

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

5:00 p.m.

August 22nd, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Samuel Cressler – Chairman
Randy Brenize – Vice Chairman
Roger Hall

OTHERS PRESENT

Melissa Kelso Esq. – Solicitor via Zoom
Jamie White – Code Enforcement
Maria Misner – Planning/Zoning/Recording Secretary

VISITORS PRESENT

Ethan Rosenberry – Shippensburg University

Chairman Cressler called the meeting of August 22nd to order at 5:00 p.m. and announced the meeting was being recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

VISITOR REMARKS

Ethan Rosenberry reported that he has completed his research project on education opportunities at Furnace Run Park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 8th.

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to approve the minutes of July 8th meeting as presented. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Furnace Run Water/Sewer/Welcome Center

Maria Misner reported that she heard from DEP regarding the NPDES permit, and they said the target date was August 25th. She has notified David H. Martin of the ETA.

She will contact B&L to get the Notice to Proceed ready.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 23-006 – United Drive Extension: Traffic Signal Changes

This is an ordinance authorizing and directing Southampton Township to submit a Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement to PennDOT and to properly maintain and time traffic signals for critical corridors.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to approve Resolution 23-006 United Drive Extension: Traffic Signal Changes. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Possum Hollow Road Closure & Sign Request – Uprise & Pumpkin Festival

Kathy Durf reported that Scott Brown has requested to close Possum Hollow Road between Maxwell and the upper gate of the fairgrounds, and provide the Road Closed signs for the Uprise Festival on September 15th and 16th.

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 for the Uprise event. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

On behalf of the Pumpkin Festival, Scott Brown has requested to close Possum Hollow Road between Maxwell and the upper gate of the fairgrounds, and provide the Road Closed signs during the hours of the Pumpkin Festival October 20st from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., October 21st from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and from noon to 5:00 p.m.

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to provide signs and to close Possum Hollow Road during the hours of the Pumpkin Festival as long as the Township received an Emergency Management Plan for the event in October. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Insurance Renewal

In September of 2022, the Selective Insurance Policy for liability, auto, property and public officials was \$26,521.00. The quote for this year from Selective is \$28,517.00, a difference of \$1,996.00. The 7.5% increase is minimal compared to the increase in insurance rates recently. Worker's Comp Insurance has a 4% increase from \$9,084 in 2022 to \$9,436 for 2023.

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to renew the liability, auto, property and public officials Insurance Policy through Selective Insurance. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to renew the worker's comp through Selective. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Purchase of Computer

Higher Information submitted a quote for \$1,200 for a new computer for Supervisor Hall. Maria compared the quote with what could be purchased online and it was a little high. The HIG quote includes unlimited installation. One purchased online would only include two hours installation.

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to purchase the new computer through Higher Information Group in the amount of \$1,200. Supervisor Cressler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

AGENDA AMENDED ITEMS

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to add 11098 Hurley Drive to the agenda. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Discussion and action taken under Code Enforcement Officer's Report.

BONDING

2021-011 Allen & Emma Leid (Brandon Leid) Bond Reduction Request

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to approve the Bond Reduction Request for Allen & Emma Leid based upon the recommendation of Joe Miller of Martin & Martin. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

2022-024 – Derwood Martin – Bond Release Request

MOTION: Supervisor Hall moved to release the Financial Security for Derwood Martin based upon the recommendation by Joe Miller of Martin & Martin. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

2020-005 – United Business Park – Lot 10 – Bond Reduction Request

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to reduce the Financial Security amount for United Business Park Lot 10 based upon the recommendation by Joe Miller of Martin & Martin. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

2023-016 – Christ Weaver - Stormwater

Maria Misner explained the Weaver's plan to add another shed to their property. Joe Miller approved the stormwater plan design but is waiting for the financial security to be approved.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to approve the Stormwater Plan for Christ Weaver conditionally upon financial security being approved approved by Martin & Martin. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES

Solicitor

No report

Planning/Zoning

Floodplain Administrator

Maria had questions about the Floodplain Administrator's position.

Solicitor Kelso replied that it is more of an administration position rather than an Emergency Management Position.

Code Enforcement

Rental Violations

Jamie White reported that there are a few residential rentals that have failed to schedule inspections with CCIS. He questioned how he should proceed. Solicitor Kelso replied that there is a violation of \$300.00 for every day after they refuse to verify an inspection is scheduled. After than it will be deemed uninhabitable and we will terminate the license.

11098 Hurley Drive

Jamie White reported that the resident at 11098 Hurley Drive still has not cut his weeds. He is a repeat offender.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to authorize Jamie to contact the resident and say if he does not cut the grass, the Township will and he will be billed. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer

No Report

Supervisors

Supervisor Hall reported the old speed trailer has been fixed and the new one will be ready the following day.

ACTION ON PAYING BILLS

MOTION: Supervisor Hall moved to pay the general fund in the amount of \$28,048.36. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Cressler at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Maria Misner
Planning/Zoning/Recording Secretary