

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

8:00 a.m.

January 12th, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT

Samuel Cressler – Chairman
Randy Brenize – Vice Chairman
Roger Hall

OTHERS PRESENT

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

VISITORS PRESENT

Charlie Pensinger – Thornwood Road

Chairman Cressler called the meeting of January 9th, to order at 8:00 a.m. and announced the meeting may be recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

VISITOR REMARKS

Charile Pensinger was present for a follow-up to discuss the intersection of Thornwood and Orrstown.

Charlie stated he intends to contact PennDOT again and ask that they do another traffic study using all of the traffic that will be generated by the proposed apartments.

He also questioned why the stop bars were blackened out.

Supervisor Hall responded that the stop bars were back from the intersection. Some people were stopping at the cross bar and then pulling directly out onto Orrstown, inhibiting their visibility. The Road Foreman removed the stop bars so people would pull closer to the intersection and improve their visibility.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 21ST.

MOTION: Supervisor Hall moved to approve the minutes of the December 21st meeting as presented. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF JANUARY 2ND.

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to approve the reorganizational meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Furnace Run Water/Sewer/Welcome Center Update

Supervisor Cressler will call David Black to get the bid documents.

Dump Truck

Supervisor Hall reported that they received a quote through River's in Red Lion for a Western Star, single-axle dump truck. River's is a member of Costars and the cost of the truck and chassis is \$125,903.00. Ordering the chassis now gives an expected delivery day of 2025. There may be an up-to 8% increase.

MOTION: Supervisor Hall moved to order the Western Star single-axle truck and chassis with no accessories and recognizing there may be an increase. Supervisor Cressler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

United Drive No Parking Letters

Supervisor Cressler discussed trucks parking on United Drive with Township engineer Greg Creasy. One suggestion was to put flexy posts every 30-40 feet.

The supervisors felt that without some sort of deterrent such as a fine, it will continue to happen.

Supervisor Hall relayed the company plowing United Drive is concerned that they will not be able to plow with the trucks on the road.

Supervisor Brenize stated the companies on United should notify their truckers about parking on the road. He would like to have a meeting with the Property Managers.

The Supervisors asked Solicitor Kelso to check into enforcement options for United Drive.

Supervisor Cressler continued that there are a lot of trucks driving through Links Development on Heritage Avenue as a way of turning around.

Mr. Creasy has some ideas about signage for United Drive and for keeping truck traffic off of Heritage Ave. that he is going to bounce off of PennDOT.

Camp Michaux Gravel Bike Race

Ryan Fulton, a cycling race promoter is hosting a race in Michaux State Forest on June 30, 2024. He is asking for permission to use Lindsay Lot Road and Mainsville Road in Southampton Township.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to grant permission to host the race on Lindsay Lot and Mainsville Roads. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

US Xpress Bond Release Request

The supervisors reviewed a letter by Joe Miller of Martin & Martin Engineering recommending the full release of a letter of credit in the amount of \$1,524,774.75.

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to release the \$1,524,774.75 Letter of Credit for US Xpress. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

AGENDA AMENDED ITEMS

There were no amended agenda items.

REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES

Supervisors

There were no supervisor comments.

Solicitor

Mr. Smith

Solicitor Kelso reported the court date for Mr. Smith's violation is January 25th, 2024.

She received a letter from Mr. Gilroy, Mr. Smith's attorney, who said last June they requested either a zoning map change request from Residential to

Commercial or a proposed text amendment. Mr. Guilroy felt they did not get a response from the Supervisors regarding either.

Solicitor Kelso told Mr. Gilroy that the supervisors discussed this with Mr. Smith at a meeting told Mr. Smith they had no interest in the zoning map amendment. There was no actual text proposed as far as a text amendment goes, it was just an idea of a text amendment.

They are asking for a more direct response for the text amendment that would permit the operation in a residential zone.

Solicitor Kelso continued that Mr. Smith had considered submitting a variance request about a year ago, but never submitted anything. Mr. Gilroy asked if they did submit a variance request, would the Township consider holding off on enforcement until the outcome of the variance request?

Supervisor Cressler recommended that the Supervisors do nothing until after the hearing.

Solicitor Kelso recommended proceeding with the enforcement action. All of options have been on the table for about a year, Mr. Smith's team has not pursued any of them until after the hearing was scheduled.

She will report back to Mr. Guilroy that the Township will take no action on any text amendment or grant a stay of enforcement on a variance that may or may not be submitted at this time.

Personnel Policy

Solicitor Kelso is cleaning up the Personnel Policy it should be in draft form soon.

It was mentioned that there should be some sort of bereavement for grandparents included in the Policy.

Planning/Zoning – Maria Misner

No Report

Code Enforcement – Jamie White

Kathy Durf reported for Jamie White that as of December 31st there are 34 rental applications not submitted, 13 septic systems not pumped and two (2) mobile home parks not registered. They will be sending out 30-day letters for compliance.

Secretary/Treasurer - Kathy Durf

Ms. Durf reported that there was a Workers Comp Audit completed and an increase of \$1,350 due to increased payroll.

ACTION ON PAYING BILLS

MOTION: Supervisor Brenize moved to pay the general fund in the amount of \$108,784.03. Supervisor Hall seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Supervisor Cressler closed the regular meeting at 8:41 a.m. and opened an executive session.

Supervisor Cressler closed the executive session at 8:57 and reopened the regular meeting with no official action taken.

Supervisor Cressler closed the regular meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Maria Misner
Planning/Zoning/Recording Secretary