

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

5:00 p.m.

May 23, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Samuel Cressler – Chairman
Randy Brenize – Vice Chairman
Roger Hall

OTHERS PRESENT

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

VISITORS PRESENT

Katie James – Kelso Law

Chairman Cressler called the meeting of May 23rd 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 MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 9TH.

MOTION: Supervisor Hall moved to approve the minutes of May 9th meeting as presented. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Furnace Run Water/Sewer/Welcome Center Update

Maria Misner reported that there was a pre-bid meeting for the building that morning. There were representatives for Eagle Construction Company, Waynesboro Construction Company and McCoy Brothers. David Black was present to answer questions.

NESL Aggregate #8 Miss Bid

New Enterprise Stone & Lime mis-bid #8s delivered in their bid package. They are requesting to change their quote of \$15.55, to the correct amount of \$25.15. Southampton has already awarded NESL the bid for #8s. Pennsy would then be the lowest bidder at \$22.96 for #8s.

MOTION: Randy moved to allow NESL to withdraw their mistake and resubmit \$25.15 as the correct quote for #8s. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MOTION Supervisor Hall moved to accept Pennsy at the lowest bid for #8s. Supervisor Cressler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Per Capita Tax

School District is eliminating their per capita tax. The Township can take over their portion or eliminate it. Since it is only \$5, the cost to collect would not be viable.

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to eliminate the \$5 per capita tax in the township. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Furnace Run Water/Sewer Site Development Bids

Supervisor Cressler stated there was one bid submitted for the water/sewer and site development at Furnace Run Park in the amount of \$1,187,804.14. The bid was reviewed by Martin & Martin, and Barton & Logoudice for both completeness and competitiveness. Both engineers issued letter of recommendation to award the bid to David H. Martin Excavation.

Supervisor Cressler stated David H. Martin is a qualified vendor and their quote was in line with the engineer's expectations.

MOTION: Supervisor Hall moved to accept the bid from David H. Martin for water/sewer & site work. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Full-Time Public Works Position

Supervisor Cressler stated the Township budgeted for a full-time Public Works Employee for 2023 but have not acted on it yet. Should they begin the hiring process?

The board discussed details.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to hire a full-time public works employee at a starting rate of \$21 per hour with healthcare, pension and holidays as outlined in the employee manual. Advertising and applications will be accepted until June 30th the Board of Supervisors will evaluate candidates at that time.

Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT/BONDING

SD2023-007 Ronald & Vickie Wenger - Subdivision

Maria explained that this is a very simple subdivision/lot addition of transferring about 24 acres of wooded area from one parcel to another. Vince Elbel has signed off on the Form B.

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to approve the non-building waiver. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to approve the waiver of plan scale. Supervisor Cressler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to approve the final subdivision/lot addition for SD2023-007 Ronald & Vickie Wenger. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

AGENDA AMENDED ITEMS

United Drive Extension, Lot 10

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to amend the agenda to include discussion about extending United Drive, Lot 10. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Township received a letter from Lance Keggereis, of Dennis E. Black Engineering. They represent CVRDC at United Business Park. They are intending to extend United Drive several hundred feet but do not wish to install a temporary cul-de-sac at the end per Township requirements. They listed several compelling arguments. Maria has checked to see if the request amends any approved plans and it does not. It is a stand-alone waiver request. An approval in the minutes would be sufficient.

There was discussion if United Drive never made it across Furnace Run, a cul-de-sac would then be required.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to approve temporary relief of a cul-de-sac requirement for 18 months at that time the Board of Supervisors can review the impacts. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES

Speed Limit on Route 11

In response to a resident's concern about the speed limit on US Rt. 11, Supervisor Brenize said he also feels the speed limit on US 11 is too high, but it is a State Road. To get it lowered it would have to go through a Penndot study and there would have to be supporting data.

Supervisor Hall said he looked at the Pennsylvania State Police data between April 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023, from the Shippensburg Borough line to the Green Township line. There were seven crashes, none were cause by speed. There were 41 traffic stops of those 7 were speeding.

The supervisors suggested Shane set the speed trailer on Rt. 11 near Diffy's to get speed data.

No action at this time.

Solicitor

Solicitor Kelso said she heard from Hubert Gilroy, Mark Smith's attorney. He suggested a variance request for Mark's event hosting. Activities have still been happening, at some point a line needs to be drawn.

The Township does not care that he prepares his chicken there, it is the event hosting in the agricultural zone that is not in compliance. He should be given a drop-dead date.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler made a motion that if Solicitor Kelso does not receive confirmation from his attorney in two weeks, that the operations have ceased, or he has filed a formal application to permit the operations, then the solicitor is authorized to file for injunctive relief. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed. Supervisor Brenize abstained due to being neighbors with Mr. Smith.

Planning/Zoning

No report.

Code Enforcement

Jamie White reported that he heard from DEP about TVs at a clothing drop box at 9445 Olde Scotland Road. DEP is following up.

Jamie asked for clarification. The nuisance ordinance says there needs to be a signed-written complaint, but sometimes he is instructed to check something out without it. Does he need the signature?

Solicitor Kelso said that if someone lodges a serious complaint and there is no signed written complaint, he still needs to address it, but not with the same urgency.

If there is a health, safety or welfare issue, then the Township should take the initiative, but not just on a whim, and not just from a casual complaint when someone is mad at their neighbor.

Secretary/Treasurer

No Report

Supervisors

No Report

ACTION ON PAYING BILLS

MOTION: Supervisor Hall moved to pay the general fund in the amount of \$38,314.08. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Cressler at 5:44p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Maria Misner

Planning/Zoning/Recording Secretary