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to not close Possum Hollow Road for this event due to the estimated participation. He would like to ask the Fair Board to look at their parking situation and give us some guidance as to how many people can park on that side before needing to use the other side of the road. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion. Supervisor Brenize abstained from voting since he is on the Fair Board. The motion passed.

SUBDIVISION

There were no subdivisions.

AGENDA AMENDED ITEMS

There were no agenda amended items.

REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES

Solicitor Report

Ms. Kelso gave an update on the Snokes Furnace Run agreement. Snokes would like to be able to dump until 5pm and Saturdays for a special job they have. Saturdays would be by permission only. Ms. Kelso stated that a change to the agreement is not required as long as it is by permission only.

Solicitor Kelso reported she did talk to Rick Wadel. The easement agreement is finalized. Mr. Wadel is going to stop by her office to sign the agreement.

Code Enforcement Report

Mr. White reported that the remaining 2022 rentals, and Mobile Home Park license have all been paid for. All 2022 septic's have been pumped. There is no need to file.

Other current violations are trash and junk on Jonathan Street and a junk car on Cortland.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Ms. Durf stated that Kirk Naugle stopped by yesterday. He would really like his bonding released. He was directed to speak with Maria about the process.

Ms. Durf reported that Supervisor Brenize had suggested to advertise the sweeper truck in the Lancaster Farming. A line ad format is \$127.04 each week. A display ad format, which is a 3x2 ad with a boarder around it, is \$127.06 each week.

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to approve advertising in the Lancaster Farming the last two weeks in April with the display ad as presented. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Ms. Durf stated that Road Foreman Shane Scott had requested a lifting training for employees and a form for employees to sign when they deny medical treatment. Solicitor Kelso suggested reaching out to our Worker's Comp Insurance agent for both items. If they are not able to provide a standard form denying medical treatment, Ms. Kelso will be able to help us.

ACTION ON PAYING BILLS

MOTION: Supervisor Hall moved to pay the general fund in the amount of \$82,533.84. Supervisor Cressler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Cressler at 8:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Kathy Durf
Secretary/Treasurer